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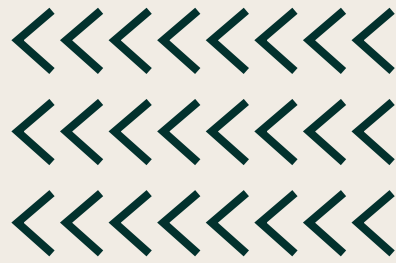
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Parish Council Meeting Reports



The Parish Council regularly meets each month to discuss matters of importance in the parish. Under delegated power, the committees meet to receive and consider updates and requests that fall under their jurisdiction. They focus on the specific actions in the terms of reference for each of the committees.

The terms of reference for each committee can be found online at shavingtononline.co.uk/governance-documents/

An update from each of the committees is summarised below.

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council

- **Strategic Review:** Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council has committed to a strategic review to guide their activities over the next 5 years. This review will be shared with residents to gather their valuable feedback.
- **New PCSO:** After over a decade of service, PCSO Pete Corbett has left the parish to progress in his career. The Parish Council warmly welcomes PCSO Dan Walley as the new addition to our community.
- **Collaboration with Shavington Primary School:** Simona Garner, Clerk to Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, had a positive meeting with the new Headteacher at Shavington Primary School. Both organisations are enthusiastic about working together.
- **Main Road Car Park:** The Clerk is awaiting a quote and a draft contract for the community use of the car park from the Finance Director and Estate and Marketing Director at The Learning Partnership. The goal is to have these by 1st November for consideration by Councillors before the 2024/25 budget is finalized.
- **Budget 2024/25:** The Parish Council is actively engaged in setting the budget for 2024/25, with approval expected in December.
- **New Notice Board:** A new notice board has been generously donated by Persimmon Homes and has been installed on Newcastle Road by the pedestrian crossing.
- **Weston Ecological Mitigation Area:** The Parish Council is exploring the acquisition of the Weston Ecological Mitigation Area behind Hickory's Smokehouse.

- **Impact Project:** The Parish Council has received £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund for the Impact project. This initiative aims to transform two phone kiosks into vertical gardens and create pollinator-friendly areas in the Parish. Work has already commenced in green areas outside Hickory's Smokehouse, Gresty.
- **Local Council Award Scheme:** The Parish Council submitted the portfolio for the Foundation Award at the Local Council Award Scheme. The award is aimed to certify the good governance of councils around the UK.

Community Engagement Committee

- **Remembrance Service:** The Remembrance Service took place on Sunday 12 November. Booklets were distributed to residents.
- **Christmas Carol:** Join us for the Christmas Carol event on Saturday, 23rd December.
- **Christmas Event:** The Parish Council has decided to cancel its Christmas event to support a community fundraising event organised by the Elephant pub. The funds raised at the Elephant event will go towards purchasing a much-needed defibrillator available for the whole community.

Planning Committee

- The committee meets monthly to comment planning applications.

For any further information about any of the above or any other Parish Council matter please contact the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Clerk via email clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk

Environment & Recreation Committee

- **Gresty Lane Allotments:** All plots have now been assigned. If you're interested in being added to the waiting list, please contact the Clerk Simona Garner at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk
- **Shavington Park Allotment:** Discussions are ongoing between Persimmon Homes and Trust Green to complete the transfer of the allotment site. The Parish Council is eager to expedite this process to grant access to those on the waiting list.
- **Ground Maintenance Service:** A call for quotations for 2024/25 has been published. Quotes received will be evaluated by the Environment & Recreation Committee

Staffing Committee

- **Staff Annual Appraisals:** Staff annual appraisals are currently underway.

Village Hall Committee

- **Roof Leak:** The Committee is addressing roof leak issues at the Village Hall.
- **Occupancy Data:** The occupancy data for the Village Hall in 2023/24 has been exceptionally positive.

Finance & Strategy Committee

- **Budget Setting:** The committee is leading the budget-setting process for 2024/25.

Map of the Parish

Churches

- 1 The New Life Community Church
- 2 Shavington Methodist Church
- 3 St Mark's Shavington

