



THE VILLAGE PUMP



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A newsletter for Atcham, Berrington, Betton, Brompton, Cantlop, Cross Houses and Eaton Mascott



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Atcham Parish Council

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No meeting in December
Thursday 8th January 2026
Thursday 5th February 2026
Thursday 5th March 2026

Venue: Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses

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Meeting Dates: Usually 7:30pm on 2nd Wednesday every other month
Wednesday 14th January 2026
Wednesday 11th March 2026

Venue: The Old Malthouse, Atcham

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Please note whilst the above dates were correct at the time of publication, they are subject to change, with details provided on the Berrington or Atcham Parish Council websites and the agenda prior to each meeting.

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Do you have an idea for an article, would like an event or something of interest to be shared in the magazine? Then please contact the Editor, Andrew Abbott, at thevillagepump@outlook.com.

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I'm sure you've spotted the changes in this edition of The Village Pump. Whilst we've been forced to make some changes for technical reasons, it also presents an opportunity to refresh the community newsletter. With that in mind, please do get in touch to let us know what you like or don't like, and with any ideas for the future. Get in touch via email – thevillagepump@outlook.com – and we can continue to evolve the magazine going forward.

With plenty going on in the run up to Christmas, we've included a guide to some of the events happening locally on the next few pages. Whilst things will naturally quieten down in the New Year, if you have any events which you'd like to see included in future issues, please do get in touch.

The Parish Council has incorporated the festive waste collection calendar into The Village Pump, as many of you may not have received a separate copy; you can find the festive collection changes on the back cover of this month's edition.

Many thanks to Nigel Baker for the interesting article on the riverbank at Atcham, whilst thanks must also go to Shropshire Ornithological Society for the interesting information on Venus Pool.

Finally, if you are able to help with the delivery of a few issues of The Village Pump in your area, any help is greatly appreciated.

Andrew Abbott





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What's On...

MUCH WENLOCK CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Much Wenlock High Street
Saturday 6th December, 10:00-17:00

Around 150 stalls will be present plus the town's fantastic selection of independent shops beautifully decked out for the festive season. Throughout the day there will be a variety of performances and entertainment. The day ends with an atmospheric candle lit procession down the High Street and traditional Christmas Carol singing on the Square.

www.wenlockchristmasfayre.org.uk

CONDOVER CHRISTMAS FAIR

Condover Hall, Condover
Sunday 7th December, 10:30-15:30

Located in the historic Condover Hall, this Christmas Fair features numerous stallholders selling everything from books and cakes to jewellery, clothes and mulled wine. Entry costs £2/adult, children free.

www.condoverchristmasfair.com

CHRISTMAS AT ATTINGHAM PARK

Attingham Park
Saturday 29th Nov – Thursday 1st Jan

Journey through rooms on the ground floor and basement adorned with period-appropriate Christmas décor.

Entry is by pre-booked timed slots. Free for National Trust members (booking required). Non-members pay at time of booking.

CHURCH STRETTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Town Square, 29th November, 13:00 onwards

Santa in the Silvester Horne Institute, entertainment in the Town Square, activities for children with Messy Church in St. Laurence's, a Craft Fair in the Mayfair Centre, stalls in Sandford Avenue, Christmas lights switch on(17:15) and more. www.churchstretton-tc.gov.uk/council_events/

CHRISTMAS AT ALDERFORD

Alderford Lake, Whitchurch
Thursday 20th Nov – Sunday 4th Jan

Featuring Father Christmas, a real ice rink, a woodland ice bar and more.

www.alderford.com



CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

Shrewsbury Abbey
Thursday 11th Dec, 17:30-19:30 / 20:00-21:45

Join a spectacular cast of West End singers and incredible live band, as they perform your favourite Christmas Hits, as you have never heard them before.

A fully licensed bar will be open on arrival until the end of the interval.

Tickets: £25 - £40.

<https://boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com/events/kindadustyltd/1796311>

THE TRUST 10 CHRISTMAS JUMPER RUN

Comer Woods, Dudmaston Estate
Sunday 21st December, 09:00

Join in with a festive 10k trail run, wear your Christmas jumper or other seasonal outfit! Enjoy a challenging run with stunning views of the surrounding Christmassy woodland.

The route is made up of two loops: either run 4km or the full 10km course. Registration is from 8.30am at The Café by Heath Barns. The Trust 10 run will begin at 9am.

What's On...

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, Coalbrookdale
Saturday 6th December

A festive walk with a creative twist. During this outdoor session, you will make mini wreaths and other Christmas-themed decorations with natural materials gathered from the area. The event concludes with a hot drink and a slice of cake. £3.50 per adult, under 2s are free.

A MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Saturday 13th December

Search for Santa on this interactive trail. Follow the elves and snowballs through the exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on you way round.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto. There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail.

£10 per child, includes exhibition admission and one free adult per child.

PARK HALL FARM SANTA EXPERIENCE

Park Hall Farm, Oswestry, 20th – 24th Dec

Go to Park Hall Farm for an extra special visit to see Santa and his elves. Every child will receive a generous gift from Santa to take a little bit of magic home with them.

Tickets include all day entrance to the farm, where you can meet the animals, enjoy many indoor and outdoor play areas, including tractor rides, soft play, role play village, music room, and the science illusion zone. Tickets are £14.95/adult, £25.95 for over 2s, £15.95 for under 2s. Booking is advised.

<https://www.parkhallfarm.co.uk/events/the-santa-experience>

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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock
Saturday 20th December 2025, Doors 13:00,
Show 14:00

A 45-minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-8 year olds. Every child gets a present from Santa.

£12.50 per ticket

https://edgeartscentre.com/?page_id=14

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Sudoku

Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 - 9 inclusive.

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Photo Competition

Would you like to see your photo featured on the cover of The Village Pump?

Then enter the December – January photo competition!

