



Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Med Evans

To all Members of the Council. You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council of Whixall to be held on **Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Whixall Marina Café** starting at 7.30pm in order to conduct the business enclosed on the agenda below. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Signed:

A Roberts

Date: 2nd September 2026

1. Chairman's welcome, announcements and public session

Should a member of the public so require they will be permitted to speak. Public speaking time will be limited to 15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker

2. Apologies

3. Election of Vice Chair of the Council

4. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer. Members are reminded that they must declare non-pecuniary interests relating to agenda items

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2026

6. Planning

a. To receive planning applications from Shropshire Council – none received
26/03062/FUL Change of use of land for the siting of 3No glamping units
Proposed Glamping Pods South Of Worlds End, Moss Lane, Whixall

26/03070/FUL Proposed Bio Pure sewage treatment plant to replace existing cesspit
Parkfields Farm, Dobsons Bridge, Whixall

b. To receive planning decisions from Shropshire Council – none received

7. Finance

- a) Monthly balance record and reconciliation to note
- b) National Pay Agreement – to note
- c) To resolve to approve outstanding invoices and payments.

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
Payments Made Before the Meeting			
A Roberts	Salary August	266.96	33.26
HMRC	NI & PAYE August	190.83	34.26
NEST	Pension August	88.40	35.26 DD
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee August	7.00	36.26 DD
New Payments to be approved			
HMRC	NI & PAYE September	190.83	37.26
A Roberts	Salary September	266.96	38.26
M Spenser	Reimbursement	33.11	39.26

A Roberts	Expenses July & August	66.85	40.26
NEST	Pension Contributions	88.40	41.26 DD
Unity Bank	Monthly Charges	7.00	42.26 DD

8. Reports

- a. West Mercia Police (circulated)
- b. Shropshire Councillors (circulated)
- c. Parish Councillors
- d. Clerk's Progress Report

9. Parish Newsletter – to approve

10. Parish Matters

- a. Marlot Updates – circulated
- b. Marlot and Natural England – to receive an update if available
- c. Asset inspections – to agree inspection schedule

11. Items for Next Agenda

To enable Councillors to bring forward items for the 14th October 2026 meeting agenda (Venue: Whixall Marina Café).



Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Med Evans

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026
at Welshend Methodist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors I Mercer , C Weedall, SJ Lamb, J Spenser, J Hawkes, M Evans;
P Rodenhurst, C Schup, M Clorley

Unitary Councillors Cllr G Groves
Clerk A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public: 1

78/26 Public Session
No issues raised

79/26 Apologies for Absence
None

80/26 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved: Cllr Hawkes is elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the current municipal year.

81/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations
None declared

82/26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2026

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2026. They were duly signed by the Chair.

83/26 Planning
a. Planning Applications from Shropshire Council. – none received.
b. Planning Decisions from Shropshire Council. – none received.

84/26 Finance
a. Monthly balance record and reconciliation
b. Quarter 1 budget and spending report
c. Internal control checks

Resolved to note receipt of the balance record and reconciliation checked by Cllr Hawkes, the Quarter 1 budget and spending report, and to note that internal control checks were carried out by Cllr Hawkes on 8th July 2026.

d. **Resolved: That the schedule of payments and supporting invoices be approved, and that the payments listed be authorised**

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
Payments Made Between Meetings			
A Roberts	Salary June	266.96	22.26a
HMRC	NI & PAYE June	190.83	23.26
NEST	Pension June	88.40	24.26 DD
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee June	7.00	25.26 DD
New Payments			
HMRC	Ni & PAYE	190.83	26.26
A Roberts	Salary July	266.96	27.26
M Spenser	Reimbursement	15.85	28.26
A Roberts	Expenses / Goal Nets	139.00	29.26
Welshend Methodists	Room Hire July	22.50	30.26
NEST	Pension Contributions	88.40	31.26DD
Unity Bank	Monthly Charges	7.00	32.26DD

85/26 Reports

- Shropshire Councillors – circulated in advance of the meeting
- Parish Councillors – Cllr Hawkes noted that there will be a showing of the Climate Emergency Briefing at Clive Village Hall on 13th July.
- Clerk's Progress Report – noted.

86/26 Shropshire Local Plan Consultation

Resolved: due to the very short timescale, under delegated powers the Clerk will complete the consultation incorporating any comments received from members and will circulate the draft response prior to submission.

87/26 Policing Priorities

Resolved: that the Council's three priorities are anti social road use (all users), thefts from farms and thefts from outbuildings.

88/26 Newsletter

Resolved that Cllr Weedall will obtain information and work with the Clerk on a draft newsletter to be agreed at the September meeting.

It was noted that delivering the newsletter may be the opportunity to knock on doors and build relationships between the council and residents.

89/26 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: to introduce Whixall Community Awards for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2027 and each March thereafter. The categories will be

- Community Spirit: Going above and beyond to help neighbours or improve local facilities.**
- Environmental Stewardship: Efforts to protect or enhance the rural landscape and biodiversity of Whixall.**
- Volunteerism: Commitment to local groups, youth initiatives, or community events.**

Recipients will be presented with a small trophy and a commemorative certificate. The total annual cost for these materials will be no more than £100. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening.

The Clerk will draft a nomination form for the September meeting.

90/26 Shropshire Councillor Ward Walks

Resolved to defer this item until more information is known.

91/26 Parish Matters

- a. Marlot and Hollinwood Green updates were noted
- b. Marlot and Natural England – it was noted that matters are currently with NE
- c. Playground proposal – it was noted that Cllr Hawkes, Cllr Spenser and the Clerk met with Louise Allmark to discuss the possibility of Whixall Marina providing a play area for the parish.

92/26 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting scheduled for 9th September 2026 was noted.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

24 August 2026

2026-27 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2026. If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment.

The attached Annex lists the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract including SCPs 50 and above. These should be retrospectively applied from 1 April 2026.

