



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 14 October 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:

Med Evans

Date: 7 October 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. 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

4. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2026

5. Planning

a. To receive planning applications from Shropshire Council
26/03445/FUL Proposed Tourist Accommodation Development At Whixall Marina,
Alders Lane, Whixall
Siting of 9no tourist cabins

b. To receive planning decisions from Shropshire Council
26/02997/FUL Proposed Holiday Let Barn Conversion, Platt Lane, Whixall
Conversion of barn to holiday let (retrospective)
Decision: Refuse

6. Finance

- a) Monthly balance record and reconciliation to note
- b) Internal Controls – to note
- c) Q2 Budget Report – to note
- d) To resolve to approve outstanding invoices and payments.

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
NEST	Pension Contributions	102.97	43.26 DD
A Roberts	Salary and backpay	311.02	44.26
HMRC	NI & PAYE	232.51	45.26
SLCC	Membership Fee	116.00	46.26
Unity Bank	Monthly Charges	7.00	47.26 DD
A Roberts	Expenses September	58.65	48.26

7. Reports

- a. West Mercia Police (circulated)
- b. Shropshire Councillors (circulated)

- c. Parish Councillors
 - d. Clerk's Progress Report
- 8. Local Transport Plan Consultation** - to agree response
- 9. Remembrance Sunday** – to confirm arrangements
- 10. Trees**
- a. Moss Cottages Trees – to agree a course of action
 - b. To resolve to set aside an earmarked reserve for tree works.
- 11. Correspondence**
- a. Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire – Together at Christmas – to agree a response
 - b. Wem Banking Hub – to note.
- 12. Parish Matters**
- a. Marlot Updates – circulated
 - b. Marlot and Natural England – to receive an update if available
 - c. Asset inspections – to receive inspection reports.
- 13. Items for Next Agenda**
To enable Councillors to bring forward items for the 11th November 2026 meeting agenda (Venue: Whixall Marina Café).
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Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Med Evans

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2026
at Whixall Marina starting at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors M Evans (Chair); C Weedall, J Spenser, J Hawkes,
P Rodenhurst,

Unitary Councillors None
Clerk A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public: 0

92/26 Public Session
No members of the public present.

93/26 Apologies for Absence
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94/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations
None declared

95/26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026
Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 2026. They were duly signed by the Chair.

96/26 Planning
a. 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

Resolved: To make the following comment: The Council has concerns about matters relating to drainage as there is no clear information relating to water supply and disposal and the site is in close proximity to Whixall Moss. It also has concerns about the condition of the access road to the site.

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

Resolved: To support without comment
26/03210/OUT Outline application for demolition and removal of existing dilapidated workshop and the erection of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow with garage
Marleybar, Hollinwood, SY13 2NL

Resolved: To make the following comment: This is a new build which does not appear to be a Local Needs Dwelling as the Council has not been approached to confirm eligibility. The Council wants to see the full planning application before giving further comments on this proposal.

- b. Planning Decisions from Shropshire Council. – none received.

97/26 Finance

- a. Monthly balance record and reconciliation

Resolved to note receipt of the balance record and reconciliation checked by Cllr Hawkes.

- b. **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 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			
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

98/26 Reports

- a. West Mercia Police – circulated in advance of the meeting
- b. Shropshire Councillors – circulated in advance of the meeting
- c. Parish Councillors
Cllrs Weedall and Spenser reported that along with Cllr Schup and others they are working on updating the Whixall Walks booklet and will come to the Council with a funding request in the future. It was noted that public liability insurance will be required by the group publishing the booklet.
- d. Clerk's Progress Report – circulated in advance.

99/26 Parish Newsletter

It was noted that Cllr Weedall has done a lot of work on this year's newsletter. Amendments were discussed and the newsletter will be published before the next meeting.

100/26 Parish Matters

- a. Marlot updates were noted
- b. Marlot and Natural England – it was noted that matters are currently with NE and the Clerk will chase a response.
- c. Asset Inspections – it was noted that these are to be carried out before the October meeting.
The following councillors have responsibility for inspections:
Cllr Rodenhurst Telephone Kiosk
Cllr Schup Old Burial Ground
Cllr Lamb Moss Cottages Field

The Clerk will inspect the War Memorial and noticeboards

101/26 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting scheduled for **14th October at Whixall Marina 2026** was noted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Whixall Parish Council Q2 Budget Report 2026-27