Medical






- 4 Rope Green Medical Centre

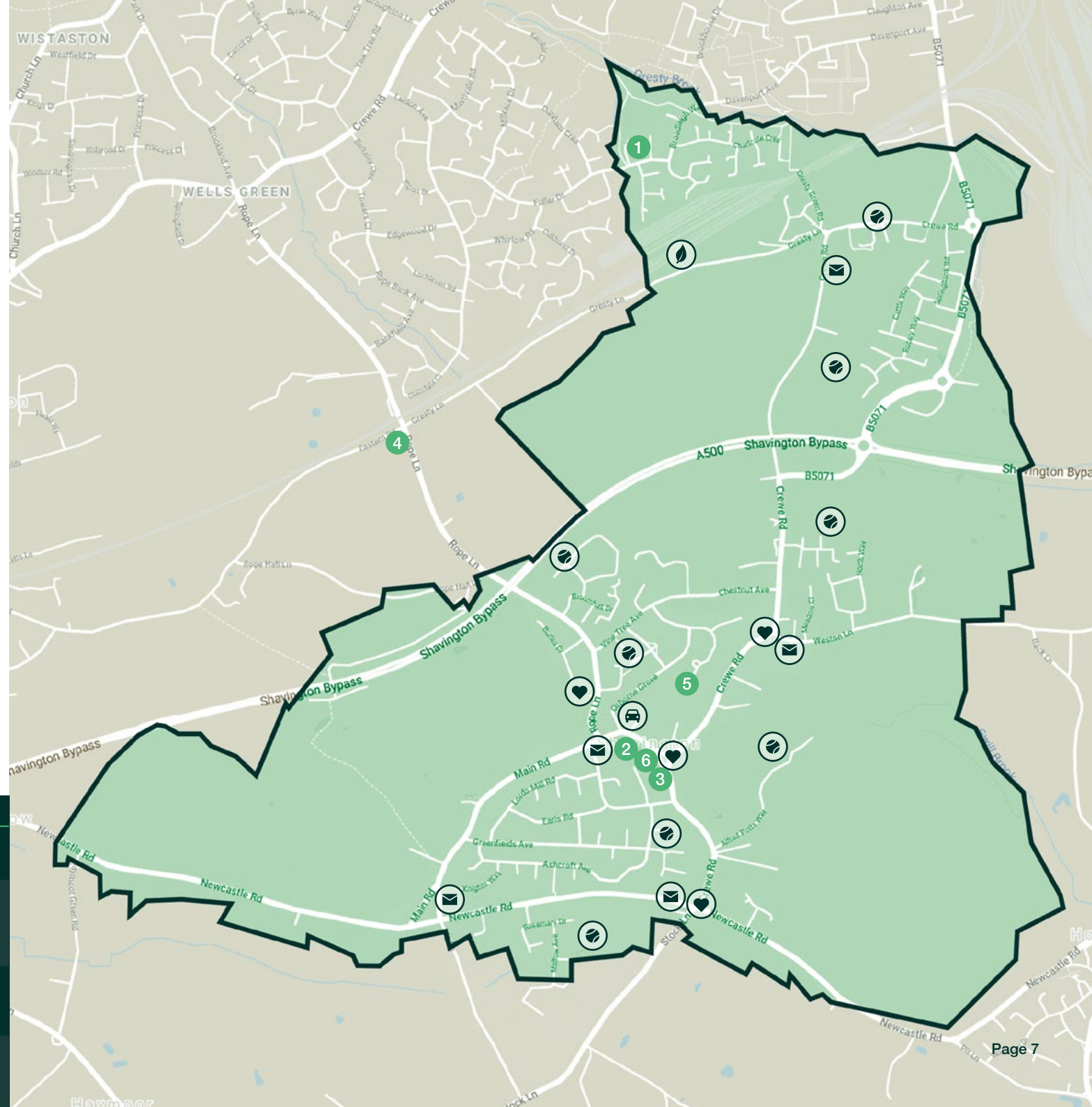
Schools

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-  Allotments
-  Play Areas
-  Car Parks
-  Post Boxes
-  Defibrillators



Defib Location	Position	What Three Words	24 Hours
Village Hall, Main Road	Outside wall	cheater.bind.growl	Yes
EPG Security Systems, 417 Newcastle Road	Outside wall, adjacent to postbox	flaunting.dorm.quiet	Yes
Nisa, 2 Weston Court, Crewe Road	Outside wall, adjacent to entrance	smarter.motor.replayed	Yes
Co-op, Rope Lane	Inside store	regaining.bashed.adverbs	No



Carols at

CHRISTMAS

Saturday 23rd December @ 4:00 pm

We warmly invite you to our special event, 'Carols at Christmas,' a celebration of community and Christmas spirit!

Join us for an entertaining evening of family-friendly Yuletide cheer at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. For an evening full of song, celebration, and genuine community Christmas cheer.

Immerse yourself in our live brass band, performing a selection of beloved carols such as "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "The Holly and the Ivy."

To add a dash of traditional Christmas, we'll be serving delicious mince pies, mulled wine, teas, coffee and squash.

We can't wait to celebrate this special time of year with you!
Come along to Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall -
let's jingle all the way to Christmas!

*Do remember, our merry gathering is limited to 100 participants, with entry on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications in August, September and October 2023.

Whilst the Parish Council can comment on planning applications, it is for Cheshire East Council to make the decision on whether they should be approved.

All planning applications can be viewed on the Cheshire East Council website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

If residents are concerned about any planning applications, we encourage you to submit your comments directly to Cheshire East Council.

August 2023

No applications received.

September 2023

Number: 23/3085N
Address: 73A Main Road, Shavington, CW2 5DU
Description: Left hand side two storey extension.
Outcome: No comments.

October 2023

Number: 23/3613N
Address: Basford West Development Site, Jack Mills Way, Shavington
Description: 1 no building mounted fascia sign displaying company name and logo.
Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/3716N
Address: 22 Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5JB
Description: Proposed Garage.
Outcome: No comments.

Parish Council Cancels Christmas Event to Support Community Defibrillator Initiative

On 4 October 2023, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council made the decision to cancel its Community Christmas event on Sunday, 3 December, in favour of supporting another community initiative in the village.

The Elephant Public House, this event includes a Santa's Grotto, Christmas market, hog roast and children's entertainment. The primary aim of raising funds is for the acquisition of a defibrillator for use in the community. The availability of such a vital tool is crucial for the wellbeing of the community, ensuring that emergency services have access to essential resources needed to save lives.

Councillor B Gibbs, the Chair of the Parish Council, spoke on behalf of the council and emphasized that the decision was reached after careful consideration of all available options. The commitment of the council to support all community activities and events in the Parish ultimately led to the decision to step back from their own event and wholeheartedly support this remarkable initiative.