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ANNEX 1

	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
1	Deleted w e f 1st April 2023				Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
2	£24,413	£12.65	Deleted w e f 1st April 2026		
3	£24,796	£12.85	£25,614	£13.28	
4	£25,185	£13.05	£26,016	£13.48	
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	LC1 (5-6) (below substantive range)
6	£25,989	£13.47	£26,847	£13.92	
7	£26,403	£13.69	£27,274	£14.14	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
8	£26,824	£13.90	£27,709	£14.36	
9	£27,254	£14.13	£28,153	£14.59	
10	£27,694	£14.35	£28,608	£14.83	
11	£28,142	£14.59	£29,071	£15.07	
12	£28,598	£14.82	£29,542	£15.31	

	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
13	£29,064	£15.06	£30,023	£15.56	LC1 (13-17) (above substantive range)
14	£29,540	£15.31	£30,515	£15.82	
15	£30,024	£15.56	£31,015	£16.08	
16	£30,518	£15.82	£31,525	£16.34	
17	£31,022	£16.08	£32,046	£16.61	
18	£31,537	£16.35	£32,578	£16.89	LC2 (18-23) (below substantive range)
19	£32,061	£16.62	£33,119	£17.17	
20	£32,597	£16.90	£33,673	£17.45	
21	£33,143	£17.18	£34,237	£17.75	
22	£33,699	£17.47	£34,811	£18.04	
23	£34,434	£17.85	£35,570	£18.44	LC2 (24-28) (substantive benchmark range)
24	£35,412	£18.35	£36,581	£18.96	
25	£36,363	£18.85	£37,563	£19.47	
26	£37,280	£19.32	£38,510	£19.96	
27	£38,220	£19.81	£39,481	£20.46	
28	£39,152	£20.29	£40,444	£20.96	LC2 (29-32) (above substantive benchmark range)
29	£39,862	£20.66	£41,177	£21.34	
30	£40,777	£21.14	£42,123	£21.83	
31	£41,771	£21.65	£43,149	£22.37	
32	£42,839	£22.20	£44,253	£22.94	
33	£44,075	£22.85	£45,529	£23.60	LC3 (33-36) (below substantive range)
34	£45,091	£23.37	£46,579	£24.14	
35	£46,142	£23.92	£47,665	£24.71	
36	£47,181	£24.46	£48,738	£25.26	
37	£48,226	£25.00	£49,817	£25.82	
38	£49,282	£25.54	£50,908	£26.39	LC3 (37-41) (substantive benchmark range)
39	£50,269	£26.06	£51,928	£26.92	
40	£51,356	£26.62	£53,051	£27.50	
41	£52,413	£27.17	£54,143	£28.06	
42	£53,460	£27.71	£55,224	£28.62	
43	£54,495	£28.25	£56,293	£29.18	LC3 (42-45) (above substantive benchmark range)
44	£55,801	£28.92	£57,642	£29.88	

	1 April 2025	1 April 2026			Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
45	£57,139	£29.62	£59,025	£30.59	
46	£58,523	£30.33	£60,454	£31.33	LC4 (46-49) (below substantive range)
47	£59,922	£31.06	£61,899	£32.08	
48	£61,198	£31.72	£63,218	£32.77	
49	£62,852	£32.58	£64,926	£33.65	
50	£64,373	£33.37	£66,497	£34.47	LC4 (50-54) (substantive benchmark range)
51	£65,925	£34.17	£68,101	£35.30	
52	£68,053	£35.27	£70,299	£36.44	
53	£70,176	£36.37	£72,492	£37.57	
54	£72,307	£37.48	£74,693	£38.72	LC4 (55-62) (above substantive benchmark range)
55	£74,454	£38.59	£76,911	£39.86	
56	£76,572	£39.69	£79,099	£41.00	
57	£78,718	£40.80	£81,316	£42.15	
58	£80,821	£41.89	£83,488	£43.27	
59	£82,815	£42.93	£85,548	£44.34	
60	£84,852	£43.98	£87,652	£45.43	
61	£86,939	£45.06	£89,808	£46.55	
62	£89,081	£46.17	£92,021	£47.70	

* Hourly Rates

As per the NJC agreement, hourly rates are calculated by dividing annual salary by 52.143 weeks and then by 37 hours. Please note that these hourly rates do not now differ from those published by NJC for Principal Authorities as the calculation bases are in agreement.

Please also note that NJC resolved to delete SCP 1 w.e.f. 1st April 2023

Please also note that NJC have resolved to delete SCP 2 w.e.f. 1st April 2026



On the beat in...

North Shropshire

Market Drayton

Wem

Whitchurch

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

**September
2026**

Current statistics on calls to police and crime recording for your neighbourhood can be found at www.police.uk

If you wish to discuss further, please contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Market Drayton – Team contact details:

Team email	marketdrayton.snt@westmercia.police.uk	
Safer Neighbourhood Officer	PC Iain McIntosh	Mobile 07811 748732
Safer Neighbourhood Officer	PC Tom Rayment	Mobile 07977 957718
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Steve Robinson	Mobile 07870 218709
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Tara Carruthers	Mobile 07971 050442
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Richard Parker	Mobile 07483 123 858

Wem – Team contact details:

Team email	wem.snt@westmercia.police.uk	
Safer Neighbourhood Officer	PC Jack Harper	Mobile 07870 218709
Safer Neighbourhood Officer	PC Mark Holtschke	Mobile 07971 050442
Police Community Support Officer	Vacant	Mobile

Whitchurch – Team contact details:

Team email	whitchurch.snt@westmercia.police.uk	
Safer Neighbourhood Officer	PC Mark Bates	Mobile 07900 607965
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Jamie Robinson	Mobile 07967 301147
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Dave Andrew	Mobile 07971 395050
Police Community Support Officer	PCSO Lee Durrant	Mobile 07483 102701

Reporting A Crime

Is it an emergency?

Call **999** in emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft
- the suspect is still at the scene

If it's not an emergency

If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime that isn't an emergency, please report it to us.

Your report will be sent direct to our control room. Before you give us the details of the crime, we'll ask you a few questions to make sure you go to the right online form.

www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/

Please encourage your Parishioners to sign up to **Neighbourhood Matters...**

Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them; whether that be by email, text or telephone. Sign up now:

www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

A blue banner for Neighbourhood Matters. On the left, there are four icons in colored squares: a car (yellow), a location pin (orange), a person (red), and a house (purple). Below these icons, the text 'NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS' is written in white. To the right of the icons is a white silhouette of a city skyline with a bridge. Below the skyline, the text 'Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams' is written in white, followed by the website 'www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk' in white. On the far right, the West Mercia Police logo is displayed, featuring a crown and the words 'West Mercia POLICE' in white.

Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

 **West Mercia
POLICE**

Hello Parish Councils,

This is your North Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter for **September 2026**.

Please see the following link for crime recording statistics for your area, or any other area in the UK should you wish: www.police.uk

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further and if we can provide more information we will; our contact details are above. If there is anything specific that is affecting your parish area above and beyond the three priorities you have nominated, again please let us know and we will endeavour to support you.

The official West Mercia Police website (www.westmercia.police.uk) has a wealth of information and includes dedicated sections in relation to **News, Recruitment, Watch Schemes, Neighbourhood Matters, Crime Prevention Advice, Support For Victims, other Advice and Information and Thanks & Complaints**.

Our North Shropshire SNTs work in a very challenging and varied role; no two days are the same and naturally there are many requests for our time, support and assistance. Obviously, much of what we do we can't tell you too much about, but rest assured that much of our focus is on the three Parish Council Priorities that you provide us with quarterly.

