

Community News

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Best Kept Village: Tubdate

Judgement day has been and gone, and so we await the results. If they were solely based on the effort that has been put into making the village look immaculate then 1st prize will be winging its way to Childs Ercall. A big thank you to Councillor Barnes, for chaperoning the judges around our beautiful village. They cannot fail to have been impressed by what they saw. We should receive notification of the outcome of the judging over the next few weeks. Fingers (and toes) crossed.

It won't have gone unnoticed how hot and dry it has been over the past few weeks. It also hasn't gone unnoticed that the flowers and vegetables continue to bloom and flourish. During the dry weather Christine and the team have ensured that the tubs, hanging baskets and the vegetable garden have been watered. Thank you to the BKV team for the love and care of the village and its surroundings that you continue show.

The vegetable garden is flourishing.....



Not all heroes wear capes



A massive shout out to our farming community who are always on hand to help villagers out in times of need. Whether it be clearing the lanes of snow (remember that phenomenon?) or most recently, preventing a major threat to homes.

The quick thinking of our very own, Richard Clifton, doused the flames and prevented them from spreading to local homes. Well done, and thank you, Richard.

In and around....

Branching out

Well, more like branches down! There have been a few concerns expressed about low hanging branches that have been brought down by high sided vehicles. It has caused branches to be strewn across roads, which is, of course, hazardous to road users.

To report a dangerous tree in Shropshire, you can contact Shropshire Council's Customer Services at 0345 678 9000 or use their online reporting form if it's not an emergency. For urgent or emergency situations, call 0345 678 9006. If the tree is on private land, you may need to contact the landowner or occupier directly.

Weight Watchers

Breaches of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on St Michael's/Crow Lane is continuing to be monitored, with offenders being reported to the appropriate bodies.

I feel the need for speed...

If you do, then please think again. The Parish Council are continuing to work with the Shropshire Highways regarding some speed assessments around the village, in particular. Additional signage advising that there is no access to Ollerton Business Park is also part of the dialogue with Shropshire Highways.

What's on...

Horse & Dog Show -13th September Preparations are well under way for our signature village event. Volunteers are being sought to bake cakes, or a tray bake for show day, and to help with car parking or show stewards. Please contact Jan Crisp for the cake bake, or Claire Clifton for anyone who can help on the day.

Have Your Say

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday August 20th at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

A message from Neil....



This month I would like to focus on our roads. I am pleased to confirm that following conversations with highways officers at Shropshire Council, 4 sites have been identified around Childs Ercall as suitable to collect speed testing data. I will continue to work with the parish council to address the needs in and around the village. I have also been pursuing Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the planned road closure of the A41 over the summer and the impact on our villages and country roads as a result of a total closure. I have received confirmation from Balfour Beattie that the work between the 4th – 15th August will now only see road closures on weekdays between 7am – 4pm instead of a complete closure as initially planned. *(Neil Bentley is the Unitary Councillor for the Cheswardine Ward)*

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