Councillor Benjamin Gibbs stated, "Having a defibrillator available in this location for the whole community will be a great asset and will ensure that, in an emergency, we all have access to the tools needed for rapid response and care."

Though the community Christmas event has been cancelled, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council is delighted to announce that they will still be hosting a Christmas Carol event on Saturday, 23 December at 4PM. This cheerful occasion promises to bring warmth and festive cheer to residents as they celebrate the festive season and all are warmly invited to participate.

For more information please contact:
CommunityManager@shavingtononline.co.uk

Shavington Clean Team

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Clean Team has had a busy year. We are grateful to each and every one of the volunteers that have supported the team led by Councillor Rene Hancock.

During the winter months the Clean Team does not have a scheduled meeting but we would like to encourage residents to look after their own area and help to make a difference to our Parish.



Thank you to our
Clean Team volunteers!

A message from your PCSO

We said a fond farewell and thank you to PCSO Peter Corbett who has served us as our Shavington-cum-Gresty PCSO from Spring 2011 for 12 years. We wish him all the very best in his new position within the police force.

We have welcomed PCSO Dan Walley as our dedicated PCSO for Shavington-cum-Gresty.

“
Hello Shavington-cum-Gresty.
My name is Dan and I am delighted to announce that, I am your new PCSO.
I previously served nearly 3 years on response covering the area of Chester city centre and have been in a PCSO role since October 2022. Outside of work I enjoy sports especially football and golf.
I am really looking forward to the role and will continue the great work that PCSO Pete Corbett has done for many years. Hopefully I can also put my own stamp on things and am looking forward to working with you all. You can contact me through the drop box outside the village Hall, via an online submission form:
<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> or by ringing 101.”



Recent Bike Marking community session held in Shavington-cum-Gresty

This report is a general overview of what we have been doing these months and gives crime prevention advice.

To keep residents informed we have a data log of the incidents dealt with over each month:

Incident	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23
Highway Obstructions	3	2	4
Malicious Communications	2	2	1
Theft/Burglary	8	5	3
Road Traffic Offences/ Collisions	6	8	5
Drug Use	1	1	0
Safety/Welfare Checks	18	8	8
Criminal Damage	0	2	1
Suspicious Activities	1	5	3
Anti-Social Behaviour	2	3	2
Domestic Incidents	24	22	0
Other	Neighbourhood dispute: 2 Missing person: 1	Neighbourhood dispute: 2 Child welfare: 2 Missing person: 2	Neighbourhood dispute: 3 Abandoned 999: 1

If you need to get in touch with the PCSO you can contact them by ringing 101 (this is the number for non-emergencies). You can also leave a message for them in the post-box outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall or you can be involved in the online Police Surgeries (details and dates for this are posted on the Facebook page Shavington, Rope, Willaston and Wistaston Police @ShavRopeWillWistPol)

Please note: our detailed report goes out to each Parish Council meeting, and you can find it on the Meeting Agenda Pack published on www.shavingtononline.co.uk

We continue to respond to requests from residents.



Following the success of the #QueenBee community project run by the Parish Council in 2022 and conscious of the community appetite to improve and enhance green spaces in the parish, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council has successfully secured National Lottery Community funding of £10,000 for our new project 'IMPACT - every leaf counts'.

With 'IMPACT - every leaf counts', the Parish Council aims to create and enhance the biodiversity in the area with an emphasis on improving pollinator habitats, and to raise awareness and empower residents with taking ownership of green spaces in the parish.



The project aims to:

- **Leaf 1:** Revamp existing green spaces with pollinator-friendly plants.
- **Leaf 2:** Convert disused phone kiosks into community vertical herb gardens.
- **Leaf 3:** Establish a group of volunteers to look after green areas in the parish.
- **Leaf 4:** Cultivate environmental awareness with a series of garden coffee meetings.
- **Leaf 5:** Promote opportunities for people to meet and connect with others who share similar interests or values, to help build social networks and strengthen relationships within the community.

The Parish Council will support community groups to work together to deliver/arrange/present educational talks and workshops on environmental issues that directly affect the parish.

The Parish Council will help these community groups to promote these opportunities within the local community and encourage new membership.

The purpose of this is to create an awareness of the environmental support that people attending these groups can assist with on a local level. They will also create opportunities for people to meet and connect with others who share similar interests or values. It is hoped that this signposting will help build social networks and strengthen existing relationships within the community. This can help to reduce social isolation and create support for those facing challenges or difficulties. Helping to build a sense of community which can help enhance personal growth and well-being.

IMPACT LEAF 1

The focus of Leaf 1 was to revamp green areas in the parish across three different locations. The gardens will be planted with a selection of roses and bulbs, which are an important wildlife habitat and source of pollen for bees, butterflies and birds.

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council is delighted that the work for these areas has been completed.



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Coronation Gardens

The rose beds in the Jubilee gardens were rejuvenated to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. New roses were planted in the centre of these beds and bulbs have been planted around the flowerbeds to ensure some colour in spring.

Bulb Planting

The call to help plant bulbs in the community was well received and we were grateful to the members of the community that came to plant the spring bulbs. The bulbs were funded as a part of our National Lottery Community funding and we are hopeful that they will bring some colour in springtime to the Parish.