Much of the good work that SNTs engage with are posted in the following places:

Parish Council attendance in person or North Shropshire SNT Newsletters

Neighbourhood Matters	www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk
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Facebook (North Shropshire specific)	www.facebook.com/MktDraytonPolice
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Facebook (West Mercia Police)	www.facebook.com/westmerciapolice
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Facebook (Rural Matters)	www.facebook.com/WMPRuralMatters
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Below is just a small snapshot of the good work North Shropshire SNTs have been involved with recently...



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
1 August · 🌐
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📌 Mobile police station events 📌

Here are the new engagement times for members of the community to meet the Market Drayton safer neighbourhood team at our community mobile police station engagement events 🚔

Use these opportunities as a great way to meet your local safer neighbourhood team and to find out what we are doing about the issues in your area.

Come along to any of the below events which are happening in your area, meet some of the team and raise any concerns you have, or even just pop in to say hi! 🙌

- Market Drayton 🚔
 - 🕒 Sunday 16th August 10:00-11:00
📍 Rangers Community Centre, Buntingsdale, TF9 2EX
 - 🕒 Sunday 16th August 14:00-15:00
📍 Hinstock Memorial Hall, Chester Road, TF9 2SZ
 - 🕒 Monday 17th August 10:00-11:00
📍 Stanton Village Hall, Booley Lane, SY4 4LP
 - 🕒 Monday 17th August 12:00-13:00
📍 Hodnet Social Club, Shrewsbury Road, TF9 3NS
 - 🕒 Monday 17th August 14:00-15:00
📍 Woore Victory Hall, London Road, CW3 9SF [See less](#)



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
2 August · 🌐
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Speeding and anti-social driving remains a high priority for the people of Whitchurch, so this week, (w/c 27th July), officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team carried out speeding operations on Wrexham Road, Tarporley Road, Station Road and Bridgwater Street, recording a total of 14 offences. We will continue to listen to the concerns of residents, acting on the information that they provide to make ensure our speeding operations are targeted effectively. [See less](#)







Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

9 August at 11:00 · 🌐

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Wednesday 12th August 12:00-13:00

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4all Foundation Community Centre, Linden Way, TF9 1QR

Market Drayton Neighbourhood Team will be holding a drop in surgery at the below time and location:

Please use this opportunity as a great way to meet your local safer neighbourhood team, find out what we are doing about the issues in your area or raise any concerns that you may have.

#MarketDrayton #SaferNeighbourhoodTeam #CommunityEngagement #CrimePrevention #WorkingTogether #CommunityMatters #MeetYourLocalPolice See less

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NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

What's going on in your neighbourhood?



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

10 August at 08:00 · 🌐

With the continued focus on speeding and anti-social driving, this week (w/c 2nd August 2026), officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team carried out speeding operations on Wrexham Road, Station Road, Chester Road and the A41 in Whitchurch. An operation was also carried out on the A49 in Prees Green. Across the five sites visited a total of 24 offences were recorded. See less




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Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
10 August at 15:19 · 🌐


Mobile police station in your area...


Drop in to speak to Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers at the mobile police station on:

Tuesday 18th August 2026 - Prees Fire Station car park - 5-7pm
 Wednesday 19th August 2026 - Whixall Social Centre car park - 5-7pm
 Thursday 20th August 2026 - Tilstock Village Hall car park - 5-7pm

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns and to offer crime prevention advice. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

All the best,
 Whitchurch SNT 🙌 👮 🇬🇧 14

Please be aware that SNT officers may occasionally be redirected to live incidents at short notice, which means we may not be able to provide advance warning if an event has to be cancelled. See less [See less](#)



**POLICE
SURGERY**


Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
11 August at 13:03 · 🌐

A woman has been handed a suspended sentence for stealing more than £100 worth of goods from shops in Whitchurch.

Georgia Churchill, of Castle Court in Whitchurch, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft relating to two incidents last month (July).

The court heard how the 29-year-old stole alcohol, jewellery, clothing, sweets and a potted plant totalling £79.50 from Sainsbury's in the town. Churchill then continued her shoplifting, targeting a local butchers stealing £50 worth of meat.

Churchill was arrested and charged by officers last week, before she appeared at Telford Magistrates Court yesterday (Monday 10 August), where she was handed a 12-week sentence, suspended for 12 months.

She was also handed a community order requiring her to attend ten days of rehabilitation, and told to pay £129.80 compensation.

PC Mark Bates, from Whitchurch's Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "Shoplifting is not a victimless crime and we understand the significant impact it has on local businesses and the wider community. Working with retailers, we are committed to identifying and bringing offenders before the courts.

"Theft offences will not be tolerated, and that those who commit them will be held accountable for their actions. We would encourage businesses and members of the public to continue reporting incidents to us so we can take action and help keep our communities safe." [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

17 August at 09:08 · 🌐

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🚗 Anti-Social Driving Warning Signs Installed Across Whitchurch 🚗

Following concerns raised by residents about anti-social driving in Whitchurch, West Mercia Police has installed warning signs at a number of locations across the town where issues have been reported.

The signs serve as a clear reminder that anti-social use of vehicles will not be tolerated and that police have powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to take action against those using vehicles in a manner that causes alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

This initiative forms part of our ongoing work to address community concerns, alongside targeted patrols and enforcement activity. Recent enforcement has already delivered positive results, and we will continue to take action where offences are identified.

Anti-social driving can have a significant impact on local communities, affecting the safety and quality of life of residents. These signs are intended to deter offending and encourage responsible driving throughout the town.

If you witness anti-social driving, please report it via our website -

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/>. If an offence is taking place and an immediate police response is required, call 999.

If you have dashcam footage of anti-social driving or other road traffic offences, this can be submitted through Operation Snap via the West Mercia Police website - <https://orlo.uk/5bc8I>, where it will be reviewed by officers and may lead to enforcement action.

Thank you to everyone who continues to report incidents and provide information. Your reports help us identify problem areas and take positive action. **See less**



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

18 August at 11:18 · 🌐

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Illicit cigarettes and tobacco with a street value of around £2,000 were discovered at a Shropshire shop when officers joined Trading Standards on a visit.

Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) carried out the operation with Shropshire Council's Trading Standards at a premises on Green End in Whitchurch last Thursday (13 August) following intelligence that they were selling the illegal tobacco products.

SNT and Trading Standards carried out a search during which they found illicit cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco, which are estimated to hold a value of £2,016. Enquiries remain on-going with Trading Standards/HMRC now taking on the investigation.

PC Mark Bates of Whitchurch SNT said: "This operation demonstrates our continued commitment to tackling the sale of illicit tobacco products in our communities. These products undermine legitimate businesses, fuel organised criminality and can often be more accessible to young people.