Simply take a photo at any time during the month of December or January and submit it to thevillagepump@outlook.com before Friday 30th January 2026.

Voting to decide a winner will take place via social media, with the winning photo being featured in the next edition of The Village Pump.

Eligibility: Photo must be taken in the parishes of Atcham or Berrington. All photos must be the original work of the entrant. Entries must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person. The editors decision is final.



We are a small group of very friendly ladies who meet on the third Monday of the month, 10am - 12 noon at the Community Room, Noel Hill Road for a chat and to make items for charity events which we run twice a year for local causes - everyone is welcome and you don't have to worry about ability - we are all different and learn from each other whilst having a laugh.

We welcome new members, please come along and join us.

For more information please contact Sue on 01743 761355 / 07773 161635 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com

Cound & District Crafters

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at Cound Guildhall 10am - 12 noon. £5 per session, different crafts each meeting.

Everyone is most welcome - new ideas can be incorporated and tried so please come along and join us.

Please contact Sue on 01743 761355 or email sueshedden52@gmail.com for more information.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the recent resignation of Keith Daley, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch. Our thanks go to Keith for his work as Councillor and Vice Chair and we wish him all the best for the future.

VILLAGE GATES

Parish councillors agreed to the purchase of white village gates to be situated in front of the existing 40mph and village name signs at the east and west end of the village. These are designed to act as a physical and visual reminder to drivers to reduce speed and give a distinct entry point to the community. The ones we have selected are made of sturdy recycled plastic and will therefore need little maintenance beyond an occasional wipe over.

BOLLARDS

It was agreed to purchase eight square black posts with reflective banding to be installed around the grassed area at the village end of the Old Bridge, to prevent vehicles parking here. Again, these are sturdily made of recycled plastic and should have a long life.

MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall management committee is facing the significant financial challenge of needing to install a new toilet block, to replace the old worn-out facilities and meet the needs of all users. The parish council will do what they can to support this and also to help signpost the Hall committee to available sources of funding.

The Memorial Hall always welcomes ideas for events that will boost community spirit and help with raising funds for this precious amenity.

MEETING DATES FOR 2026

14th January, 11th March, 13th May.



The parish councillors and clerk would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.



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Do you have any comments? Or a new idea that might benefit the community? Please come along to one of our meetings or contact the Clerk. Don't forget to let us know if you have any community news that you would like us to share online. Photos of the village and surrounding countryside are also welcome, so if you snap a good view do send it to us.

Website: atchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook: Atcham Parish Council

Parish Councillors: Laura Dixon (Chair), Simon Adney, Stephen Cook, Gareth Jones, Martin Ruston, Rob Trow, *VACANCY*.

Clerk: Alison Utting 01691 622093 clerk@atchamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Church Services and News from St. Eata's at Atcham

There is a Eucharist (BCP) every Sunday at 11am. Everyone is most welcome at this Service. Tea, coffee and cake is served on alternate Sundays.

Sunday 7th Dec – Christingle Service at 11:00

Sunday 14th December – Service at 11:00

Sunday 21st December – Carol Service at 11:00

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Service at 18:30

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

Service at 11:00

Sunday 4th January – Service at 11:00

Sunday 11th January – Service at 11:00

Sunday 18th January – Service at 11:00

Sunday 25th January – Service at 11:00



CAROLS in the Mytton & Mermaid from 18:00 on Wednesday 10th December – please come along and join us

COFFEE MORNINGS in Church on the 1st

Friday of each month from 10:30 onwards

EXCEPT on Friday 5th December

VOLUNTEERS STILL WANTED – to help tidy up in the Church and Churchyard e.g. clearing ivy from the headstones, polishing brasses in Church. Please contact Sue on 01743 761155 if you are willing to help. It is proposed that a Working Party be organised on an agreed date when refreshments will be provided.

OKTOBERFEST – Once again a very successful evening, raising over £3,000 towards much needed funds for the Tower at St Eata's Church. Look out for next year's event in October 2026!

FINALLY, we wish each and everyone of you a joyful and peaceful time at Christmas.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY... THE RIVERBANK AT ATCHAM

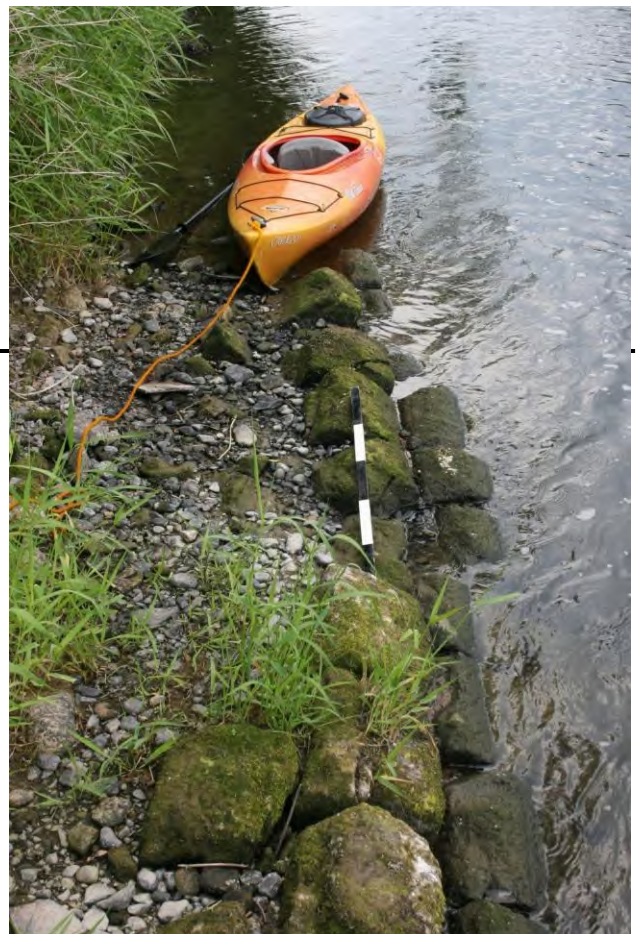
The Severn riverbank, between the Mytton & Mermaid's garden and the tower of St Eata's, and the riverbed below, contain archaeological remains that explain much of the village's history over the last 800 years. Just to the right of the churchyard gates is a parking space for three cars, overlooking the river. Visitors might be surprised to find that, parking there, they are obstructing the main London to Shrewsbury road – or at least they would have been before 1769 when the Georgian bridge was built. For this is the surviving end, the abutment, of the old Atcham Bridge. This is confirmed by a look in the pub garden below that shows, below the loose stones of a rockery, the solid sandstone-rubble core of the medieval bridge. Any remaining doubts are removed by an estate plan of 1746 in Shropshire Archives that confirms the old bridge on this very spot.