New Planters in Gresty

The Planters opposite Gresty Lane, outside Hickory's Smokehouse were the next task to be undertaken. These flower beds had become severely overgrown and then, after being cut back, were left unattended. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council wanted to improve this focal point for residents and sought permission to reinstate these flowerbeds.

We were grateful for the support from Keltbray as they dedicated two of their community volunteer days to the project. The team worked so hard, working through a very wet first day! Staff from Hickory's Smokehouse Gresty also supported the project providing refreshments and involving themselves in the planting sessions. The Cheshire Wildlife Trust kindly provided us with advice and ideas for planting as we tried to select plants that would encourage wildlife habitat and provide sources of pollen for bees, butterflies, and birds.

Phone Kiosks

The supplier for refurbishing the kiosks has been selected and refurbishment to convert them into Community Herb Gardens will start early in 2024.

If you are interested in any of these initiatives, please contact our Community Manager communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25 to discuss this further.

Lest We Forget Remembrance 2023

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, St Mark's Church and Shavington Methodist Church, came together to lead our annual Parish Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November 2023.

The outdoor service at the war memorial was attended by a large crowd, whilst those who preferred to watch from home could do this through our live streaming of the event.

The service itself was opened by the Chairman of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, Councillor Benjamin Gibbs, who introduced the first hymn. Rev. Sarah Butcher from Shavington Methodist Church and Rev. Rachael Griffiths from St Mark's then continued to lead following the hymn and introduced representatives from a variety of village organisations to contribute to the service:

- Scout leaders Chris Wood and Jen Wilkinson led the parade of Veterans, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and community members
- Cllr Rene Hancock from Shavington Village Festival Committee led the hymns
- Shavington Ward Councillor Linda Buchanan read the poem 'Flanders Fields'

- Amy Brock, Deputy Headteacher from Shavington Primary School, read the poem 'The Inquisitive Mind of a Child'
- The Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were also in attendance
- David Bridge, a Royal Navy Veteran who served on HMS Shavington attended on behalf of the Ton Class Association

John Clark from Shavington Academy played the last post and a two-minutes' silence was held. Wreaths were laid by village organisations, and the village joined together in singing the National Anthem.

The live streaming of the service was very popular, and many viewers tuned in to see the service live or watch it afterwards.

We were grateful to members of the WI who served refreshments to the congregation after the service.





HISTORICAL



SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY

This edition of our newsletter continues our 'Historical Shavington-cum-Gresty' Series, in which we would like to share the history of Shavington-cum-Gresty with the parish.

In this edition and the next few editions of the newsletter we will feature some extracts and information from the booklet '100 Years of Education in Shavington' by L.A Barnett.

This centenary booklet was written to celebrate 100 years of education in Shavington from 1875 to 1975. Mr Barnett was Headteacher of Shavington Primary school.



Photograph supplied by Sue Bell. Taken in either 1922 or 1923. Louise Monaghan identified her father Frank Poynter in this photograph.

The Early Years

In the next edition we will focus on the chapter the 'Middle Years of Education in Shavington'.

During the period from 1920 to 1950, the decades covering a general strike, depression, the silver jubilee of King George V shortly followed by his death; the accession of Edward VIII followed by his abdication, the accession and coronation of King George VI and, in the last decade, World War II, education continued in Shavington.

The Infant School, throughout the whole of this had one head teacher, Miss A Hallam, whose loyal service to county and the village was acknowledged at a retiring presentation on the 31st of January 1952.

The mixed school had three head teachers during this time. Mr W.L Plant who, after serving five years as head teacher, died

following a very short illness of Pneumonia in 1922; Mr J.B. Ruscoe who, after eight years service in Shavington, proceeded to Haslington Council School as headteacher; and Mr R Dodd who retired in February 1951 after 20 years as head teacher of the school.

The school logbooks contained information about leaking roofs, missing coping stones, burst pipes and flooded Cellars. In 1926, the records refer to shortages of coke (a fuel derived from coal) during the National Coal Strikes and, on several occasions, children had to be sent home because school was not warm enough for them to stay. Mr Plant started parents visits to the school which continued as the feature of the school into the present day. The school was inspected once during Mr Plant's five years, and he received an excellent school report.



Photograph supplied by Stephen Lowndes. Image from Derek Jackson.

Mr Dodd became the headmaster of the Shavington Mixed School on the 13th of April 1931 and two changes in the school took place very soon after. The old, long seated wooden desk was slowly taken from the school and replaced with jewel desks. The second change took place in August 1931 when the old oil lamps were eventually taken down and electric lights came into the school. Efforts were made during this time to have the school equipped with some kind of hot water system, but it was not until 20 years later that the efforts bore fruit. In the 1930's, the death of King George V was followed by the coronation of King George VI in 1936 and all the school children received a commemorative Coronation mug.

1939 saw the outbreak of World War II. This time Shavington was host to a number of Liverpool evacuees, and the school was kept very busy at that time helping in the finding of homes for the children and in organising their education. Evacuee children were absorbed into the teaching life of the Shavington schools. Their own teachers came

with them and considerable reorganisation was necessary to provide them with accommodation. Sometime during this, four large air raid shelters were built in the field across the road from the school which is now the current Primary School playing field. During this period, the field beyond this was used as an allotment and many householders grew vegetables there.