"Operations like this are an important way of disrupting criminal activity and removing illegal products from sale while wider investigations continue. Working alongside our partners, we are committed to gathering evidence and taking the appropriate enforcement action, with the long-term aim of preventing businesses from continuing to sell illicit goods.

"We will continue to work closely with our partners at Trading Standards and HMRC to act on information received and take robust action against those involved in illegal activity."

The team was joined by Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner Tracey Onslow, who was with officers throughout the day engaging with local businesses and residents. **See less**





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
18 August at 15:20 · 🌐

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Vehicle Seized Following Residents' Concerns 🚓

Yesterday (17 August 2026), officers from the Market Drayton Safer Neighbourhood Team, supported by Response Team A, responded to reports from residents about a vehicle in Stanton. Checks revealed that the vehicle had no tax, no MOT, and no insurance. As a result, it was seized and removed from the road.

📖 A reminder to all motorists: ensuring your vehicle is taxed, insured, and has a valid MOT is not just a legal requirement, it's essential for keeping our roads safe. These measures help ensure vehicles are roadworthy, protect people in the event of a collision, and support the upkeep of our road network.

🙏 Thank you to the residents who reported their concerns. Your information helps us tackle issues that matter to the community and keep our neighbourhoods safe for everyone.

[#YouSaidWeDid](#) [#SaferNeighbourhoodTeam](#) [#MarketDrayton](#) [#CommunitySafety](#) [#RoadSafety](#) [#WorkingTogether](#) [See less](#)






Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
24 August at 17:17 · 🌐

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With the focus being maintained on speeding and anti-social driving, this week, week commencing 17/8/2026, officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team carried out TRUCAM speeding operations on the A41 Whitchurch Bypass and the A49 in Prees Green. Operations were also held on Shresbury Street in Prees, Bletchley Road in Calverhall as well as Chester Road and Station Road in Whitchurch Town. In total, 30 offences were recorded across all sites with a maximum speed of 81 mph recorded on the A41 near Belton Bridge. [See less](#)






Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

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The weather tried it's best, but it failed to dampen spirits at the Whitchurch 'Party in the Park' today (29th August 2026). With lots to see and do, there was no shortage of people wanting to try on the riot gear and be locked in the cell at the back of the van. Thanks to everyone who braved the rain to come and support us at the event, it was very much appreciated. [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

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🚓 Mobile police station events 🚓

Here are the new engagement times for members of the community to meet the Market Drayton safer neighbourhood team at our community mobile police station engagement events 🚓

Use these opportunities as a great way to meet your local safer neighbourhood team and to find out what we are doing about the issues in your area.

Come along to any of the below events which are happening in your area, meet some of the team and raise any concerns you have, or even just pop in to say hi! 🙋

• Market Drayton 🚓

- 🕒 Wednesday 16th September 16:00-17:00
📍 Moreton Say Primary School, TF9 3RS
- 🕒 Wednesday 16th September 18:00-19:00
📍 Marchamley Club, Eastlands, SY4 5LE
- 🕒 Thursday 17th September 16:00-17:00
📍 Childs Ercall Club, Eaton Road, TF9 2DA
- 🕒 Thursday 17th September 18:00-19:00
📍 Stoke on Tern Parish Hall, TF9 2DX See less



As part of the monthly Newsletter, we will be adding trending and/or appropriate crime prevention advice and information. Along with any recent updates from our other policing departments and partners.

This month's Newsletter contains information on:

- **'Are you aware of Community Speed Watch, and is it relevant to your parish?'**
- **'Operation Snap'**
- **'WalkSafe'**
- **'StreetSafe'**
- **'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG)**
- **'Crimestoppers' & 'Fearless'**
- **'Report Fraud'**
- **'The Victim Support Gateway'**
- **'SmartWater'**

Are you aware of Community Speed Watch, and is it relevant to your parish?

With Community Speed Watch now in its eighth year of operation within West Mercia, local communities are being reminded about the scheme and how volunteers can get involved in speed monitoring and improve the quality of life in their area if speeding traffic is causing concern.

Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. It involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future.

The scheme was introduced within West Mercia in 2014 and has gone from strength to strength over the last 8 years with over 40 active sites currently operating. It was introduced to enhance the force's speed enforcement strategy, by addressing community concerns in areas that do not meet either speed or collision criteria for police-led enforcement.

A Community Speed Watch scheme is initiated when 'speeding traffic' has been identified as a community road safety concern by a parish council or Safer Neighbourhood Team. However, several criteria must be met before a scheme can be established:

- The area must have a 30mph or 40mph speed restriction
- Speed data collected by West Mercia Police must show that speed levels in the area do not meet the national industry requirements for police enforcement
- No other enforcement activity is currently in place
- There must be at least six volunteers in each Community Speed Watch scheme
- Speed checks must be conducted by at least three volunteers at any one time.



Operation Snap



As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form.

<https://secureform.nextbase.co.uk/>

This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Please note; issues with number plates, windscreens and minor traffic offences are unable to be dealt with via Op Snap.

General parking complaints (other than illegal parking on zig zags) should be raised with the relevant local authority. Notification of untaxed vehicles can be reported directly to DVLA, reports of no MOT or no insurance should be logged to 101, not via the Op Snap portal.

Your submission will be sent to West Mercia Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of our road traffic police officers.

One statement is required for each submission/offending vehicle. We are unable to process multiple offences sent as one submission.

We will strive to update each submitter regarding the outcome of their allegation. All submissions are dealt with pro-actively to help reduce risk taking and poor driving on our counties roads.

Any footage submitted through the portal can be used by us to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

Operation Snap

Please note - if you operate a recording device in a public place, you may have obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is in your interest to familiarise yourself, and comply with, any such obligations as apply to you. If you are in any doubt as to your obligations, please obtain independent legal advice to ensure you do not put yourself at risk of prosecution. By submitting footage you acknowledge you have read and understood this before proceeding.

For more information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions section or email OpSnap@westmercia.police.uk

'WalkSafe' - Personal safety app launched across West Mercia

West Mercia Police has launched a personal safety app, which aims to help people feel more confident when out and about during the busy festive period.

WalkSafe is available to people across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire and provides users with a list of safety-trained venues, including bars, restaurants and other premises that meet recognised standards through schemes such as Licensed Security & Vulnerability Initiative (LSAVI) and Best Bar None.

The app also allows people to plan their route home, share their journey with trusted friends or family and make use of an SOS alert button if they feel unsafe.

The introduction of WalkSafe across West Mercia supports ongoing work to improve safety in public spaces, particularly for women and girls.

WalkSafe is backed by West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner and is funded through the Home Office. It will be available all year round.



StreetSafe: Helping Make Our Communities Safer

StreetSafe is a national online tool that allows members of the public to tell the police about places where they feel unsafe.

This could be due to poor lighting, anti-social behaviour, abandoned buildings, lack of CCTV, or other environmental factors that make people feel vulnerable when out and about.

