

Community News

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Best Kept Village: And the Winner is...



We only went and won it!! Childs Ercall has been crowned as the North Shropshire Region's Best Kept Village. Appropriately enough, Christine attended the ceremony at the Park House, Shifnal to accept the award on behalf of the village. A just reward for the sterling work led by Christine and Anne Cadden but supported by a team of volunteers that gave up their time freely to the cause. The team have been preparing the tubs for winter, so

the floral feast is set to continue throughout the winter months.

But the BKV wasn't only won through the wonderful floral array that the team planted and maintained throughout the summer. It was also an award to the Childs Ercall community, and the community participation in the events that have taken place over the past 12 months.

Cheryl Batsford organised the crafting session where the impressively creative children of the village helped with the creation of the Fairy House. It is still there by the way and newly refreshed by its owners in readiness for the winter.

Debbie Hatfield organised the children's writing competition, the entries for which were particularly impressive. Split into two age groups of 5- to 7-year-olds, and 8- to 11-year-olds, the youngsters excelled in their creative writing and drawing.

Mason Morris won the first prize in 5- to 7-year-old group, with the second prize being won by Luke Baker. In fact, the entries were so good in this talented group, that four prizes were given out.

Ella Watkins took the first prize for the older group and Archie Lodge took the second prize.

Well done to all our youngsters who entered the competition, and to Debbie for organising such a wonderful event. A special mention for Lily Morris and Alice Baker our youngest entrants. Alice is only 4 with Lily just a little older. Both of their entries were so good, that they were awarded a certificate and a prize as well.

The award is a just reward for all of those who contributed so much to the village with their time. It is also one that celebrates our community. Each one of us can take a small pat on the back for helping to make our village the warm and welcoming place that it obviously is. It was that sense of community that clearly impressed the BKV judges.

In and around....

A41 – Road safety initiatives

We are all too aware of the recent spate of accidents, and, in some cases, fatalities, on the A41, particularly around the Four Crosses area. Our local MP, Mark Pritchard, had secured the support

and funding from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner for the installation of average speed cameras on a section of the A41. Before the funding could be released, however, West Mercia police needed Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council to complete a Route Study Report, which would examine if, by re-engineering parts of the A41 could improve safety and remove the need for the average speed cameras.

Disappointingly, in their report that was published on 10th October it concluded that the average speed cameras were not justified and instead recommended more cosmetic “treatments”.

Mark Pritchard is very disappointed with the report’s conclusions and has asked local Parish Councils to continue to make the case to Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils for the implementation of more robust safety measures.

Planning Ahead

There are no further updates to the residential planning application at the old Furber’s Salvage yard. The Parish Council has issued a very strong objection to the development but await the Planning Committee’s feedback. Shropshire Council website. (pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=RY228DTDINR00)

The Parish Council have also received notification of a contentious application for the building of a 32, 000 bird egg farm at Land adjacent to Wood Farm, Caynton, Ercall Heath. A very crowded Parish Council meeting on 15th October demonstrated the depth of feeling within the local area of Tibberton and Ercall Heath. Whilst the Council considers its position, details can be found on the Shropshire Council website ([25/03608/FUL](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/25/03608/FUL) | [Erection of a free range egg production unit and associated infrastructure](#) | [Land Adjacent Wood Farm Caynton Newport Shropshire](#))

There is also a handy planning tracker on the Childs Ercall website, where you can sign up to receive alerts. <https://www.childsercall-pc.gov.uk/community/childs-ercall-community-website-20417/planning-tracker/>

What’s on...

Quiz Night 15th November – Jubilee Hall Prepare for an evening of questionable knowledge, friendly competition and the triumph of the slightly-less-than-sober. Yes, the ever-popular Quiz night returns after a short break. Hosted by our very own King of Wit (complete with a tinge of sarcasm), Richard Crookes, the evening promises to be one where competition is fierce, the atmosphere is friendly, and the chance to prove that you know more about 80’s pop stars than your best friend!

Equine Car Boot Sale Saturday 15th November – Childs Ercall Village Club 1.30pm – 4pm

Have Your Say

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website. (www.childsercall.co.uk)
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