Payments	Budget	Actual	Variance
Other Payments			
Miscellaneous	0.00	50.75	-51
Emergency Tree Works	0.00	1,050.00	-1,050
Total Other Payments	0.00	1,100.75	-1,101
Administration			
General Admin	252.00	84.00	168
Bank charges	84.00	42.00	42
Website and Newsletter	540.00	240.00	300
Audit	190.00	180.00	10
Room Hire	364.00	179.50	185
Training	220.00	0.00	220
Insurance	716.00	685.85	30
Affiliations	648.00	495.39	153
Total Administration	3,014.00	1,906.74	1,107
Asset Management			
Grass cutting	1,280.00	0.00	1,280
Hollinwood Green	50.00	0.00	50
Marlot routine works	272.00	66.97	205
Noticeboard Repairs	1,320.00	0.00	1,320
Total Asset Management	2,922.00	66.97	2,855
Community			
Section 137 Payments Gran	500.00	0.00	500
S 137 Payments - Events	440.00	0.00	440
Total Community	940.00	0.00	940
Staffing			
Staff - non-salary costs	478.00	226.20	252
Salaries	6,925.00	3,267.29	3,658
Total Staffing	7,403.00	3,493.49	3,910
Total Payments	14,279.00	6,567.95	7,711

Receipts	Budget	Actual	Variance
Precept			
Precept Payment	14,208.00	14,208.00	0
Total Precept	14,208.00	14,208.00	0
Other receipts			
Bank Interest	250.00	221.47	-29
Miscellaneous Receipts	1.00	301.00	300
Total Other receipts	251.00	522.47	271
Total Receipts	14,459.00	14,730.47	271

Reclaimed VAT (£581) is not shown because figures exclude VAT.

Reserves

Reserve	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
General	9765.97	14,730.47	-7,396.10	-1,800	15,300.34
Earmarked:					
Office Equipment	456.93			103	559.93
Marlot Equipment	1,008			275	12,83
Elections	1,543			275	1,818
H'wood Lawnmower	449			30	479
Painting and M'ce	1,284			790	2,074
Hollinwood picnic bench	473			27	500
Marlot Emergency Fund	200			0	200
CIL Neighbourhood	2,158.92			0	2,158.92
Noticeboard M'ce	150			0	150
S137 Grants	0			300	300
TOTAL	17,488.82	14,730.47	-7,396.10	0	248,23.19



On the beat in...

North Shropshire

Market Drayton

Wem

Whitchurch

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

October 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	PCSO Olly Morris	Mobile TBC

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 yellow car, an orange location pin, a red person, and a purple house. Below these icons is the text 'NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS' 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 followed by the website 'www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk'. On the far right is the West Mercia Police logo, which includes a crown and the words 'West Mercia POLICE'.

Hello Parish Councils,

This is your North Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter for **October 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

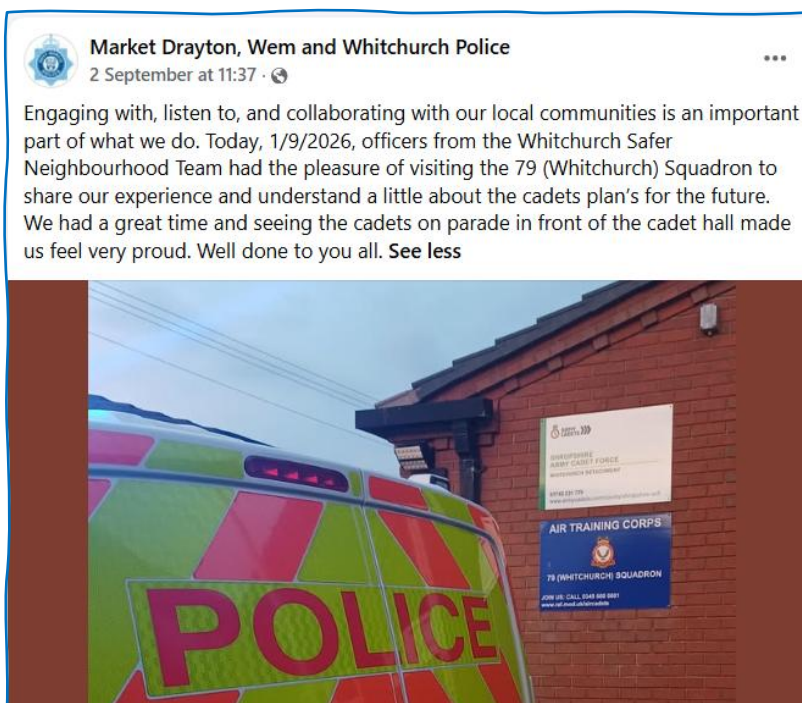
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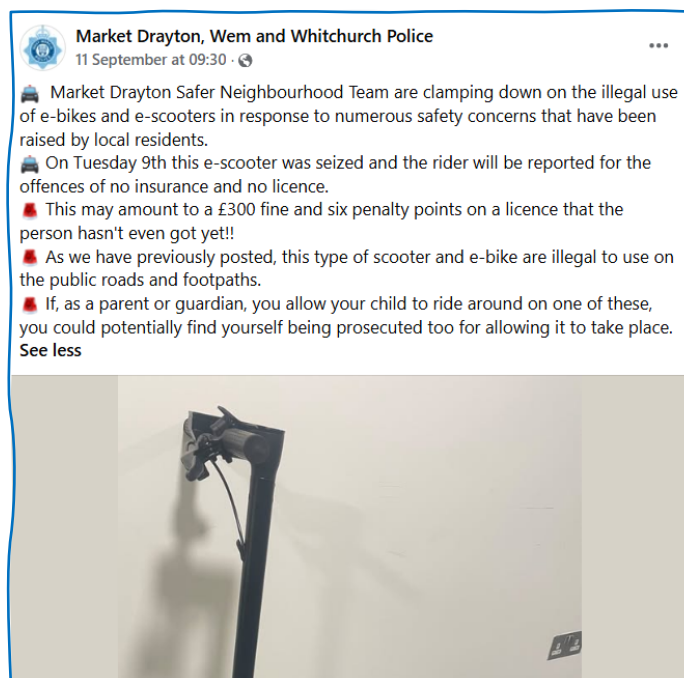
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Facebook (Rural Matters)	www.facebook.com/WMPRuralMatters
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Below is just a small snapshot of the good work North Shropshire SNTs have been involved with recently...






Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
11 September at 14:24 · 🌐
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Rural Crime Prevention Hub Officers Visit Market Drayton Livestock Market


Today, officers from the Rural Crime Prevention Hub attended Market Drayton Livestock Market, engaging with local farmers, traders, agricultural businesses and members of the public.

These visits provide an excellent opportunity to discuss rural crime concerns, offer crime prevention advice, and strengthen relationships with those who live and work within our rural communities.

As part of today's visit, officers also conducted checks on farm machinery and equipment being offered for sale. Using ultra-violet (UV) marking detection equipment alongside traditional identification methods, including serial number and forensic property marking checks, officers worked to ensure that any machinery being auctioned could be verified and was not suspected of being stolen.

Rural theft continues to have a significant impact on the farming community, and proactive measures such as these help deter offenders, safeguard legitimate owners, and maintain confidence within the agricultural sector.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to speak with us today. If you have any concerns regarding rural crime, suspicious activity, or would like crime prevention advice, please get in touch with us via 101 or report online through the force website. In an emergency, always dial 999.

📞 Report suspicious activity 🛡️ Protecting our rural communities 🤝 Working together to prevent rural crime

[#RuralCrimePreventionHub](#)
[#RuralCrime](#)
[#FarmWatch](#)
[#MarketDrayton](#)
[#RuralPolicing](#)
[#ProtectingOurCommunities](#)
[#AgriculturalSecurity](#)
[#WorkingTogether](#)
[See less](#)


Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
18 September at 16:35 · 🌐
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Officers have arrested three people this morning (Friday 18 September) following two drug warrants at addresses in Wem.

A man, aged 27, and a woman, aged 22, were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs following a warrant at an address on New Street in the town.

When officers from Wem's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) entered the property, they discovered suspected class B drugs and an imitation firearm.

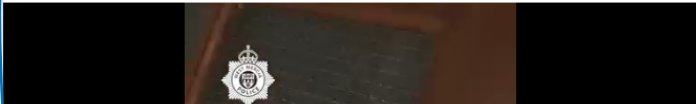
A 54-year-old man was also arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs following a second warrant at an address on Oakley Meadow. During a search of the property, officers discovered more suspected class B drugs.

All three remain in police custody as enquiries continue.

Inspector Rich Jones, from the SNT, said: "We understand the impact that suspected drug-related activity can have on residents and the wider community, and we are committed to taking action on the information we receive.

"Today's warrants demonstrate that we will act on concerns and intelligence about suspected criminality in our communities.