Reports can be submitted anonymously and do not require a crime to have taken place. Instead, StreetSafe helps police and local partners identify patterns and locations where improvements may be needed to increase public safety and confidence.

The information provided helps inform local problem-solving initiatives and can contribute to changes such as improved lighting, environmental improvements, increased patrols, or partnership work with local authorities. If there is an immediate danger, ongoing crime, or an emergency situation, people should continue to report this via 999 or 101 as appropriate.

To submit a report or find out more, visit: www.police.uk/streetsafe

Your experiences matter. By sharing concerns about locations that feel unsafe, you can help make your community a safer place for everyone.



Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG): What Is It and How to Report It

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) refers to a range of behaviours and offences that disproportionately affect women and girls.

This can include domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, sexual offences, controlling or coercive behaviour, so-called honour-based abuse, forced marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), and persistent unwanted attention either in person or online. VAWG can have a significant impact on victims' safety, wellbeing, and confidence.

Many incidents go unreported, which is why police, local authorities, and partner agencies work together to encourage reporting and ensure victims receive the support they need.

If you or someone you know is experiencing VAWG-related behaviour, it can be reported to the police by calling 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergency incidents.

Reports can also be made online via your local police force website. Victims can access specialist support services regardless of whether they choose to make a formal police report.

If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. By recognising the signs of abuse and reporting concerns early, we can help protect those at risk and make our communities safer for everyone.

For more information and support, visit your local police force website or www.gov.uk and search for Violence Against Women and Girls



The contacts below may be of interest to those in the parish who may be more comfortable reporting crime or giving information to the police, anonymously:

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.



0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

Are your parishioners aware of Report Fraud?



www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

0300 123 2040

There is now a new national cyber crime and fraud service called **Report Fraud**.

This replaces Action Fraud, which has been around since 2009, and is completely new service for reporting and responding to cyber crime and fraud. It will provide an end-to-end service, from how reports of cyber crime and fraud can be made, to how reports are analysed and how victims are supported.

Report Fraud has been designed and delivered by the City of London Police, who are the national policing lead for fraud, in close partnership with the National Crime Agency along with banking, tech and victim services.

How does Report Fraud differ from Action Fraud?

- Law enforcement agencies will be able to share data to and / or from the new service.
- The new service will assist in taking down websites, bank accounts and other channels through which criminal activity takes place.
- It will provide specialist advice and support to victims of crime.
- Be able to take forward investigations into reports of criminal activity.
- Use trends on threats at international, national, regional and local level.

Report Fraud will:

- Make it easier for anyone from any background or demographic to report cyber crime and fraud.
- Inform victims about what has happened or is happening with their report.
- Quickly and efficiently inform victims when their crime report has contributed towards the protection of others.
- Protect a greater number of people and businesses from the risk of cyber crime and fraud through delivery of targeted and timely advice on how to avoid the latest threats.
- Significantly improve the speed and quality of information provided to law enforcement partners, boosting their chances of successful prosecutions.
- Block and disrupt crime through providing real-time information to those institutions and organisations who can deter and disrupt fraudulent websites, bank accounts, and other activities enabling criminality.



The Victim Support Gateway

The Victim Support Gateway is a free and confidential support service available to anyone in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin or Worcestershire who has been affected by crime.

You'll have a named point of contact to help you with a range of services including:

- emotional support
- practical help
- help to navigate the criminal justice system
- support in dealing with services such as housing and insurance
- access to specialist support services
- personal safety advice and equipment

The Victim Support Gateway can be contacted via:

Victim Support Gateway	www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/west-mercia/
Telephone	01905 726 896
Email	VictimSupportGateway@victimsupport.org.uk
24/7 Live chat	Live chat

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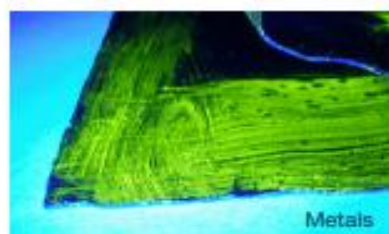


WHAT IS SMARTWATER?

SmartWater is a sophisticated security system that protects property, deters thieves and helps the police to convict criminals. It can be directly applied to valuables or it can be used to spray criminals committing a crime. SmartWater contains a unique forensic code that is registered to an address or location. Anything marked can be traced back to where it came from, allowing the police to identify stolen property and link criminals to crime scenes. SmartWater is almost invisible in natural light but glows brightly under ultraviolet (UV) light.

WHERE IS SMARTWATER USED?

- Homes use SmartWater to protect electrical goods, jewellery and other valuables.
- Many businesses protect IT equipment, infrastructure and tools.
- Shops and banks use it to deter robberies.
- Railways are marking trackside cable.
- Cars, vans, bikes, boats, and other vehicles can all use SmartWater.
- Farms and rural communities are protecting machinery and stoneware (including paving and dry stone walls).
- Many schools protect their IT and sports equipment.
- Utility firms apply SmartWater to metals and cables.
- Thousands of Churches use SmartWater on lead roofing.
- Many Cash-in-transit cashboxes are fitted with SmartWater.
- Retail chains are using SmartWater to reduce pilferage and internal theft.



Photographs taken under UV light.

WHY DO CRIMINALS AVOID SMARTWATER?

If a criminal is marked with SmartWater or caught with SmartWater-marked property, they face an increased risk of prosecution. SmartWater has helped to convict hundreds of criminals and has a 100% conviction rate. Police Forces nationwide, along with many second hand dealers, scrap merchants and recyclers are all looking for SmartWater.

For further information, please go to www.smartwater.com or call: **0333 320 7797**



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Photographs taken under ultraviolet light.

HOW SMARTWATER WORKS:

- SmartWater has a **unique forensic code** that, once applied, makes equipment traceable back to their owner
- SmartWater is **easy to apply** and only visible under UV light**
- Each application is guaranteed to last **5-years****
- Recognised by criminals - SmartWater **THIEVES BEWARE®** deterrent signage sends out a powerful warning to thieves
- Responsible for convicting hundreds of criminals, with a **100% conviction rate** in contested court cases
- Only a speck the **size of a pinhead** is required to convict
- When deployed by police, SmartWater has helped reduce burglary by up to 85%.