Neither is it a coincidence that it is directly opposite this point that the little rocky rapid appears whenever the river is low. A close look at the 'rocks' on the riverbed here (a face-mask and snorkel help) shows that they are mostly squared building stones and some of them appear to be in place: Atcham rapid is, in fact, the foundations of the medieval bridge remaining in the riverbed, with gravel piling up behind to form the beach.

Old Atcham Bridge is known to have been built by the Lord of the Manor, the Abbot of Lilleshall, in 1220. But what has long baffled historians are the references about a century later to townspeople (burgesses) at Atcham: it seems that the abbots of Lilleshall tried to promote Atcham as a new town, but who, in their right mind, would try to develop a new town right on Shrewsbury's doorstep? The answer may lie below this same stretch of riverbank where, between the old bridge and the church, are the remains of a wharf or quay, of high-quality medieval stonework. The central stretch of this quay is visible just above water every summer, at the bottom of the riverbank just inside the churchyard where it still stands a metre and a half high above the riverbed (see photo).

But its foundations continue past the church and it was evidently around 27 metres long. Why is it here? In this writer's opinion it was built to compete with the quays in Shrewsbury: barges offloading onto carts here could have their cargo in the town almost within the hour, and were saved the bother of the seven-mile river-trip around the huge loops of the Uffington area and at least five obstructing fish-weirs. Atcham it seems, may have been developed as a medieval port town.

Nigel Baker
Lower Brompton



BERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FLETCHER HOMES DEVELOPMENT

Many residents attended both the October and November parish council meetings to express their opinions on the proposed development submitted by Fletcher Homes for 55 homes in Cross Houses. In October, the Parish Council listened to comments from the public and resolved to object to the application in its current form. Concerns around the proposals included the loss of privacy, parking provision, highway safety, traffic impact, provision of affordable housing, community benefits and developer engagement. In November, the developer's agent sent a Senior Planning Consultant to the meeting, who listened to residents concerns. At the meeting, it was communicated that a decision on the application may take up to six months, during which time the applicant will revisit the plans based upon community comments.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

Representatives of Berrington Parish Council met with the supplier for the Village Gateways,

which are expected to be installed in 2026 at the 30mph signs at both ends of the village.

CROSS HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTRE

The parish council is looking for volunteers to help with the running of the Chapel Community Centre. The more who get involved, the lighter the load will be.

Whether you can help with providing access / locking the building up, checking the tidiness between bookings or fixing a leaking tap, any and all support is appreciated.

Please contact the parish council at berringtonpc@gmail.com for further information.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th January 2026.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE: OIL BUYING CLUB

Now is the time to take advantage of cheaper heating oil. The price of oil is usually at it's highest during December to February. You can save even more by being a part of our oil club.

Community Resource is a local charity that runs a Community Oil Buying Club to reduce the heating costs of those living off gas.

By bringing communities throughout Shropshire and surrounding areas together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you aren't connected to mains gas.

Being a member of the Club not only gives you great savings on your fuel bills but removes the often time-consuming task of ringing around suppliers for the best price. With local coordinators on hand to help those without email, and access to suppliers who can deliver to remote properties, the scheme can cater for everyone's circumstances.

"It's a brilliant scheme, easy to order and fantastic savings! A great service for Shropshire."

"That's an amazing price! I had to check it twice on the calculator. Why did we wait so long to join the Club?! Thank you very much."

Membership to the scheme is £27 per year and enables us to cover the admin costs for running this scheme.

For more information please visit the website: www.community-resource.org.uk/service-community-support/#oil-buying-club

Next Order Deadlines are Tuesday 2nd December and Tuesday 6th January.



CHRIST CHURCH C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRESSAGE



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

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Join us to see our school in action, meet our dedicated staff and feel the warmth of our caring, family atmosphere. We'd love to welcome you and share what makes our school so special.



Open Day Dates:

Thursday 1st December
9.00am - 10.00am

Tuesday 9th December
3.30pm - 4.30pm

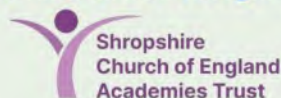
Thursday 8th January
11.00am - 12.00pm



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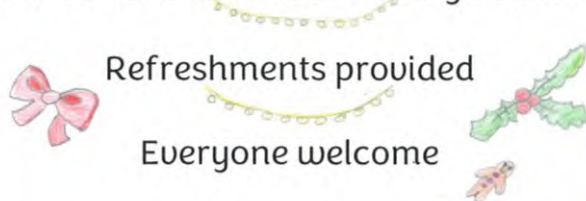
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Christ Church CE Primary School
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Community Christmas Carol Service
led by Reverend Sam Rigby



On: Thursday 18th December at 6pm
At: Christ Church CE Primary School



Refreshments provided

Everyone welcome



COLUMN FLOWER CLUB

CHAPEL COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE
CHESTNUTS, CROSS HOUSES, SY5 6JH

Monthly Tuesday Meeting: 7.00pm (for 7.15pm start)

9th DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Demonstration: "Deck the Halls"

By NAFAS Regional Demonstrator: Jane Cowan

Entrance £10

Raffle for floral arrangements & Christmas Hamper.

