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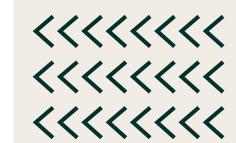
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New Parish Council 2024/25 Budget

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council develops new strategy and sets budget for 2024-25.



Over the past six months, Officers, and Councillors, with support from CHALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) have been working on a new strategy for Shavington-cum-Gresty to meet the increasing demands of the growing Parish.

The current Parish Councillors, elected in May 2023, include a number of new Councillors (33.3%). As the majority of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Councillors are not affiliated with a political party, there is no set direction or manifesto for the Parish Council to work towards, unlike larger Councils, for example: Crewe Town Council. This means that each Councillor comes to the table with their own views on what a Parish Council could, or should, do, on an item-by-item basis.

Councillors, therefore, must agree on an approach to delivering utmost value for the residents of Shavington-cum-Gresty and have agreed to do so by forming a Strategic Plan for the next 5+ years.

The number of houses in the Parish of Shavington-cum-Gresty has increased by around 47% over the last two election terms (since 2015) and, with such changes, this brings new challenges and new priorities - requiring the Parish Council to be nimble and adapt.

Shavington-cum-Gresty is not a small Parish Council in terms of size, the budget they have and how active they are in the community.

Part of strategic planning is transitioning the Parish Council from thinking about a budget in yearly activities and moving to a long-term approach where they consider a 3-5 year financial plan.

One of the bigger projects the Parish Council is progressing is to take over around eight acres of land in Gresty which is currently a wildlife area to maintain it as such for the Parish for generations to come.

The strategic planning process has, therefore, meant additional sums of money have been allocated to account for some of the new projects that the Parish Council are currently considering. Further details of these projects will be shared with residents as they are agreed over the coming months.

The first impact residents will see is on their upcoming Council Tax bill for 2024-25 which will show an increase in the Parish precept line.

The Parish precept is the amount that households contribute towards the funds of their Parish Council to cover the cost of statutory duties and any planned expenditure.

The increase in the Parish precept is set to be 25%, which equates to 34p per week per B and D property. Over the whole Parish this is an additional £52,661 into the Parish Council budget.



Councillor Benjamin Gibbs, Chairman of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, commented:

"Over the past few years we have welcomed thousands of new people into our Parish. The size of Shavington-cum-Gresty has grown substantially since I first joined the Parish Council in 2015. As with all organisations that scale quickly, change is needed to ensure we remain lean and operate efficiently to serve our evergrowing community."

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Strategic Vision for + Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council

One Parish, One Community, One Vision

Since October 2023, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council has been working closely with CHALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) to shape a forward-thinking vision for the community. This collaboration aims to create a roadmap that reflects the values of Shavington-cum-Gresty, establishes clear objectives, and charts a course for the future.

With a significant increase in community growth – over 47% since 2011 – and council budget expansion by almost 179% since 2017, this strategic approach is both timely and essential in ensuring the community thrives in the years to come. The vision crafted serves as a guiding light for the Parish Council's annual plans and budgets, allowing for transparent tracking of progress and adaptability to evolving circumstances. By building upon the Parish's existing strengths, addressing challenges, and seizing new opportunities, the Parish Council aims to create a better future for Shavington-cum-Gresty.

The strategy is divided into the following sections:

- The vision of what Shavington-cum-Gresty will be in 2029.
- The mission of how the Parish Council will achieve this vision.
- · How the Parish Council will act and behave.
- The strategic themes that the Parish Council has set to achieve.



Strategy 2024-2029, but the original document can be found online on the Parish Council website shavingtononline.co.uk/strategic-vision-for-shavington-cum-gresty-parish-council or you can request a paper copy from the Parish Clerk at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk.

Our Vision

Our Parish in 2029

We envision Shavington-cum-Gresty as a lively and supportive community by 2029. Residents will actively engage with each other, and our parks, facilities, and services will cater to the diverse needs of everyone.