It was in 1944 that the Education Act was passed. Education authorities were now providing secondary education for all children after their 11th birthday. Previously children with academic ability had been recommended by their head teachers to take either the scholarship examination or the fee payers' examination for entrance to grammar school. Children not taking these examinations stayed on at the Council school until they reached the age of 14 when they left. Under this new act, all the children were to receive a Secondary Education. They followed some sort of selection procedure, and in 1945 the examination selection took place. The school was closed on these occasions,

and only the children in the 10 plus age group attended. They took three papers, all taking approximately 45 minutes, in English, Arithmetic and Intelligence. In the late 40s discussions were taking place at County Hall concerning the provision of the secondary education in Shavington, but it was not until 1958 that the Shavington Secondary Modern School in Rope Lane was finally opened. In 1944, the Act also charged authorities with providing a school meal service in school. In Shavington, the first county meal service was

provided, and all meals were brought from a centre in Nantwich and served in St Mark's Church Hall. In 1950, the school canteen was opened, and meals were cooked in Shavington and served in the dining room.

There was one sad period during a time when Mr Dodd was headmaster. In November 1949 the school was closed because of an epidemic of poliomyelitis when several children caught the disease and one boy died.

For our next edition we will be covering the years 1950-1972. These are the final years before the Old School ceased to have pupils and Shavington County Junior School opened.

If you have any information or photographs that you would like to share in the March edition, please email our Community Manager communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk before 19 January 2024.

Photograph taken around 1934. The photograph has been kindly supplied by Linda Morgan. The photograph shows her mother Irene Maddock.



Hire

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY VILLAGE HALL

for your *Birthday Party*

Facilities include:

- Flexible space to fit bouncy castle and party area to eat
- Tables and chairs
- Free Wi-Fi
- Entertainment licence
- Kitchen Area
- Car Park
- Accessible for all

Book now

Email villagehall@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone **01270 42 11 25** to book the hall.

Visit shavingtononline.co.uk/village-hall-hire for pricing and further information.

OFFER

Weekend session from only **£35** to those who live within the Parish.



'The village hall was perfect for our daughter's birthday party. We had a bouncy castle in the main hall, with tables set out for the party food. In the small room we had the area for our magician so all the children could sit on the carpet to watch him perform - Just perfect'

Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall is available for group bookings.

The hall is suitable for regular meetings and classes and also for children's birthday parties.

Cost to Hire

The cost to hire the village hall is from £33 for a 4-hour session.

Monday-Friday

8.00 am – 12 noon	£33
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm	£33
6.00 pm – 10.00 pm	£33

Saturday

9.00 am – 1.00 pm	£50
2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	£50
7.00 pm – 11.00 pm	£75

Sunday

9.00 am – 1.00 pm	£50
2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	£50
7.00 pm – 11.00 pm	£50

Prices apply from 1st April 2023.



Offers Available

- Weekend session £35 for those who live in the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish (weekend booking only. Excluding Saturday 7.00pm – 11.00pm.)
- 16 weeks consecutive booking block at the cost of 12 weeks for regular users (weekday only).

“The Village Hall was an ideal location for our community fair. There was plenty of space for stalls and we welcomed a large number of people through the door. We shall definitely use this venue again.”

Local charity group

“The Village Hall was an ideal location for our birthday celebrations. A great space with kitchen facilities and ample parking for all our guests.”

Louise - village resident

“We are a local group that uses the Village Hall for our weekly club. The facilities are great for us and we benefit from the regular user discount.”

Paul - community group organiser



Autumn Walk



Join Us for Our Winter Walk Sunday 21st January 2024

Due to the success of the previous seasonal walks, Helen has kindly agreed to lead a 'Winter Walk' on Sunday 21 January.

Meeting at 1pm in the carpark of Hickory's Smokehouse, Gresty, the walk is 2.5 miles and will take just over an hour on good footpaths.