"We would encourage anyone with concerns about drugs or other criminal activity in their area to report them to police." [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
19 September at 12:15 · 🌐

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By building strong relationships, listening to local concerns, and working together to find solutions, we can help create safer and stronger communities for everyone. On Sunday 27th September, officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team will be available at the entrance to the Lidl store in Whitchurch from 11.45am then at the entrance of the Tesco store from 1pm until 2pm. You don't need an appointment, just come along and let us know what you have to say. [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police
19 September at 15:50 · 🌐

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The community of Whitchurch have demanded a greater focus on speeding and anti-social driving. Today, 19/09/2026, officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team stopped a black BMW for driving anti-socially through the town centre. The vehicle was served a Section 59 Notice and towed away. [See less](#)



**Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police**

21 September at 15:26 · 🌐

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A woman has been arrested and drugs seized after officers carried out a drugs warrant at an address in the north of Shropshire this morning (Monday 21 September)

Officers from Wem and Oswestry's Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) carried out the warrant at an address on Lowe Hill Gardens in Wem, where they discovered a quantity of class B drugs.

A 31-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of drugs. The woman has been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

PC Jack Harper, from Wem's SNT, said: "We know the impact that drug-related activity can have on our communities, and I hope today's action provides reassurance to residents that we will act on information we receive.

"This warrant was carried out following intelligence received by officers, and I would encourage the public to continue reporting any concerns or suspicious activity to us. The information you provide helps us build a clearer picture of what is happening in our communities and allows us to take appropriate action.

"We remain committed to tackling the supply of illegal drugs and disrupting those suspected of being involved." [See less](#)



**Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police**

23 September at 11:21 · 🌐

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In the UK, Vehicle Excise Duty (VED), commonly called road tax, is a legal requirement for almost all vehicles on public roads. Today, Tuesday 22nd September, officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team seized this car on Green End which had been without road tax for almost a year. [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

5 days ago · 🌐

Yesterday, Friday 25th September 2026, officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbour Team attended a road traffic collision on the B5395 Chester Road near Whitchurch. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries, but Fire and Ambulance also attended the scene and the road was closed for several hours. Thankyou for your patience. [See less](#)



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

2 days ago · 🌐

Officers from the Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team were more than happy to provide cover for their Market Drayton colleagues at the 'Ginger & Spice Festival' on Saturday.

After a 13 mile bike ride from Whitchurch, PCSO Durrant carried out foot patrols around the festival and even got a photo with the Mayor of Market Drayton, the Honorable Mr. Tim Manton [See less](#)





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

a day ago · 🌐

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Those summer ice creams seem a distant memory now, but last week PC Platt, while on C Shift response alongside Whitchurch SNT, had a rather unusual encounter involving an ice cream van.

Following intelligence received, a marker had been placed on the vehicle due to concerns that it was being driven by a disqualified driver.

When PC Platt stopped the van, they discovered that the suspected driver was not behind the wheel.

However, in an unexpected turn of events, the driver they did find was also disqualified from driving. The driver was arrested at the scene, the vehicle was seized and they will now be summoned to court.

Safe to say, on this occasion, the driver's working day came to a rather "short and sweet" end. **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.



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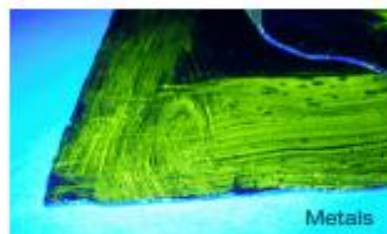
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Cllr's Alan Holford and Gary Groves update for Ward Town & Parish Councils
October 2026

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 Council formally submits response to Government review - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Stoptober: Shropshire residents of all ages encouraged to quit smoking this October with free local support - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Full council approves proposals for new strategy to raise education standards in Shropshire - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Residents can now self-refer to the Shropshire Wellbeing and Navigation Network for practical, friendly wellbeing support - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Residents invited to share views on preventative health information in Shropshire - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Multihogs to repair more potholes in October - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Community health checks reaching hundreds of residents to continue this autumn and winter - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Residents struggling with cost of living urged to get in touch to get the help they need. - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Residents to have their say on Council Tax Support proposals to help families with children - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Consultation begins on Local Plan environmental assessment report - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

[Cabinet reports show early progress on Shropshire Council's financial stability plan - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

The 508 Ellesmere to Wem bus service

This service is being largely well received but we have heard from a couple of residents concerned about the timings of getting into Wem and how that fits in with various activities designed for senior citizens. The first three months of the service are going to have an in-depth view so please put forward any views you or your residents have to buses@shropshire.gov.uk

Councillor Activities

Myself and Helen Morgan met with residents in Tilley and there was concern over the closure of the railway crossing which is blocking the Shropshire Way. A long dangerous diversion for pedestrians requires walking along the main road. Meanwhile some have been taking things into their own hands climbing over barriers, including with bikes. Helen is meeting with Network Rail to discuss concerns and urge a resolution.