Tickets available on the evening.

Come along to enjoy a Festive Evening

**Column Flower Club would like to wish Everyone
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

13th JANUARY 2026

Theme for 2026: "Around The World in Floral Art"

With an Opening Demonstration by Suzanne McKie

**For more information/contact details visit our
website**

<https://www.columnflowerclubshrewsbury.co.uk>

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NEWS FROM CONDOVER C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



CONDOVER
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Diocese of
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Multi-Academy Trust

On 15th October we had our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMs) inspection. Please see our report below and the section about Worship. We feel very blessed to be supported by Ray Evanson who demonstrates unfailing commitment to our school community, modelling to us all the true meaning of Love Each Other and Know We are Loved. We are lucky to be able to enjoy such strong links with St Andrew's and St Mary's Church.

Vision

We believe that it is really important all children and adults feel loved and supported as part of one family, through trusting relationships in a secure environment. At the heart of this vision is understanding that God loves us and we seek to reflect this love through our actions as a school community and as individuals. Loving relationships between children, our two schools and within our church community are the foundations of success. The mental health and wellbeing of everyone in our school takes place from these strong foundations and therefore ensures personal growth.

Condover Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. It has the following notable strengths.

Notable Strengths

- The Christian vision is deeply rooted in the daily life of this school. It is well known, drives powerful relationships and supports decision making. It forms the essence of the school's community.
- The identified values of love, forgiveness and trust are viewed through a Christian lens and underpin the school's holistic approach and commitment to learning. Adults and pupils are valued and loved for their uniqueness. They are individually known, supported and nurtured.
- Strong, meaningful relationships, founded in love, forgiveness and trust, are highly valued and reciprocated. Therefore, the school and those it serves grow in confidence and flourish.

- Leaders and governors know this school well. Monitoring is robust, delivering strong strategic direction and development. Nothing stands still as this school regularly considers its purpose, striving to serve to the best of its ability.
- Religious education (RE) is highly regarded in the curriculum. Pupils enjoy and value their learning. Teachers are enabled, through continuous professional development and support, to deliver a subject that inspires.

Worship and Spirituality

Coming together for collective worship is integral to the daily life of this school and the spiritual flourishing of adults and pupils. They appreciate this time as an opportunity to be together as a school family, a daily time for reconnection and personal development. It is a time that binds the school community and reinforces the vision to show and share love. Adults and pupils are welcomed into worship and invited to take part. Worship leaders value their role. They support the structure and lead on special occasions in school and church. They act as role models, encouraging participation and leading singing. Adults are enabled to lead worship through professional development, clear guidance and support. Pupils benefit from a repeated structure. They readily share their thoughts about worship and spiritual growth in conversations, discussions and journals. Despite the lack of a vicar, relationships have been maintained and are highly valued. Regular services are held in St Andrew and St Mary's church which parents, carers and pupils enjoy attending. These opportunities bring the school family and the wider community closer together, building and enhancing a reciprocal relationship.

NEWS FROM CONDOVER C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November we all went to Church for a Remembrance Service. Ray Evanson, along with our pupil Worship Committee sensitively and respectfully led us through hymns, prayers, reflection and the 2 minutes silence. Our hand made poppy wreaths were placed gently at the front of Church in recognition of those who were lost during the First and Second World Wars.



Prayer from our service

Gracious and loving God, We gather today in Your presence to remember with gratitude all who have served and sacrificed for the cause of peace and freedom. We honour the courage of those who gave their lives and those who continue to serve in our armed forces.



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Top tips for keeping warm and well this winter



KEEP WARM

You should heat your home to a temperature that's comfortable for you. Try to heat rooms that you regularly use, such as your living room and bedroom, to at least 18°C if you can. You should also keep your bedroom windows closed at night. Exposure to low temperatures indoors can have a serious impact on your health as you get older, particularly for people living with health conditions or reduced mobility. Wearing several layers will keep you warmer than one, thicker layer.

GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to increase your income, make your home more energy efficient and improve your heating. There are also support measures in place to help with the cost of living.

For further advice on these support measures, visit Age UK's website www.ageuk.org.uk/financial-support or call **0800 169 6565**

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

- If you're aged 65 or over or a carer you're eligible for a free flu jab and an Autumn Covid-19 booster this winter. Contact your GP or pharmacist or visit the NHS website www.nhs.uk to learn more.
- Don't delay treating minor winter ailments like colds or sore throats. Visit your local pharmacist for advice on treatment.
- Keep in touch with your friends, neighbours and family. Reach out if you need any practical help and tell somebody if you're feeling under the weather.
- Wear shoes with good grip when you go outside to avoid slips and falls on slippery or icy surfaces.
- When you're indoors, try not to sit still for more than an hour or so. If you find it difficult to move about, stretching your arms and legs can also help keep you warm.
- If bad weather is forecast, make sure you have everything you need at home. Check you've got enough medication and food in case it's harder to leave the house.
- Eat well and stay hydrated. It can sometimes be difficult to keep up the motivation to prepare meals in winter, but our diet, including how much we eat, is an important part of staying healthy and well.
- If you have visitors, it can help stop the spread of germs to ventilate the room for a few minutes before and after they arrive. You might be more comfortable leaving the window open during their visit, if it's not too cold.
- If you are worried about your health or feeling down, contact your local pharmacist, 111 or your GP, who will all be able to offer advice and support. In an emergency dial 999.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Have your heating and cooking appliances checked by a Gas Safe® registered engineer to make sure they are working safely.
- Contact your water and power suppliers to see if you can be on the Priority Services Register, a free support service that helps people in vulnerable situations.

For more information about how to stay warm and well in winter visit Age UK's website www.ageuk.org.uk/winterprep or call **0800 169 6565**.