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Weekly Pothole Bulletin

24 August 2026

Trend over past year

476 potholes recorded



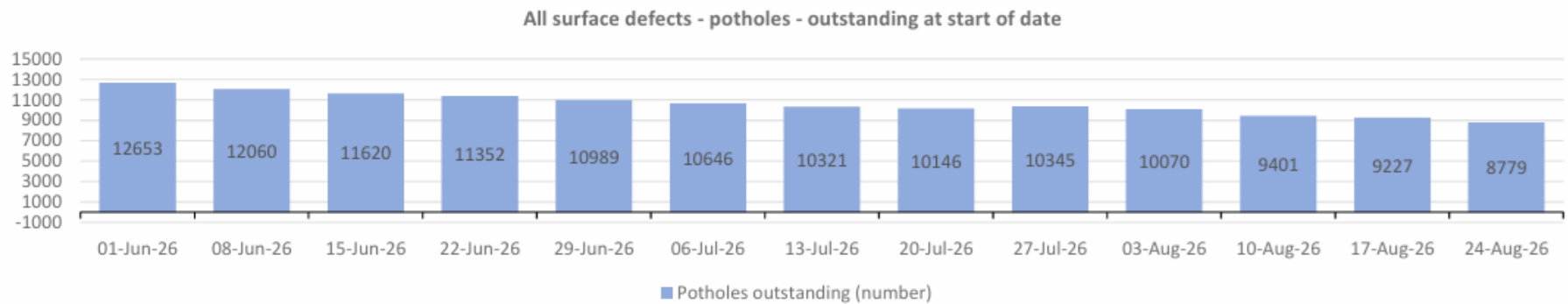
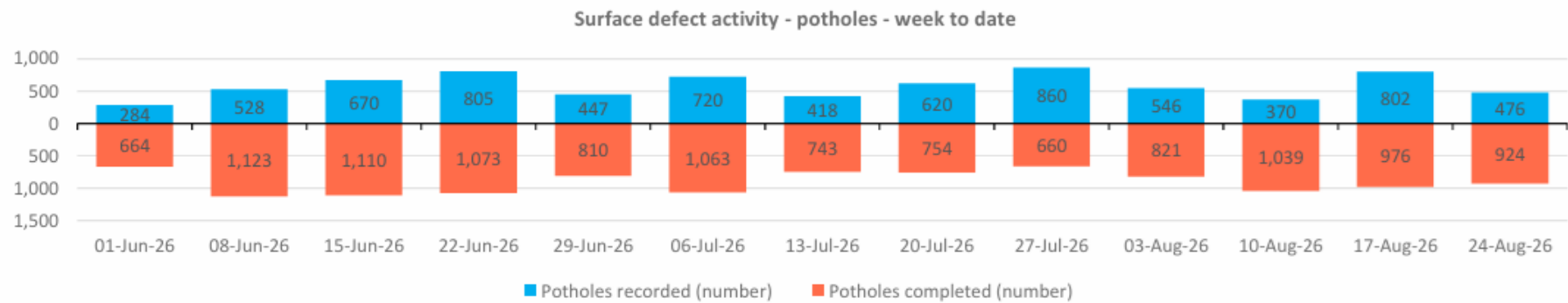
924 potholes repaired



8779 potholes outstanding



Data from recent weeks



Fares



This bus accepts contactless or cash payments, change is given if available

Adult Single Ticket

	Ellesmere (all stops)	Boat House	Welshampton	Northwood	Wolverley	Lowe Hill Rd / Ellesmere Rd
Ellesmere (all stops)	£1.50					
Boat House	£1.50					
Welshampton	£1.80	£1.80				
Northwood	£2.60	£2.60	£1.80			
Wolverley	£3.00	£3.00	£2.60	£1.80		
Lowe Hill Rd / Ellesmere Rd	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00	£2.60	£2.50	
Wem (all stops)	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00	£2.50	£2.00

Child Single Ticket

	Ellesmere (all stops)	Boat House	Welshampton	Northwood	Wolverley	Lowe Hill Rd / Ellesmere Rd
Ellesmere (all stops)	£1.10					
Boat House	£1.10					
Welshampton	£1.20	£1.20				
Northwood	£2.00	£2.00	£1.20			
Wolverley	£2.80	£2.80	£2.00	£1.20		
Lowe Hill Rd / Ellesmere Rd	£2.80	£2.80	£2.80	£2.00	£1.60	
Wem (all stops)	£3.00	£2.80	£2.80	£2.60	£1.60	£1.50

from January 2027 – All Adult & Child fares will be capped to £2

Single bus fares £2 from January 2027

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Ellesmere Town Service

Ellesmere

Welshampton | Northwood
Wolverley | **Wem**

Wem Town Service



from 1st September 2026



Ellesmere Town | Ellesmere | Welshampton
Northwood | Wolverley | **Wem**



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Mondays to Saturdays

No service on Sundays or Bank Holidays except Good Friday

	508	508	508	508	508	508
Ellesmere, Cross Street	-	0945	1215	-	1445	1615
Cambria Avenue	-	0955	1225	-	1455	1625
Scotland Street / McCreadie Drive	0732	0957	1227	1437	1457	1627
Tesco, Canal Way	0735	1000	1230	1440	1500	1630
Ellesmere, Cross Street arr	0740	1005	1235	1445	1505	1635

Ellesmere, Cross Street dep	0740	1005	1235	-	-	1635
Welshampton, Copes Lane lay-by	0751	1016	1246	-	-	1646
Northwood, Horse & Jockey	0759	1024	1254	-	-	1654
Wolverley Crossroads	0802	1027	1257	-	-	1657
Lowe Hill Road	0810	1035	1305	-	-	1705
Somerset Way	0812	1037	1307	-	-	1707
Wem Railway Station	0817	1040	1310	-	-	1710
Wem, Co-op Car Park	0820	1042	1312	-	-	1712

Wem | Wolverley | Northwood | Welshampton | **Ellesmere**

Mondays to Saturdays

	508	508	508	508
Wem, Co-op Car Park	0900	1130	1530	1745
Wem Railway Station	0902	1132	1532	1747
Pyms Road, Davies Drive	0905	1135	1535	1750
Wolverley Crossroads	0915	1145	1545	1800
Northwood Horse & Jockey	0918	1148	1548	1803
Welshampton B5063/A495 shelter	0926	1156	1556	1811
Ellesmere, Cross Street	0935	1205	1605	1820

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) passes valid from 08:30 on these services (and all day on Saturdays)

Wem Town Circular Service

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Mondays to Saturdays

No service on Sundays or Bank Holidays except Good Friday

	509	509	509	509	509
Wem, Co-op Car Park	0830	1100	1330	1445	1715
Roden Grove	0835	1105	1335	1450	1720
Wem, Church	0840	1110	1340	1455	1725
Lowe Hill Road	0845	1115	1345	1500	1730
Wem Railway Station	0850	1120	1350	1505	1735
Churchill Drive	0855	1125	1355	1510	1740
Wem Co-op Car Park	0900	1130	1400	1515	1745

