

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REPORT FOR MARCH 2021

1. Roll out of Vaccinations continue with the four top categories completed and extra depots opening locally to receive both first and second injections.
2. Home testing kits are available from Cleobury Mortimer Pharmacy or ring 119.
3. If you identify a vulnerable household contact 03456189078 or check Shropshire Council web page.
4. Unpaid Carers can get help and advice ring 01743 341995.
5. Armed forces help ring 01743 255931.
6. Small Employer access to testing; Community testing.centralops@dhsc.gov.uk
7. Shrewsbury/Chester University has expanded their courses especially nursing and social care. There are also opportunities for retraining in many of the skills we currently need.check on the Council web site.
8. Waste Collection changes in parts of the Old Bridgnorth area will be finalised and start from March 15th Calendars will be left to all the houses in the next two weeks.
9. There are still a series of grants available for businesses and Community groups click on Shropshire Council web site for further information.
10. Council tax agreed at 3.99% Band D range from £1517 to £1600 for our area.
11. There is still time to respond to the Local Transport Plan this can be done on line.
12. Discussions are still taking place regarding alternative headquarters for Shropshire Council.
13. Councils commitment to Climate Change was reaffirmed at full Council on February 25th.
14. All Councils need to be alert to land slips on our local rivers and brooks.
15. Individually worth reporting any Highways problems to customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk
16. We seem to have an infestation of Ivy growing in our trees and hedges which are causing considerable damage. If you can please sever strands at the base and they will die off during summer and easily removed next winter.

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March 1st 2021