Cross Houses BIG Christmas Fair 2025

I would like to say a little thank you to the community and to all those who helped make cross Houses BIG Christmas fair 2025 a huge success.

We had a footfall of around 300 who supported the event. The Shrewsbury male voice choir attended for their 5th year and did not disappoint:

they were amazing.

We raised £761.03 for The Harry Johnson Trust (children's cancer charity), a local Shropshire Charity.

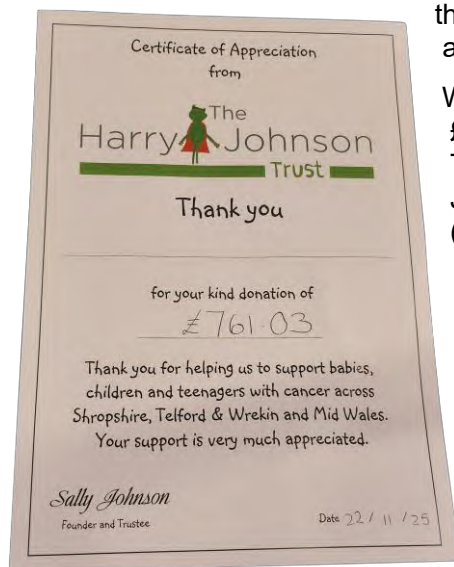


Thank you to all the vendors and to 2 Shires Pizzas, Topsy Tom's and Really Awesome Coffee it was a great day.

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Reading List 2026

15th January – Graffiti Girls by Elissa Soave

19th February – Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

19th March – The Wrong Sister by Claire Douglas

16th April – 'This Is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay

21st May – The Book of Beginnings by Sally Page

18th June – The Deadly Detective Agency by Ann Parker

16th July – Salmon Fishing in The Yemen by Paul Torday

August – Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus OR Death in the Crypt by Fliss Chester

17th September – The Countdown Killer by Sam Holland

15th October – Come Sundown by Nora Roberts

19th November – When Breathe Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

17th December – A Christmas Railway Mystery by Edward Marston

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A big thanks from the Community to those of you who have turned out / put their names forward to help deliver the Community Speed Watch Programme, designed to make our village of Cross Houses a safer place.

To-date six people have put themselves forward - programme organiser Jim Healey has told The Village Pump that his team can always do with more help as the more hands the easier the task.

Currently the team are waiting for West Mercia Police to review and sign off DBS paperwork. Then the training on the speed gun equipment can take place.

Once trained up the team are hoping to get out at least once a month for the first six months to see just what sort of speeds traffic are doing through our village.

Once we get the results, we will publish them in The Village Pump so that everyone can see what is going on.

Whilst the team have been waiting for West Mercia Police to do their stuff they haven't just been sitting around. They have been out counting traffic to see what sort of volumes are going through the village at peak times.

The objective in undertaking this is to have a baseline which can be set against future increases in traffic which will inevitably happen as more housing gets built in the Severn Valley. The team collecting the data hopes that in future years if the traffic volumes increase even more, then the community might be able to use the evidence taken now to help put a brake on further development.



Left: Denise and Rik. Above: Jim and a PCSO meeting to set up the scheme.

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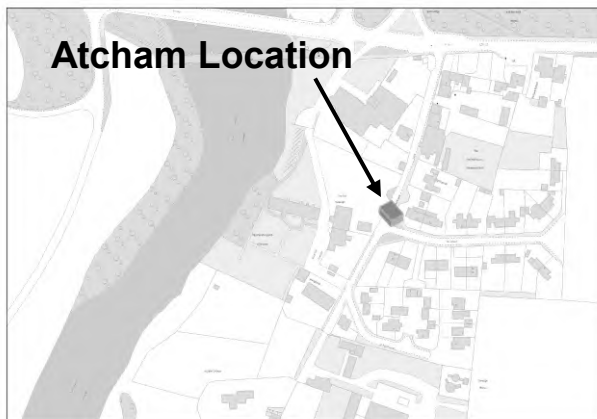
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Lower Cross, 10:10 – 10:40
Friday 5th December & 19th December
Friday 16th January & 30th January

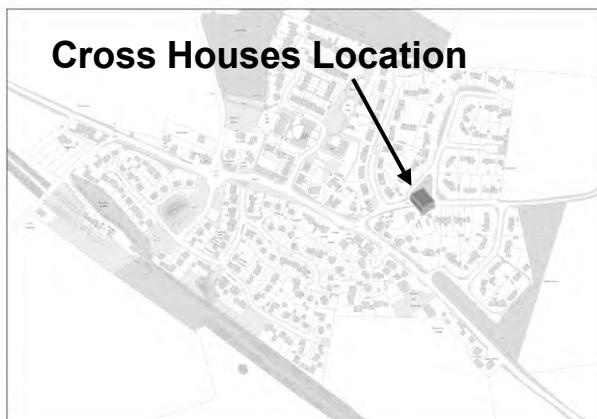
ATCHAM

By The Glebe, 13:20 – 13:35
Friday 5th December & 19th December
Friday 16th January & 30th January

Atcham Location



Cross Houses Location



News from your Shropshire Councillor Susan Coleman

Shropshire Council is still struggling financially and waiting to hear from government whether they can borrow the amount that they need to take us through the end of the financial year in March 2026. We should hear in February whether they have been successful or not. Many of the outstanding highway's issues are funded from the capital budget already agreed so this shouldn't affect these.

I am keeping a close watch on the progress of the planning applications locally and was pleased that the agent from Berrys came to the Berrington Parish Council meeting this month to hear directly from residents about their concerns, which she has taken back to Fletcher Homes to consider amendments to the site plans.


With Christmas a short time away I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome

at community events and parish councils during my first year as your Severn Valley Councillor. A year ago, Claire Wild brought me along to Christmas Fairs and I've enjoyed them all again this year. I hope everyone enjoys family time at this special time of year and I look forward to meeting many of you on my travels around Severn Valley next year.