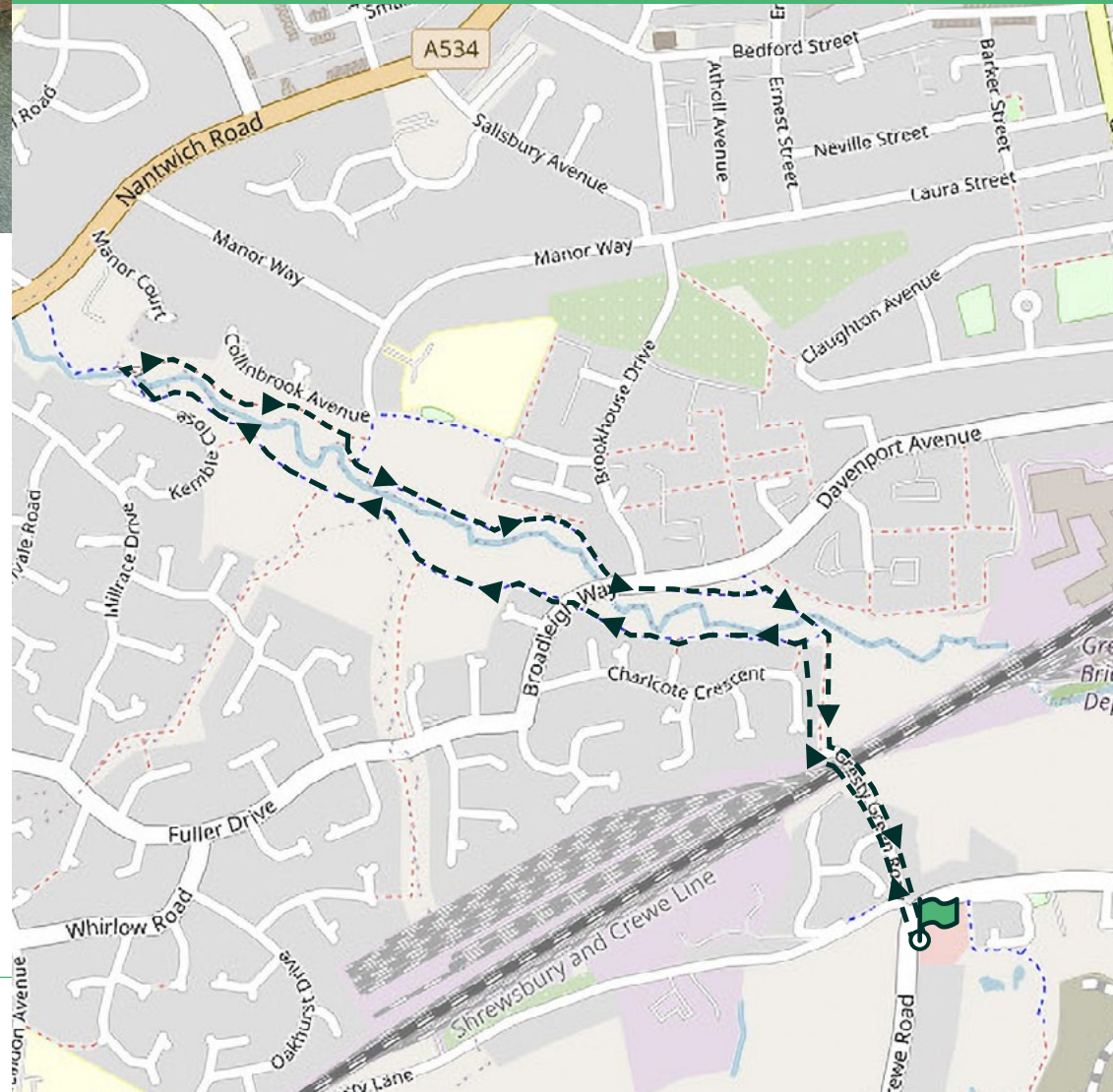
All community members are invited to join.



On a slightly wet Sunday in early October, meeting outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Helen Lea led one of our Parish Council newsletter featured walks around the local area.

A number of community members joined in and it was great to see all ages join together plus a 4-legged friend join in too!

The walk took just over an hour and took the group on a circular route across the fields and along Main Road and Rope Lane.



Spotlight on... Scouting

Our Shavington Scout Group boasts a rich history, with roots going back to the early 1900s. Not long after Robert Baden-Powell started the Scouting movement, young boys from Shavington, Willaston, and Wistaston formed part of a Scout Group in the Crewe District.

Officially, the 1st Shavington Scout Group began with registration in 1928. Records of early Scouting continuing are sparse, but we have details of activities until around 1937, and the current HQ was acquired in 1944. After a brief period of inactivity, Scouting resumed in Shavington, and since 1968, our village has had a consistent Scout Group presence.



By the early 1990s, Beavers were introduced, allowing younger kids to join in the fun, and a notable point, since 1991, Scouting in Shavington (and nationally), hasn't been just for boys. Our sections proudly include both girls and boys, reflecting the inclusive spirit of modern Scouting.

Sadly, it hasn't always been plain sailing. Post-Covid, our numbers dwindled, especially among adult volunteers. Our Beavers even needed to team-up with the Willaston Scout Group for a bit due to a lack of leaders. Thankfully, by September 2022, we were back on our feet with all sections back in Shavington.

Our activities are varied and engaging. Some of our recent adventures - Beavers have been climbing, pond dipping, hiking, and enjoyed a visit to Nantwich fire station. Cubs have been crate stacking, had a visit from the PCSO, enjoyed outdoor cooking, and hiking. The Scouts? They've been out sailing, exploring trails around Chester, golfing, climbing, trying archery, cooking in forest pizza ovens, and learning essential life skills.

We are hugely fortunate to have Milldale, our fantastic District campsite, nearby and many memories have been made and continue to be made at this wonderful place.

One testament to the popularity of Scouting in Shavington is the fact that we are always full and always with a sizeable waiting list. The small size of our Scout Hut means that the number of children that we can accommodate is always limited, but another limiting factor is getting adults that are willing to help out.



Adult volunteers are the backbone of Scouting, and to continue our legacy and offer the great range of activities, we need help. We understand that leading a section might not be for everyone. Still, there are numerous roles, both big and small, that make a significant difference. From helping to organise events, cooking at a camp, assisting in sessions, handling logistics to even helping maintain our building and equipment - every bit helps. So, if you're reading this and thinking of a way to contribute to your community, maybe consider joining us. Whether you can

give a lot of time or just a little, every hand on deck is valuable.

In conclusion, the Shavington Scout Group is more than just an organisation; it's a community cornerstone. We're on the lookout for enthusiastic villagers who can pitch in and help keep this legacy alive and thriving. Get in touch, and let's keep the Scouting spirit burning bright in Shavington!