Casework this month has included the delay in road sweeping post carnival. I believe a council road sweeper attended a couple of days later and I also arranged for the Persimmon Homes road sweeper from the Lowe Hill road development to do a sweep of the High street, New street and Pimms road after the event which they were glad to do for the town as a gesture. I have also arranged for environmental health to visit some properties with a shared passageway where wheelie bins inappropriately placed were causing a fire escape hazard and hygiene issues.

Gary attended the following in his role of council vice chairman:

<i>18 September 2026</i>	<i>Telford's Mayors Afternoon Tea Charity Event</i>
<i>19 September 2026</i>	<i>Hills Ford Stages Ceremonial Start</i>
<i>24 September 2026</i>	<i>Princess Royal visit to Ford Hall Farm Market Drayton</i>
<i>24 September 2026</i>	<i>RAF Shawbury Annual Reception</i>

He also talked about resident's concerns at the Northern Planning committee meeting concerning the 175 House development on Aston Road – and expressed the view that the application should be rejected over access concerns.

Motion to full council regarding St Erkinwold and historical connections to Soulton Hall

I submitted the following motion to full council which was voted through unanimously:

This Council:

1. Acknowledges the cultural memory of Saint Erkenwald and the high altar stone of Old St Paul's Cathedral is deeply held in both Shropshire and London, and notes recent research suggests that physical items associated with them may have been placed at Soulton Hall for safe keeping.
2. Observes that if these items were translated, their protection formed part of a broader pattern of statecraft by Sir Rowland Hill of Soulton (Lord Mayor of London 1549–50), who repeatedly used his authority to preserve endangered books, records, and cultural heritage, offering a principled response to the destruction, violence, and profound loss of human life during the upheavals of the sixteenth century.
3. Expresses gratitude to James D. Wenn and James Syrett of Byrga Geniht Ltd, and to Aed Thompson, for their research and expertise in bringing these matters to light.
4. Expresses thanks to the Ashton family and their ancestors. Their continuous care of Soulton Hall has preserved this history during dangerous times, and they are now presenting it to the public with care and discernment.
5. Recognises that these events offer a rare chance to build understanding and bridge divides between different faith communities today.
6. Highlights the ancient Quit Rents ceremony – a shared tradition between Shropshire and the City of London spanning over 800 years where these historical matters were formally addressed during the 813th ceremony.
7. Affirms that Shropshire deeply values its close relationship with the City of London built over centuries and continuing today.

Speaking on the motion I discussed the value embracing our history will have to Wem and the rest of Shropshire. I highlighted the importance of history on the local tourist economy and on the ability of citizens and decision makers to avoid repeating the mistakes of history. I highlighted connections outside of the ward to these historical findings too such as artefacts from the Quit Rents ceremony currently being held in the Much Wenlock museum and previously being held in Shrewsbury and Ludlow, and the

stone surrounding the door of 10 Downing Street having come from Grinshill Quarry. The reason this stone was chosen relates to the queues Souldon Hall took from the design of Solomon's temple and thus the stone above the Downing Street door is supposed to confer wisdom on all who pass under it. So far it has worked best on Larry the Cat....

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 (FROM 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

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 (860mm wide and 40mm deep)

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: New Street, Wem - S50

Start Date: 26th October 2026

End Date: 1st November 2026

Purpose: Development – drainage works

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ05060463676-02

Enforcement pattern for New Street, Wem - S50:

26/10/2026 to 30/10/2026 - Two-way portable traffic signals with manual control whilst Severn Trent Water Closure is in situ.

31/10/2026 to 01/11/2026 - Road closure between Park Road Junction and Number 38 New Street.

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB152791880>

Road Closure: New Street, Wem

Start Date: 26th October 2026

End Date: 30th October 2026

Purpose: Road Closure - Repair waste water pipe

Works Promoter: SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

Works Promoter Ref: LB7012204-000013627605B-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=GB148022182>

Road Closure: Unnamed road from Newtown Church to The Lawns

Start Date: 26th October 2026

End Date: 30th October 2026

Purpose: Road closure for patching scheme

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ212PG-1766068-01

Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road from Newtown Church to The Lawns:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB152642442>

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: New Street, Wem

Start Date: 24th October 2026

End Date: 25th October 2026

Purpose: Water main repairs

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB9141201-000014338045A-01

Enforcement pattern for New Street, Wem:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB152594258>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk.

