

Audlem Road Drainage.

Despite repeated attempts I am unaware of any activity to clear the culverts along the road. The job was again detailed but for some reason not actioned.

Communications and HS2

Having been told in November and December and January by senior officers at County Council that the consultations on a 30mph through parish limit was going well.

I was very disappointed to find that it was not going at all, in fact it had been halted by West Mercia Police subject to engineering works be required the costs of which are to be discussed this month in the hope that the project can continue. This failure of communication at senior level is being looked at senior level as both I and the parish cannot have such a serious lapse in communication on this major project again.

Transport County Wide.

You will be aware that last year a major public consultation took place regarding public transport throughout the County as part of the Bus Back Better project. Having put a bid of 98million pounds to government to cover the cost of implementing much needed improvements to bus services particularly to hospitals and rail stations, we heard via BBC last Monday that the bid had been turned down! We were not formally informed till 3pm!!

Services such as Arriva are cutting back services as Covid, fuel prices and loss of drivers to HGV vacancies are making services uneconomical. Although some services are part subsidised by SC the scale of reduced services means that SC cannot subsidise all routes. SC are hoping to renegotiate some services by August.

The Keep on Moving Shropshire Festival 2022 is now just a month away and the programme of events and inspirational speakers is looking brilliant.

The festival is aimed at encouraging over 55s to get moving again and get out more now coronavirus restrictions have been lifted.

It starts with a free one-day launch event, on Sunday 8 May from 10am until 4pm at Shrewsbury Sports Village. The event will include inspirational and internationally renowned speakers who will give talks on different aspects of positive ageing. There will also be taster sessions of activities for participants to try, from singing to walking netball.

Throughout the rest of the month there will be taster sessions run by partner organisations through the county.

If you would like to get involved, or know anyone who would be interested check out SC's web site for info

After the overwhelming success of the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** events last year, the council has launched a new range of exciting activities and nutritious meals for the children who need it most this Easter. We are working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers, to run fun events to boost children's physical, social and mental wellbeing.

It's a great opportunity for children to learn new skills, socialise with friends, and enjoy nutritious food in a safe environment. School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for some families due to increasing cost of living. This will take some of the stress off families who need extra support.

Free places are available for children and young people aged 4 to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Schools will issue HAF vouchers and information to eligible families..

Government's Ukrainian resettlement programme.

The council have been working closely with Shropshire Supports Refugees, health teams, other partners and host families so we are ready to safely welcome Ukrainians fleeing their war-torn country.

Local residents have been extremely moved by the atrocious situation and are generous with offers of support. So far 147 families have been matched in Shropshire through the resettlement scheme, and many more hosts have accepted refugees outside the Government's programme.

Safeguarding is the council's main priority for both Ukrainian families and host families. The council, along with partners, will ensure those arriving in Shropshire are well supported. Our teams are working with host families, completing property checks, providing incoming families with welfare and financial advice, arranging health and education services, and arranging wider community support. A dedicated website includes advice and information in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

Coronavirus update

It's now a month since the Government announced the removal of coronavirus legal restrictions, and Shropshire began transitioning to a 'Living with COVID-19' plan.

The Government will no longer provide free testing for the public. There are some exceptions, particularly for those who work in professions such as social care.

It is recommended that people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Individuals are advised to do so until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a high temperature.



It's important to remember that coronavirus has not gone away. We strongly urge everyone to continue getting vaccinated, wearing a face covering in areas that are busier and indoors, welcoming fresh air into their meet-ups, and washing hands regularly.

FAQs