For further information about volunteering or for enquiries about joining please contact Jen Wilkinson at jenwilkinson@writeme.com

Meet Your Parish Councillors



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Parish Council Committees

Parish Council

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
6 December 2023 – 7:30 pm (3 January 2024 – 7:30 pm)*	Parish Council is the first level of local government. Its aim is to provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action.	Benjamin Gibbs 07845 290192 BenjaminGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk
7 February 2024 – 7:30 pm		
6 March 2024 – 7:30 pm (3 April 2024 – 7:30 pm)*	Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council sets the annual budget of the Council, comments on planning applications, establishes committee and working groups, delegates powers to committees, discusses strategic plans for the Parish.	
1 May 2024 – 7:30 pm		

Community & Engagement Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
13 December 2023 – 7:30 pm	Its principal role is to develop and maintain a plan to improve communication between the Parish Council and its residents and to enable greater engagement with the community via this newsletter, website and social media accounts.	Kevin Gibbs 01270 666786 KevinGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk
13 March 2024 – 7:30 pm		

Environment & Recreation Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
13 December – 7:30 pm	The Committee is responsible for the allotments, Vine Tree Play Area and any other issues relating to the environs of the area.	Matt Ferguson 07767 672571 MattFerguson@shavingtononline.co.uk
13 March 2024 – 7:30 pm		

Staffing Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
10 January 2024 – 7:30 pm	The Committee is responsible for all staffing matters.	Linda Buchanan 07913 846981 LindaBuchanan@shavingtononline.co.uk

Village Hall Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
31 January 2024 – 7:30 pm	The Committee has a strategic role in managing the Village Hall as an asset to ensure optimum occupancy and income.	Gordon McIntyre 07726 963584 GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk

Finance & Strategy Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
28 February 2024 – 7:30 pm	The Committee takes a strategic overview of Council operations and ensures that strategy is coordinated across all committees in line with the strategic agenda set by members. The Committee oversees the general operations of the Council in areas such as finance, policy review, budget management, audit, risk management.	Russell Jones 07545 886190 RussellJones@shavingtononline.co.uk

Planning Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
6 December 2023 – 7.00 pm	The Committee meets to discuss and review planning applications within the Parish boundaries.	Gordon McIntyre 07726 963584 GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk
10 January 2024 – 7.00 pm		
7 February 2024 – 7.00 pm		
6 March 2024 – 7.00 pm		
17 April 2024 – 7.00 pm		
1 May 2024 – 7.00 pm		

*Supplementary Parish Council meetings to be called if needed only.

Complaints committee meets only when necessary.

Committee Memberships

	Full Parish Council	Community Engagement Committee	Finance & Strategy Committee	Environment & Recreation Committee	Staffing Committee	Village Hall Committee	Complaints Committee	Planning Committee
Cllr L Buchanan	●			●	●		●	
Cllr K Cruickshank	●	●		●		●		
Cllr M Ferguson	●		●	●				●
Cllr B Gibbs	●	●	●		●		●	
Cllr K Gibbs	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cllr R Hancock	●					●	●	●
Cllr R Jones	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Cllr S Jones	●	●	●	●		●		●
Cllr P McHugh	●	●		●	●		●	●
Cllr G McIntyre	●	●				●		●
Cllr S Randle	●			●				
Cllr C Wain	●							●

● Chair ● Vice Chair ● Member

Do you want to dedicate a bench in the parish to a loved one?

Were one of your relatives an integral part of the Shavington-cum-Gresty community in recent years and would you like to donate a bench in their name?

This is a unique opportunity for community members of Shavington-cum-Gresty to sponsor a memorial bench in memory of a loved one. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council will take care of siting the bench for you in a predefined location and dedicating it to your loved one. There will be a limited number of benches available in the Parish.

Where will the bench be sited?

Shavington-cum Gresty Parish Council are currently working with Cheshire East Council to create a list of predefined locations. The people on the waiting list will have the opportunity to select the position of their commemorative bench.



How will the bench be dedicated to my loved one?

Community members will be able to commission a plaque on their bench with their own special message. Once agreed, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council will arrange for this to be fitted onto the commemorative bench.

How can I find out more?

To find out more about this opportunity you can contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk or call 01270 42 11 25. You can also visit our website shavingtononline.co.uk/commemorative-bench/

Weekly What's On



If you would like to be included in our Weekly What's On Guide please email our community manager at: communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk

Monday

Rhythm time

Time: 10.00 am – Toddler Class
10.45 am – Baby Class
11.00 am – Baby Class

Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Gemma on 07511 208160
gemma.c@rhythmtime.org

Fit as a Fiddle

Low impact keep fit.
Time: 10.15 am–11.00 am
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott on 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

U3a Bridge

Time: 1.00 pm–3.45 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Enquiries@candnu3a.org.uk

Monday Fellowship

This is a faith based meeting that discusses the bible.
Time: 2.00 pm–4.00 pm (Fortnightly)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Averil George on 07908 558358
sarah.butcher@methodist.org.uk

Pilates

Beginners and intermediate level.
Time: 6.30 pm–7.30 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott on 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

Knit & Natter

Time: 7.00 pm–9.00 pm
(Second & fourth Monday of the month)
Location: The Vine Pub
Contact: Ali Peake on 07989 171918

Nantwich Bridge Club

Time: 7.00 pm–9.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Barrie Milnes on 01270 842854

Tuesday

St Mark's Toddlers

Time: 1.30 pm–3.00 pm (weekly)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Sara Randle
CFW@allsaintsandstmarks.co.uk

AJT Dance: Adult Fitsteps Dance

Time: 2.00 pm–2.45 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Private Lessons