Road Closure: New Street, Wem

Start Date: 17th October 2026

End Date: 18th October 2026

Purpose: Main Sample

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB9141201-000014337911A-01

Enforcement pattern for New Street, Wem:

All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=GB152539510>

Clerk's Progress Report**October 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 updates		SC have now provided information on how to update the plan.

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		Found a signwriter, need to arrange a site visit.
Update Social Centre boundary agreement		Will be a future agenda item
Whixall Walks Booklet to be updated		Now in the hands of a separate group who may request PC funding.
Establish ownership of Social Centre Noticeboard		We have no record of purchasing or installing the noticeboard.
Management of the Marlot – discussions with Natural England.		PB has been asked to provide an update for October meeting.
Roadside trees at Moss Cottages		Response from SC: As the trees appear to denote the boundary of the playing field and would be the responsibility of the landowner so happy for the Local Parish to perform any maintenance. On October agenda.
Update on playground from Whixall Marina		Meeting to be arranged by WM shortly
Annual Newsletter		To be printed for October meeting
Arrange for an inspection of the War Memorial		Have contacted and chased CBS in Trefonen. Awaiting a reply.

Introduction

Thank you for taking part in the public consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan.

This document will set out Shropshire's transport priorities for the next 10 years (2027 – 2037). It will guide how the Council makes decisions about how we manage and improve our roads, public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling routes and other transport services.

We want to hear your views on transport in Shropshire and our vision for the future. This questionnaire asks for your feedback on the proposals in the draft Local Transport Plan. Questions marked with a red asterisk (*) must be answered.

The consultation is open from 12 noon on Monday 5 October until 11:59 pm on Monday 16 November 2026. All responses received during this period will be considered alongside feedback from our wider engagement activities before the Local Transport Plan is finalised.

Before completing this questionnaire, we encourage you to read the information about the draft Local Transport Plan on our website: <https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-transport-plan/>

The supporting documents listed below provide more details about the plan's vision, objectives, proposed actions and how it will be delivered and monitored which will help you give informed feedback.

- Local Transport Plan Core Strategy
- Summary
- Implementation Plan
- Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
- Integrated Impact Assessment.

These documents provide more detail about the draft plan and how it will be delivered and monitored.

To return your feedback, complete this online questionnaire, or return either 'by post' or 'scan and email' it to us:

Post to:

Shropshire Council
Highways and Transport
PO Box 4826

Shrewsbury
SY1 9LJ

Or scan and email to:

ShropshireLTP@shropshire.gov.uk

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1. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

☐ An organisation/business

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Other

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4. If you selected 'Other', please tell us what type of transport you use

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“By 2037, an inclusive, safe and sustainable transport system will connect a healthy, productive and resilient Shropshire, supporting thriving and urban rural communities while protecting Shropshire’s unique natural, built and historic environment.”

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Somewhat agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Somewhat disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Not sure

[illegible]

making journeys
safe and secure,
facilitating active
lifestyles and
reducing harmful
transport
emissions.

Connecting to Opportunities

To provide a
user-friendly,
affordable and
accessible
transport network
and reliable
digital
connectivity that
connects people
and
organisations to
the amenities,
services and
opportunities that
they need.



Decarbonisation

To decarbonise
transport in
Shropshire by
reducing the
need to travel,
achieving mode
shift and
adopting low
carbon
technologies.



Support Good Economic Growth

To support good
economic growth
in the right
places, by taking
an integrated
approach to
transport and
land use planning
and providing a
reliable transport
network that is
resilient to
climate change.



Environmental Protection

To support the
protection of
Shropshire's
unique natural,
built and historic
environment that
makes it a great
place for people
to live, work and
visit.



7. Please tell us why you agree or disagree with the vision and objectives.

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8. To meet the objectives and achieve the Local Transport Plan's vision, we will take action in twelve key areas. These are stated below, with a description of suggested proposals. How important are these action areas to you?*

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**Inclusive
Accessibility**

We will work with local people and transport providers to understand and remove barriers, making transport services (buses, trains and taxis) and the wider network easier for everyone to use.



**Rural
Accessibility**

We will improve transport and digital connections so rural communities can reach essential services and opportunities, while helping people visit and enjoy the countryside responsibly.



**Digitalisation
Transformation**

We will improve digital access so people can use more services without travelling and use technology to provide better information and make the transport network safer and more reliable.



**Managing
People's
Transport
Needs Now and
in the Future**

We will help people choose how, when and where they travel by providing better information, encouraging sustainable travel and reducing



unnecessary
journeys!

Access to Future Homes and Jobs

We will make
sure transport is
considered when
planning new
homes, jobs and
services, helping
people reach
everyday
destinations
more easily and
with less reliance
on the car.