Happy Christmas,
Cllr Susan Coleman

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Evening	£65

Standard sessions consist of 4 hours.

Bookings can be made for timings outside of the session, subject to consideration for other bookings. We try to be as flexible as possible. Costings may be adjusted accordingly. Please request a firm price when booking.

You will be invoiced at the confirmation of the booking with 14 days to pay after the event. Please ensure the invoice number is quoted. Information regarding access to the building on the day will be sent to you beforehand.

The hirer must be 21 years old or over. Any event must have an adult over the age of 21 present for the whole event.

Please ensure curtains are closed in the main hall for evening rentals, as the hall faces a residential building.

Please do not park in the six parking spaces on the right side as you enter the car park as these belong to residents and visitors of the apartments opposite.

Music must cease at **12:00 midnight**. The evening session must finish by **12:30am**.

Please read the terms and conditions for the end of session.

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Email: chapelcommunitycentre@gmail.com

LITTER PICK – 10/01/2026

Whilst we'd all prefer people simply didn't litter, the sad fact is that litter continues to be an issue across the parish.

Litter picking is perhaps a task best undertaken little and often, but it also presents an opportunity to bring members of the community together for a good cause.

With that in mind, and with winter presenting an ideal opportunity to pick litter due to reduced vegetation coverage, a community litter pick is proposed to take place on **Saturday 10th January 2025**.

Meet at The Community Centre, Cross Houses at 12:00 to discuss target areas for the pick.

Afterwards, hot drinks and cakes will be provided at The Community Centre at **16:00** to those who have helped out.

Please bring your own hi-viz clothing and litter pickers. Bin bags will be provided.

Open to all ages, with an opportunity for children to get involved away from the busier roads.

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Berrington Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help with the running of the Chapel Community Centre. The more who get involved, the lighter the load will be. It's a great way to get involved in your local community and help keep an important community asset up and running.

Whether you can help with providing access / locking the building up, checking the tidiness between bookings or fixing a leaking tap, any and all support is appreciated.

Tasks may include:

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Thurs 25th Dec 2025 – Sun 28th Dec 2025:

Practice closed.

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Mon 29th Dec 2025 - Weds 31st Dec 2025:

Much Wenlock – 08.00 – 18.30

Cressage – open from 08.30

Thurs 1st Jan 2026:

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Fri 2nd Jan 2026:

Much Wenlock – 08.00 – 18.30

Cressage – open from 08.30

DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026



We would like to wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Carer Connect:

Carer connect is a support group dedicated to our unpaid carers and those they care for. It provides an opportunity to meet other carers and to connect with support services within the community. Carer Connect meet at Priory Hall, Much Wenlock on the first Tuesday of the month 2pm-4pm.

MARDEN MEDICAL PRACTICE

From the 17th November 2025, Marden Medical Practice will be moving to a Total Triage model using eConsult for all GP appointment requests. This means that all requests for GP appointments will now start with an online eConsult form, allowing our clinical team to review your needs and direct you to the most appropriate care, whether that's a GP, another clinician, or self-care advice.

There is a link on the www.MardenMedicalPractice.nhs.uk website. If you would like us to help you with this new process please contact the surgery in person or call 01743 241313.

For appointments with our practice nurses, health care assistants and specialist clinics, patients can continue to contact the practice as they do now to schedule an appointment.

Your Appointment

However you choose to contact us, we may offer you a consultation:

- By phone;
- Face-to-face at the surgery;
- On a video call; or
- By text or email.

Appointments by phone, video call or by text or email can be more flexible and often means you get help sooner.

DEFIBRILLATORS

There are three defibrillators in the parish of Berrington. These are located at:

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VENUS POOL NATURE RESERVE

Located just to the south-east of the parish of Berrington, the Venus Pool nature reserve is the closest publicly-accessible nature reserve to the parishes of Atcham and Berrington.

For the first part of the previous Century, the area simply represented agricultural fields adjacent to the Severn Valley Railway.

The pool was originally a natural wet hollow which had been drained but became flooded in the 1950s when a culvert collapsed.

Land to the east was subsequently quarried for sand and gravel up until the 1990s, and the quarry has remained dormant ever since.

Shropshire Ornithological Society acquired the Venus Pool site in 1986 and work commenced to improve the habitat for birds, particularly waterfowl and waders.

Enhancement works took place in 1996 with the assistance of the Environment Agency. In 1999, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the field to the south was purchased, with a car park installed and further improvements.

The small original brick-built hides have been replaced by large, wheelchair-accessible wooden hides to cater for the many thousand visitors who enjoy Venus Pools in any one year. To help manage this number of visitors, the North and Memorial Hides are restricted to members of the Society.

The reserve is managed under the terms of the Countryside Stewardship scheme.

Policy on Dogs at Venus Pool

Please note that dogs are not allowed at Venus Pool. Evidence is now available that shows that the presence of dogs can reduce the number of birds present by around 40% compared to the effect of walkers alone, which reduced numbers by less than 20% (that is without the use of hides). Birds see dogs as potential predators and leave the area – not a habit we want to encourage at Venus Pool.

Current activity at Venus Pool

The reserve is currently hosting an innovative project, in conjunction with governmental and



Left: Venus Pool is the water body on the left, shown here in May 2021 looking north-east towards The Wrekin. The car park is at the bottom of the image. The lake on the right (Cound Trout Fishery) is the flooded remnants of a former quarry and is under separate ownership.

The purchase of the fields to the south allowed for the establishment of species-rich hay meadows and marshy grassland. The larger, southern field was purchased in 2003, again with the support of the HLF, with wild bird crops surrounded by flower-rich margins attractive to insects.

university collaborators, to monitor and identify bird song at Venus Pool (using sophisticated AI-based technology).