508 Ellesmere Town route:

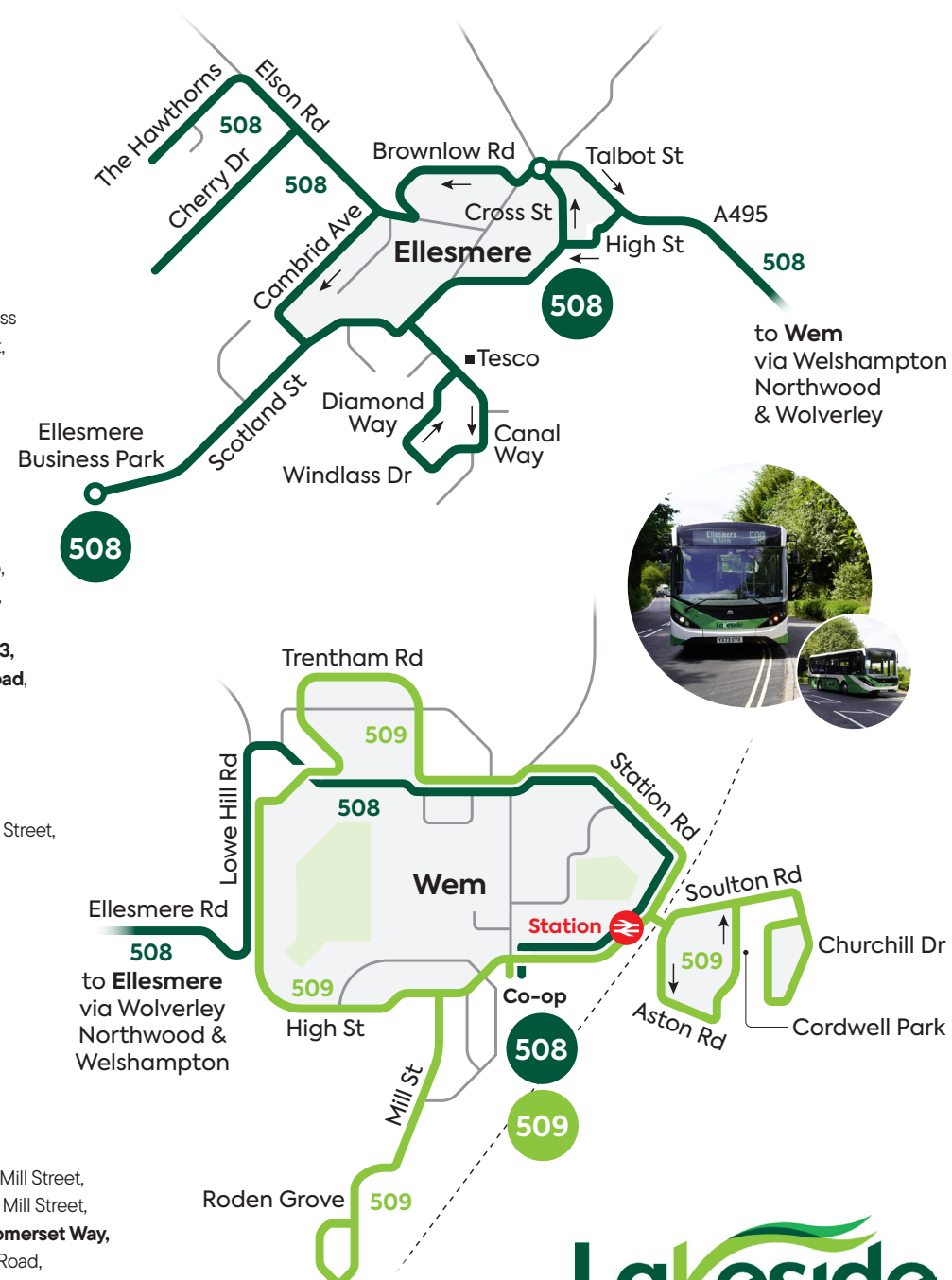
Cross Street, Willow Street, **Brownlow Road**, Elson Road, **The Hawthorns**, Elson Road, **Cherry Drive**, Elson Road, **Cambria Avenue**, **Beech Grove**, Scotland Street, Ellesmere Business Park Roundabout, Scotland Street, Canal Way, **Tetchill Brook Road**, **Windlass Drive**, **Diamond Way**, Canal Way, Scotland Street, Cross Street

508 Ellesmere to Wem route:

Cross Street, Spar Bridge, Talbot Street, Church Street, A495, Tunnel Bank, A495, Welshampton, turn in lay-by at Copes Lane, A495, **B5063**, **Northwood**, **B5063**, **Wolverley**, **B5063**, **Ellesmere Road**, Lowe Hill Road, **Somerset Way**, Pyms Road, Whitchurch Road, Summerfield Road, Station Road, Aston Street, Co-op Car Park.

(Return in Ellesmere is via Church Street, Watergate Street, High Street and Cross Street)

Roads in **bold** are 'Hail & Ride'



Cllr's Alan Holford and Gary Groves update for Ward Town & Parish Councils
August/September 2026

Dear Councillors,

Please find a written summary report of goings on relevant to the ward for you to read. Rather than timing these for specific meetings I will aim to send one approximately monthly and then we can answer any questions during meetings.

Relevant News Items:

[Shropshire Climate Action open day on energy efficient buildings - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) – Church Stretton Sat 5th September

[Shropshire households urged to check electoral registration details - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Foster carers honoured at Shropshire celebration event - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Urgent road repairs to continue as Multevo contract extended - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) Please see the attached weekly pothole bulletin to see the progress on potholes – Note this is 2 pages with some useful graphs on page 2.

[University starters urged to act now to protect themselves before freshers' week - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) Menigitis B vaccination drive

[Digital Roadmap 2026–2030: what it means for residents - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Leader warns status quo is not sustainable as Shropshire Council faces major financial decisions - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) Update on financial crisis and its impact on council spending.

[Make the most of Playday with Tax-Free Childcare - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#) Useful scheme for tax rebates on childcare.

[Shropshire residents urged to take part in national conversation on the future of adult social care - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Shropshire Council partners with Citymapper to help people plan smarter journeys across the county - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

The 508 Ellesmere to Wem bus service launches 1st September

This new service replaces town circular services with one which will fulfil that need but also link these two important North Shropshire towns. As mentioned in the next section, there will be people who feel the new service does not meet their requirements as well as the previous service but hopefully many more will find the service an improved offering. The

bus department at the council is going to be monitoring usage and feedback carefully to help evolve the service over time. The email address buses@shropshire.gov.uk can be used to direct any feedback.

I've attached a digital version of the route leaflet which has timetables and pricing within. Physical copies are I believe in Wem library and I think could be ordered from either the above email address or Lakeside of Ellesmere.