Goods and Deliveries

We will work with
businesses and
other partners to
make the
movement of
goods safer,
more efficient
and less harmful
to the
environment.



Maintaining Roads, Pavements and Transport Infrastructure

We will maintain
and improve
roads, bridges,
paths and other
transport
infrastructure,
while managing
disruption and
keeping journeys
safe and reliable.



Protection of the Natural, Built and Historic Environment

We will work with
communities and
other
organisations to
ensure transport
schemes protect
and enhance
Shropshire's
countryside,
public spaces,
buildings and
historic places.



Tackling Climate Change,



Lower Carbon Technologies and Air Quality

We will reduce carbon emissions and air pollution by supporting sustainable travel, cleaner vehicles and fuels, more electric vehicle charging and targeted action in places with poor air quality.



9. Please use the box below to give us feedback on the action areas, including any comments or suggestions.

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Overall...

10. To what extent do you agree or disagree the Local Transport Plan will make transport in Shropshire more inclusive, safe and sustainable?*

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not sure

11. We will use the feedback from this questionnaire to make updates to the Local Transport Plan.

What else you would like us to consider?

Please state your answer in the box below.

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About You

The next questions are more personal and are about you. You do not have to complete this section if you don't want to (all questions are optional). We do not use this information to identify individuals but to make sure people of all different characteristics have been engaged in the questionnaire and that the feedback we have is representative. We collect equality and social inclusion information to help us in our work to ensure we do not discriminate and are delivering services to all sections of our community.

12. What is your age?

- ☐ 15 or younger
- ☐ 16–19
- ☐ 20–24
- ☐ 25–29
- ☐ 30–34
- ☐ 35–39
- ☐ 40–44
- ☐ 45–49
- ☐ 50–54
- ☐ 55–59
- ☐ 60–64
- ☐ 65 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

13. How would you describe your ethnicity?

- ☐ White British
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Other White
- ☐ Asian (Asian British; Bangladeshi Chinese; Indian; Japanese; Pakistani; any other Asian background)
- ☐ Black (Black African; black British; black Caribbean; any other black background)
- ☐ Mixed (White and Asian; white and black African; white and black Caribbean; any other mixed background)
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Other ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to say

14. If you consider yourself to belong to any of the protected characteristics defined under the UK Equality Act 2010, (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), and would like to comment on the Shropshire Local Transport Plan from this perspective, please share your thoughts below.

15. The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Based on this definition, do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

16. Are your day-to-day activities impacted by a long-term illness, physical and/or mental health condition or disability?

- ☐ Yes, a lot
- ☐ Yes, a little
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

17. Do you have anyone who is dependent on you e.g. children, adult dependent, person with a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

18. Are you an informal or unpaid carer to a friend or family member who needs regular care and support?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

19. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Unemployed, looking for work
- ☐ Unemployed, not looking for work
- ☐ Retired

- ☐ Disabled, unable to work
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. Do you own or have access to any of the following modes of transport?

- ☐ Car
- ☐ Van
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Electric Assist Pedal Cycle
- ☐ Motorbike
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

21. What is your home postcode?

Any postcode information will only be used to help us understand the geographic distribution of questionnaire responses. This information will not be stored or used for any other purpose.

22. What is your work postcode? Any postcode information will only be used to help us understand the geographic distribution of questionnaire responses. This information will not be stored or used for any other purpose.

Please only answer if applicable

23. What is your connection to Shropshire? Please choose all that apply.

- ☐ I live in Shropshire
- ☐ I have a business in Shropshire

- ☐ I am a visitor to Shropshire
- ☐ I study in Shropshire
- ☐ I work in Shropshire
- ☐ I commute through Shropshire
- ☐ I move goods on routes through Shropshire
- ☐ I am a Councillor/MP in Shropshire
- ☐ Other (please specify)

24. In what capacity are you completing this survey?

- ☐ A local resident
- ☐ A representative of a local business or commercial organisation
- ☐ A member of a local interest or community group
- ☐ A representative of a local town, parish or rural parish council
- ☐ A Shropshire ward councillor
- ☐ A Shropshire Council employee
- ☐ A visitor to Shropshire or a member of the public living elsewhere
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