If you would like to pursue the potential of this bio-technological innovation and monitor the bird songs identified at Venus Pool (or for any similarly-equipped site), download the BirdWeather app to your phone to access the equipment on site. For more details, visit: <https://www.shropshirebirds.com/index/guide-to-birding-sites/venus-pool-reserve/>



Shropshire Ornithological Society

The home of birding in Shropshire

Meetings run from October to April and take place at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7.15pm. Entry charge £2 for non-members, members free.

Refreshments are served during the interval for a small fee.

Wednesday 4th December: Hayley Garrod of the Chirk Swifts and House Martins Group presents "The Extraordinary Lives of Swifts and House Martins – how to help reverse their decline" Hayley will talk about the birds that she is passionate about, and her award-winning community conservation project featured on BBC's Countryfile, as we get ready to welcome the birds back on their Spring migration.

Please check the website in case of changes to the programme. You can also find details of our field trips on our website. To find out more visit www.shropshirebirds.com



RSPB Shropshire Local Group

Meetings are held at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall on the 4th Tues monthly from September to April (exc Dec). Meetings start at 7.15pm. There is an entrance fee of £3 for members and £7 for visitors. Refreshments are served in the interval (no extra charge).

On **Tuesday, January 22nd 2026**, we welcome **Andrew Fusek Peters** who will present "Birds and Beyond, Wildlife and Wonder". Andrew will be sharing some of his most magical bird stories as well as adventures from his acclaimed new book "**Garden Safari**".

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To contact us and find out more about what we do (including our monthly field trips): you can visit <https://group.rspb.org.uk/shropshire> or find us on Facebook [RSPB Shropshire Local Group](#)



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**RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletter for
Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Parish & Town Councils**

Introduction from the Station Commander RAF Shawbury, Wing Commander Paddy Durnin



Welcome to the second of this year's Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletters. I hope that you continue to find these useful for your Parish and Town Council Committees and also to help keep the communities you represent informed about RAF Shawbury's activity over the past 6 months. As previously, this edition provides an update on our flying operations, through which we provide trained aircrew for the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force as our core UK Defence task.

I hope you also find the broader news interesting as this shows how we try and contribute to communities and groups across the County. For example, you may have seen one of our helicopters supporting different events over this Summer? We managed to drop Science Technology

Engineering and Maths teams and helicopters into schools in Baldwin's Gate, Baschurch, and Market Drayton; as well supporting Sleapkosh, Three Counties Fest, Church Stretton and Weston-under-Redcastle shows. It is always a pleasure to be able to support the hard work of schools and event committees and it is a great way for our personnel to meet their communities and neighbours.

The 80th Anniversary of VE Day also provided us with a wonderful opportunity to recognise and connect with our local veterans. We visited 104-year old Sydney Knott DFC, a Lancaster Rear Gunner who flew 65 operational missions in World War II. The Station also hosted Colin Cole who turned 106 in July and who served with the RAF Air and Sea Rescue Services, including on D-Day and VE Day.

Finally I'd like to reiterate that we rely on the support of civic organisations such as yourselves and the leadership you provide within your communities to fly with the freedoms we require to deliver our UK Defence task. I very much welcome any feedback that you have on this Newsletter, or on how the Station operates and contributes to our neighbours across Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. Our email and telephone contact details are detailed at the end of this newsletter.



A Juno helicopter supporting Weston-under-Redcastle Community Event.



RAF Shawbury Rear Crew trainee meets Sydney Knott DFC on the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Did you know?

As well as helicopter aircrew training, RAF Shawbury is also home to the Defence College of Air and Space Operations (DCASO) and, as such, provides Defence's next generation of military controllers, surveillance officers and air operations specialists. These personnel will provide Air Traffic Control wherever the military operate aircraft around the world, as well as provide the country's UK's Quick Reaction Alert in the event of any threat to UK Air Space. On 11 July 2025, one hundred and fifteen DCASO



The Central Band of the Royal Air Force leads DCASO personnel onto the Air Operations 75th Anniversary Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum.

personnel paraded at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire to mark the 75th Anniversary of continuous Air Operations training being delivered at RAF Shawbury.

Safety Campaigns

RAF Shawbury's 'Be Seen Be Safer' horse rider campaign reached its 10th Anniversary in May 2025. The campaign is run in liaison with the British Horse Society and provides high visibility clothing to anyone who rides in our Low Flying Area. Alongside this, we run an education programme on the importance of our aircrew being able to see riders as early as possible, such that safe distances between helicopters and horses can be maintained. We were pleased to announce on the 10th Anniversary that all Defence helicopter units have now adopted RAF Shawbury's rider safety principles and are running their own 'Be Seen Be Safer' campaigns.



We have also started a Drone Awareness Campaign through our social media channels, which aims to inform individuals who are considering buying a drone about the regulations they must adhere to when flying in and around Shropshire. We have been really pleased to see Drone groups supporting this and helping us spread the message. Professional and recreational drone users are requested to give our Air Operations Team 24hrs notice of their intention to fly anywhere within Low Flying Area 9 (LFA9). Please see map opposite. This is very important to ensure that we can keep everyone as safe as possible. The Air Operations Team can be contacted on 01939 250351 Ext 7163.

RAF Shawbury Flying Operations

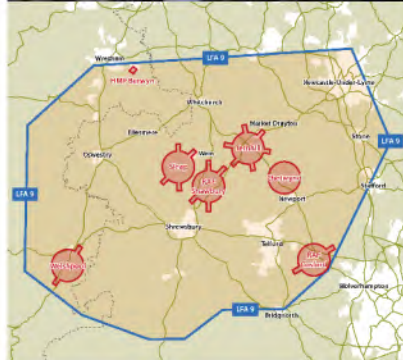
Flying Statistics

Both Juno and Jupiter aircraft continue to deliver Aircrew training for tri-Service personnel. For the period 1 Mar – 1 Sep 25, the following overall hours were flown:

Day Flying Hours	7839
Night Flying Hours	527
Total Flying Hours	8366

Low Flying – Why?

