# Community News October 2024



# **Play Park Wins Award!**



The Jan Snell Award is presented to the Parish Council who over the last 3 years has accomplished a significant improvement for their local community.

In August, we were delighted to be presented with this award, by Katrina Baker, Councillor and President of Shropshire Association of Local Councils for the play park project, which completed in October 2020.

The play park we enjoy in the village today, is the result of a great collaborative effort between the Parish Council and the local community, after the original park was deemed unsafe and closed by Shropshire Council in 2017.

Pictured receiving the award on behalf of the Parish Council is James Maddox, current PC Chair and Ann Cadden (previous PC Chair) along with Christine Mackay, representing the community group who worked on the project.

Thanks go to all involved in the project which contributed to the creation of such a wonderful, safe and fun park for our families to enjoy for years to come.

# In and around...

## Bag it & Bin it!



There have been numerous complaints regarding dog fouling around the village, but in particular, along the concrete path opposite St Michael's Way. It would appear that there are a few inconsiderate dog owners who do not pick up the pooh deposited by their furry friends...yes, you know who you are!



Apart from giving responsible dog owners a bad name, constantly having to sidestep the abandoned piles, is spoiling the enjoyment of others who like to walk this path across the fields.

In an effort to encourage those errant dog owners to clean up their act, the Parish Council are looking to provide an extra bin, which will be sited by the gate at the entrance to the path, so there will be no excuse in future not to bag it and bin it. Let's keep our village beautiful.

### Let's Lose the Weight.

No, it's not a keep fit promotion...You will no doubt have seen the signs around the village indicating a weight limit for vehicles travelling through the village. However, we continue to see vehicles who appear to be flouting the rules. This is a particular issue along St Michaels Way/Crow Lane, as commercial vehicles cut through from the direction of Ollerton Business Park. These lorries, coupled with the added obstruction of vehicles parking on the footpath, represent a serious hazard to pedestrians and other road users. However, to effect a prosecution, photographic evidence is required of the offence taking place, so if you have witnessed vehicles exceeding the weight limit, please get out there with your cameras and get



snapping!

The evidence presented will need to state the date and time of the occurrence, together with a photo or film clip, clearly showing the vehicle and it's position in relation to the weight restricted area.

The information can be passed directly to the police for further investigation.

Regarding the parking of vehicles on the pavement, whilst this is not illegal, please be considerate to the safety of pedestrians, who may be forced to walk in the road to avoid scratching your pride and joy.

#### **Best Foot Forward**



An enjoyable way to look after your fitness and welbeing is to get out and about in the fresh air.

We are fortunate to live in a rural area where there are so many public footpaths we can use to explore the surrounding countryside.

Accompanied by her dogs, our Parish Councillor Jane James often walks many of these paths, checking that they remain open and unobstructed for all to enjoy.

A map of the public footpaths in the surrounding area can be found on our website under 'Other Useful Links'. Happy trails!

## **Have Your Say**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on October 16th at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website.

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