25. Where did you hear about the Shropshire Local Transport Plan consultation?

- ☐ Shropshire Council website
- ☐ Shropshire Council social media channels

- ☐ Local newspaper or news website
- ☐ Poster or leaflet
- ☐ Email from Shropshire Council
- ☐ Parish or Town Council
- ☐ Community group or organisation
- ☐ School, college or university
- ☐ Employer or workplace
- ☐ Friend, family member or colleague
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
Option 1: Crown lifting of overhanging branches and removing any obvious overhanging deadwood. Crown lifting Oak tree and removal of 1x Small Ash tree within field showing signs of Ash Dieback. All brash to be chipped and removed off site.	1.00	650.00	20%	650.00
option2: Coppicing of full hedgerow along roadside. All trees to be cut down to stumps to allow for future regrowth into a hedgerow for easier management. Crown lifting of Oak tree and removal of 1x Ash tree within field showing signs of Ash Dieback disease. All brash and timber to be chipped and removed off site.	1.00	2,500.00	20%	2,500.00
Subtotal				3,150.00
TOTAL VAT 20%				630.00
TOTAL GBP				3,780.00

Terms

Quotes valid for 3 months only.
Stump grinding NOT included in price unless stated.

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire will be holding a 'Together at Christmas' Carol Service at St Alkmund's, Whitchurch at 6pm on Tuesday 8 December.

It will be the fourth in the series of local services inspired by The Princess of Wales' annual service at Westminster Abbey. The 2025 service was held in St Mary the Virgin, Cleobury Mortimer and details can be seen at:

<https://www.lordlieutenantofshropshire.org.uk/news/lord-lieutenant-of-shropshire-carol-service/>

The Lord-Lieutenant wishes to invite representatives of all those from Whitchurch and the surrounding parishes who contribute to their communities, whose service should be recognised.

Please would you use your knowledge of Whixall to suggest those who should be invited.

Ian, you will receive an invitation as Chairman of the Parish Council with the opportunity to bring others with you, but we also hope to welcome guests from every organisation within the parish and also those 'good eggs' who simply help others. Some possible suggestions are:

- Church
- Village Hall
- WI
- Newsletter
- Children's groups
- Social activities
- Sports clubs
- Scouts/guides
- Environmental groups
- Volunteer transport groups
- First Responders
- Litter Pickers
- Pubs who offer to deliver Christmas meals
- Good Eggs – who just do whatever is needed

But there will be others specific to Whixall, including those people who have roles across the county who live in the parish. This is not a request for 'official' parish council nominations, but simply a request to let me know about all those you are aware of who should be included in this special service of thanks. Everyone you suggest will receive an invitation to the service.

Each invited guest will be able to bring others with them, who could be personal guests or other members of their organisation.

For each of your suggested guests, I will need:

- Name
- Post (if they have a specific post) eg Chairman
- Organisation eg Village Hall Committee (if they have one)
- Email address – if you do not have permission to share an email address, I would be happy to send the invitations to your email for you to forward as appropriate

I will need the details by 28 August please, invitations will then be sent by email. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Thank you so much for your help in ensuring that this special service does not miss anyone from Whixall who should be invited.

Best wishes,

Claire

Claire Crackett MBE DL
On behalf of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner

Dear all

Please see the update on the Wem banking hub below, I would be grateful if you could share this around your networks please.

We have been informed that the banks will be in the library on the following days

Monday	NAT WEST
Tuesday	HSBC
Wednesday	BARCLAYS
Thursday	HALIFAX
Friday	LLOYDS

Best wishes

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Marlot Conservation Group (MCG)
Report to Whixall Parish Council for its meeting to be held on
14th October 2026

During the summer, a strange-looking plant called **Thorn Apple** appeared as a self-set in the newly-cleared space in the front meadow beneath the pollarded willow tree. It is poisonous and uncommon but, upholding the ethos of conservation of species on a nature reserve, we have chosen not to weed it out.

Oak saplings, planted in the same area, have suffered in this summer's drought and have been attacked by powdery mildew. They are unlikely to survive.

Now for the really bad news. Tim Lamb has decided to step away from further involvement in Marlot-related activities. Tim was the key member of the MCG team, with a strong work ethic. We shall miss him badly and would like the Parish Council to recognise the importance of his contribution to the upkeep of the site. This leaves Alan Lomas and me in some difficulty in continuing the effective management of The Marlot on behalf of the Parish Council. We will carry on as best as we can, but we desperately need new recruits to help us, particularly with manual tasks, although persons with machine-operating skills would be most welcome.

We are continuing our work in the pond area, clearing dense overgrowth of re-generated willow. This has revealed extensive bark-stripping, caused by squirrels. The damage is way more than was originally perceived when it was first reported to Council last year. A substantial amount of willow has been cut to date, but much more needs to be done. The Parish Council may need to consider whether to bring in a contractor, if only to do the chipping.

Martin Spenser
6th October 2026