The MOD has an enduring requirement to low fly within the UK. This is to ensure that military aircrew are current and competent to fly the operational missions they might be asked to undertake in their front line roles. All military low flying takes place within the UK Low Flying System. This aims to minimise disturbance to the public, whilst ensuring military requirements are met and air safety risks are managed. RAF Shawbury sits within LFA9, where the majority of flying training delivered by No.1 Flying Training School takes place. All activity is regulated by the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) and conducted in accordance with procedures and restrictions contained within their Low Flying Handbook.



Low flying is a highly perishable skill which can only be maintained through rigorous training and continuous practice in a realistic environment. Although the majority of our flying training is undertaken at a normal operating height, RAF Shawbury aircraft are authorised to fly at 100ft above ground level (agl) and in some cases 50ft (agl) within LFA 9.

Airfield Upgrade



RAF Shawbury is currently nearing completion of major airfield refurbishment under contract with Lagan. The project is on track to be completed by 5 December 2025. All runways and taxiways have been resurfaced as part of the project, as well as the completion of drainage works, lighting and hangar floors. Lagan is now close to the stage where landscaping and finishing touches are beginning to take place. RAF Shawbury has continued to run its training programme throughout the refurbishment programme. The limited space available on the airfield has meant some increased activity at the relief landing grounds, Tern Hill and Chetwynd, and other areas around Shropshire (i.e. Sleaf airfield). From 2026 this will return to normal levels, depending on our training throughput.

Our Contact Details

Low Flying Complaints Email:
SHY-LowFlying@mod.gov.uk

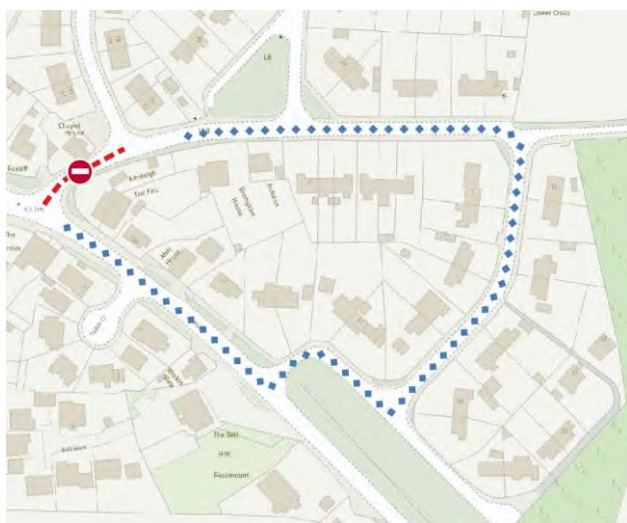
Low Flying Complaints Telephone:
01939 251712

Engagement and Media General Enquiries:
SHY-EngagementMediaTeam@modgovuk.onmicrosoft.com

UPCOMING ROADWORKS

When? 16th to 20th February 2026
Where? Lower Cross, Cross Houses
Why? National Grid Cable Reinforcement Scheme
Reference: HM5142520682B-02

The road will be closed from the junction with the A458 to Noel Hill Road.



FOOD RESILIENCE

SECURING OUR FOOD FUTURE



WHAT IS FOOD RESILIENCE?

Food resilience is the ability of the food system to withstand shocks and still provide safe and nutritious food for all.

WHY IT MATTERS

- 40% of UK food is imported
- Climate change threatens UK crop yields
- Cost-of-living crisis has increased food insecurity

BUILDING RESILIENCE

- Support local food production
- Invest in regenerative agriculture
- Strengthen supply chain logistics
- Encourage community food networks

RISKS TO THE UK FOOD SYSTEM

- CLIMATE CHANGE:** Drought; floods
- BREXIT:** Labour shortages, import issues
- ENERGY PRICES:** Higher costs for transport and storage
- PANDEMICS & CONFLICT:** Supply chain instability



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Marden Surgery	01743 241313	Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000
Riverside Surgery	01743 367891	Severn Trent Water	0800 783 4444
Shrewsbury Police Station	0300 333 3000	Shropshire Home Point	0300 303 8595
Bromford Housing Association	0330 1234 034	Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride	01743 450350
Homes Plus	0800 048 8955	Shropshire Highways	0345 678 9006
Councillor Susan Coleman	07843 111539	Bins & Recycling (missed collections)	0345 678 9007
Citizens Advice Bureau	0808 278 7894	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	01743 261000
Age UK	01743 233123	Princess Royal Hospital, Telford	01952 641222
Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247	National Grid (Emergency)	0800 6783 105
Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 808 1677	National Grid	0800 096 3080
Berrington Parish Council Clerk	07379 213308	RSPCA (Cruelty Hotline)	0300 1234 999
Gas Emergency Services	0800 111 999	Floodline	0345 988 1188
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	Dog Fouling (Reporting) – Longden Road Depot	0345 678 9006
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RECYCLING AND WASTE

over the

Festive

period



The day of the week your recycling and waste is collected may change over the festive period.

Usual Collection Day	Revised Day of Collection
Monday 22 December 2025	Saturday 20 December 2025
Tuesday 23 December 2025	Monday 22 December 2025
Wednesday 24 December 2025	Tuesday 23 December 2025
Thursday 25 December 2025	Wednesday 24 December 2025
Friday 26 December 2025	Saturday 27 December 2025
Monday 29 December 2025	No change
Tuesday 30 December 2025	No change
Wednesday 31 December 2025	No change
Thursday 1 January 2026	Friday 2 January 2026
Friday 2 January 2026	Saturday 3 January 2026

Red = Earlier collection day Blue = Later collection day Black = No change



Household
Recycling Centre

HRCs are open 9am-5pm daily, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day when they are closed.

In the event of severe weather please leave your containers out for collection (including those who have subscribed to the garden waste service). We'll collect them as soon as it's safe to do so.