Time: 2.00 pm–4.00 pm
4.45 pm–6.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

GLOW (God Loves Our World)

Church based story and craft group for primary aged children.
Time: 3.30 pm–5.00 pm (fortnightly in term time)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Sara Randle
CFW@allsaintsandstmarks.co.uk

AJT Dance:

Classical ballet, tap & Modern
Time: 4.00 pm–4.45 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance:

11-13 Modern Theatre Dance years
Time: 4.15 pm–5.15 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
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AJT Dance: Musical Theatre (Age 5+)

Time: 6.00 pm–7.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

Brownies

Time: 6.15 pm–7.45 pm (Weekly in term times)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Madeleine Shackleton
2ndshavingtonbrownies@gmail.com

AJT Dance:

Adult Beginners Ballet & Tap Classes
Time: 7.00 pm–7.45 pm – Ballet
7.45 pm–8.30 pm – Tap
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

SAS (Singers at St Mark's) Community Choir

Time: 7.30 pm–9.00 pm
Location: St Mark's Church
Contact: elizdavies115@btinternet.com

AJT Dance:

Adult Intermediate Ballet Classes
Time: 8.30 pm–9.15 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

Wednesday

Mellow Nature Baby Massage & Well-Being Circle

Time: 9.15 am–10.15 am
10.30 am–11.30 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: info@mellownature.co.uk

St Mark's Bingo

Time: 2.00 pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Elizabeth Davies on 01270 662536
elizdavies115@btinternet.com

Stepz, Street Dance

Time: 4.45 pm–6.15 pm (Weekly)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Kerry Gillick on 07598 169692

Boogie Bounce

Exercise to music, for all ages.
Time: 6.45 pm–7.45 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott on 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

Thursday

AJT Dance: Toddler Sing & Dance

Time: 9.30 am–10.15 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Preschool Dance

Time: 10.15 am–11.00 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance:

Beginners Adult Contemporary
Time: 11.00 am–11.45 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Adult Musical Theatre

Time: 11.45 am–12.30 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Beginners Adult Ballet

Time: 12.30 pm–1.15 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance:

Beginners Adult Tap & Modern/Jazz
Time: 1.15 pm–2.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

Craft & Chatter

Time: 1.30 pm–3.00 pm
(First & third Thursday of the month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Margaret Hodgkinson on 01270 841577

AJT Dance: Private Lesson

Time: 2.00 pm–4.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Musical Theatre

Time: 4.00 pm–5.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

Shavington Bridge Club

Time: 7.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: biddlehelen@gmail.com or Secretary on
01270 627019

Woodnoth cum Shavington WI

Time: 7.30 pm (First Thursday of each month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: 01270 664063 or 01270 651598
woodnothcumshavingtonwi@gmail.com

St Luke's Hospice Support Group

Time: 7.30 pm (Third Thursday of each month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Elizabeth Davies on 01270 662536
elizdavies115@btinternet.com

Village Festival Committee

Time: 7.30 pm–9.30 pm
(Second Thursday of the month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Angela Snell on 07969 127026

Friday

Café @St Mark's

A café for everyone to enjoy.
Time: 9.00 am–3.00 pm (weekly)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: 01270 582585
admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com

Little Ballers

Toddle Football aimed at children 12 months
(and walking) to aged 3.5 years.
Time: 9.30 am–10.15 am
10.30 am–11.15 am
(term time only)
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: 01782 825612
info@littleathletes.co.uk

Street Dance Academy (SDA)

Time: 4.15 pm–5.00 pm (ages 3-6)
5.00 pm–6.00 pm (ages 7-11)
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Julie Harris
07931 451801
www.streetdanceacademyuk.com

Saturday

AJT Dance: Preschool Dance

Time: 9.00 am–9.45 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

AJT Dance: Classical Ballet, Tap and Modern Theatre

Time: 9.45 am–10.45 am – school ages 4-7
10.45 am–12.15 pm – ages 8-11
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com
07579 022988

Messy Church

Activity workshops for young children.
Time: 10.30 am–12.30 pm
(First Saturday of each month)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Malcolm crook
m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

Sunday

Sunday Service

Time: 9.30 am–10.15 am
Location: St Mark's Church
Contact: 01270 582585
admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com

Sunday Service

Time: 10.30 am–11.30 am (Now weekly)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church
Contact: sarah.butcher@methodist.org.uk

Bingo

Time: 8.30 pm
Location: Shavington Club
Contact: 01270 569066

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Useful Contacts

Waste



Who should I ring to...

Report my bin hasn't been collected

0871 200 2233

Request a bin or report a damaged or lost bin

0871 200 2233

Report fly tipping

0300 123 5500

Crime



How do I...

Contact the PCSO

101

Report a non-urgent crime

101

Report an urgent crime

999

Housing



Who do I contact for...

Planning issues

0300 123 5500

Council tax or housing benefit queries

0300 123 5013

Travel



What is the number to find out...

Bus times

0871 2002233

Train times

0871 2002233

Street



Who do I report the following to deal with...

Potholes

0300 123 5020

Street lighting issues

0300 123 5020

Overgrown hedges

0300 123 5020

Schools



What is the contact number for...

Shavington Primary School

01270 661527

Shavington Academy

01270 260717

Medical Care



What is the contact number for...

Rope Green Medical Centre

01270 275990

Leighton Hospital

01270 255141





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