Councillor Activities

We both attended an open surgery with Helen Morgan in the Wem indoor market recently to hear concerns of residents. Things that came up were the new 308 timetable being a little awkward for some of our senior residents to attend clubs and activities and the condition of pavements for wheelchair users, particularly with inconsiderate pavement parking. Gary and Helen then went Barkers Green to speak to residents as we have had a high volume of concerns reported about inappropriate driving and traffic volumes while the railway crossing was closed. Gary has reported concerns about dangerous driving to local police who have offered to increase patrols in the area. As you know we have also taken the first step about questioning cabinet regarding reducing the speed limit in Barkers Green and we are still trying to organise a meeting with highways officers to get the ball rolling on this and a number of other small highways improvements for the ward.

Other than that, we have been dealing with lots of Casework involving housing, fire risks, road, carpark and pavement condition, abandoned vehicles and anti-social behaviour.

Road Closures

Road Closure: Wem 10K (2026)

Start Date: 4th October 2026

End Date: 4th October 2026

Purpose: Wem 10k run taking place on SUNDAY 4-OCT-26 between 09:30 and 12:00. Roads closed for short duration while runners pass, controlled reopening when safe to do so. Roads affected: Lowe Hill Rd, Pym's Rd, Somerset Way, Trentham Rd, Whitchurch Rd, Summerfield Rd, Station Rd, Shrubbery Gdns, Park Rd, New St, High St, Ellesmere Rd, 28201359 (B5063 FROM SOUTH OF NORTHWOOD TO ELLESMERE ROAD END OF, HORTON), 28200772 (ROM B5063 JUNCTION HORTON HALL TO B5063 JUNCTION WOLVERLEY BRIDGE, NEWTOWN), 28201104 (HORTON VILLA JUNCTION TO LOWE JUNCTION, HORTON), 28200798 (JUNCTION OF FOXHOLES TO LOWE HILL ROAD START OF, THE LOWE)

Works Promoter: UK Adventure Challenges

Enforcement pattern for Wem 10K (2026):

All the time

Road Closure: Unnamed road, Waterloo

Start Date: 5th October 2026

End Date: 5th October 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - Excavate in private to replace Replacing Transformer Pole.

Works Promoter: Scottish Power Energy Networks

Works Promoter Ref: GY30034800342EPAB-04

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road, Waterloo:

9.30 - 16.30hrs

Road Closure: Unnamed road, Waterloo

Start Date: 16th September 2026

End Date: 18th September 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - New Water Connection

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB9225201-000006751822-02

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road, Waterloo:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking
here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB151691628>

Road Closure: Ellesmere Road, B5063, Wem

Start Date: 30th September 2026

End Date: 30th September 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - DLO – REPAIR / REPLACE DEFECTIVE MANHOLE FRAME AND
COVERS

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB7012204-000014214747A-02

Enforcement pattern for Ellesmere Road, B5063, Wem:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB151293225>

Road Closure: Unnamed road, Pool Head

Start Date: 28th September 2026

End Date: 9th October 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - Works are to excavate and lay approx 900m of new duct (860 verge and 40m cw)

Works Promoter: Openreach

Works Promoter Ref: BC341GL-WH2HKP9Z-RC-01

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road, Pool Head:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB151369823>

Road Closure: Unnamed road, Quina Brook

Start Date: 4th September 2026

End Date: 4th September 2026

Purpose: Road closure - Replace decayed pole

Works Promoter: Openreach

Works Promoter Ref: BC518MAPMDWGRHKH8Y-03

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road, Quina Brook:

8.00 - 17.00hrs

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB151075982>

Road Closure: New Street, Wem

Start Date: 12th September 2026 (weekend working only)

End Date: 13th September 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - Long Comm Pipe Cut Off

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB9141201-000014066460D-02

Enforcement pattern for New Street, Wem:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB150607955>

Road Closure: Unnamed Road Abbey Green, Edstaston

Start Date: 15th September 2026

End Date: 18th September 2026

Purpose: Road Closure to enable drainage works

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ212DR-1749977-01

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed Road Abbey Green, Edstaston:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB150511875>

Clerk's Progress Report**September 2026****Progress on Actions arising from Council Resolutions**

Council Resolution	Progress	Notes
Councillors will attend training on planning, Code of Conduct and Fundamentals for Councillors during this term of office.		Fundamentals info sent to all councillors 4.8.25. One Councillor booked for training.
Establish the actions required re Parish Trees		
Place Plan		Provide update to SC

Other Actions (including those not covered in resolutions)

Action	Progress	Notes
Marlot Shropshire Way signage		On hold
Marlot squirrel management		On hold
Marlot Ecological Management Plan update		On hold
Chairmans' board to be updated		Searching for signwriter
Update Social Centre boundary agreement		Will be a future agenda item
Whixall Walks Booklet to be updated		Need to agree how this will be done.
Establish ownership of Social Centre Noticeboard		
Management of the Marlot – discussions with Natural England.		No update currently available. Agenda item.
Roadside trees at Moss Cottages		Site meeting held on 4.9.26. Awaiting update from Tree Officer
Annual Newsletter		On the September agenda
Arrange for an inspection of the War Memorial		Have contacted CBS in Trefonen. Awaiting a reply.

Correspondence

A number of emails relating to the waste transfer proposal in Wrexham Borough, have come in to the Council in the last month. In all cases the Council has been copied in to objections being made by non-residents of the parish.

Marlot Conservation Group (MCG)
Report to Whixall Parish Council for its meeting to be held on
9th September 2026

As in previous reports, I am continuing to mention sightings of particular species.

Painted Lady butterflies arrived from abroad during the hot weather, feeding on the flowers of thistles, willowherb and knapweed.

Speckled Wood butterflies have re-appeared in good numbers. They are small and robust, but live for about three weeks; this is probably the third generation of the year.

On 6th August, a **Southern Hawker** was seen patrolling the main pathway. This is a large species of dragonfly, which has a habit of approaching intruders for close examination and sometimes following them. This is not threatening behaviour, just curiosity.

Whilst other plant life is now dying off in the front meadow area, **Devil's Bit Scabious** are swaying in the breeze, but this pretty blue flower is not as prolific as it has been in previous years.

The **Creeping Willow** in the front meadow has shown significant new growth this year. This is a rare shrub and therefore it will not be part of the autumn scrub clearance programme.

As regards the area under the large willow tree in the front meadow, the team has spent some time keeping the re-emerging scrub and weeds at bay, whilst also tending to some newly introduced saplings.

We have also commenced work in the pond area, cutting back the dense overgrowth, which is a mammoth task and will not be possible once the ponds start re-filling. However, Alan Lomas' chipper has been used to good effect once again. The Parish Council will be asked for a contribution towards the maintenance and upkeep of this machine as well as its own property.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, a large willow tree branch broke off under the weight of dense foliage and ivy. As it was blocking the main pathway, today's task day was spent felling and logging it and stacking the arising brash ready for the chipper.

Martin Spenser
1st September 2026