While preserving our unique identity, we'll ensure easy access and safety. A network of local facilities will collaborate with the community to enhance everyone's quality of life.

Our Mission

What We'll Do in the Parish

Our goal is to actively connect and support the Shavington-cum-Gresty community, promoting collaboration among local groups to address shared needs and goals.

We'll provide essential services where needed, partner with others when necessary, and advocate with key partners for a better quality of life for all.

Our Core Values

How We'll Act in the Parish



Community Engagement

We'll actively involve residents, businesses, and local organisations in shaping the future of our parish.



Inclusivity & Equity

We'll promote inclusivity, diversity, and equity, ensuring equal access to services and opportunities for everyone.



Transparency & Openness

Our actions and decisions will be transparent, ensuring that the community is informed and involved.



Fiscal Responsibility

We'll use resources responsibly to maximise benefits for the community while upholding fiscal responsibility.



Innovation & Progress

We'll continuously seek innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of our community and strive for progress in all aspects of parish life.

Our Strategic Themes

The Areas We Will Focus On



Building a United Community

What We'll Do: We will bring everyone in our community together. We'll make sure everyone can join in, share their views, and help make our parish a better place for all.



Improving Health & Wellbeing

What We'll Do: We'll work with others to make sure everyone in our parish feels safe and supported. We want everyone to be healthy and happy, both in body and mind.



Protecting Our Environment

What We'll Do: We'll take care of our beautiful surroundings. We'll work together to make our public spaces even better and tackle big issues like climate change and keeping our parish green.



Celebrating Our Heritage

What We'll Do: We'll honor and share the rich history and culture that make our parish special. Together, we'll use our past to shape a bright future for everyone.



Growing Our Village Economy

What We'll Do: We'll help create more local jobs and support our businesses to grow in a way that's good for everyone. We'll also use new technology to help our parish meet the needs of more people.



Making the Council Work Better

What We'll Do: We'll improve how the Parish Council works so we can do a better job for you. We'll make sure we can meet the goals we've set to make our parish a great place to live.

Community Consultation

Shape the Next £1.5M:

One Vision for Shavington-cum-Gresty

The Strategy is currently a draft document, and the Parish Council is inviting residents, community groups, organisations, and businesses to share any comments or suggestions. This is an important opportunity to have their voices heard and ensure that the aims and efforts of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council align with the goals of its residents. Sharing thoughts now means having the chance to influence the council's strategy and have views included.



Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, Main Road, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5DP

by Monday 15 April 2024, to share their views.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications in December 2023, January and February 2024.

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.

December 2023

Number: 23/3937N

Address: 21 Crewe Road, Shavington, Cheshire, CW2 5JE

Description: Two storey and single storey extension(s) to rear, loft conversion with new gable end and

dormer to rear elevation with Velux roof light(s) to front elevation roof.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/4098N

Address: 6 Charles Kirk Place, Shavington, CW2 5FR

Description: Replace gas combi boiler with Daiken heat pump (external location) and hot water

cylinder.

Outcome: The Planning Committee supports the application but raises a question regarding its

necessity. It is suggested that this development falls within permitted development rights,

and as such, might not require approval from the Planning Committee.

Number: 23/4265N

Address: 73A Main Road, Shavington, CW2 5DU

Description: Application for rear elevation garden room already built - retrospective permission

required.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/4327N

Address: 62 Osborne Grove, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 5BY

Description: Rear single storey extension.

Outcome: No comments.

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Number: 23/0097N (Revised plan)

Address: Gresty Road Development Site, Crewe Road, Shavington

Description: Erection of 10 dwelling houses, landscape, private access road and associated car

parking.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/0983N

Address: Crewe Road Street Works, Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5DL

Description: Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment

cabinets.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/4417N

Address: Alexandra Mill, 356 Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5AD

Description: Advertisement consent for building identification and wayfinding signage.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 23/4427N

Address: Greenbank Farm, Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5JB

Description: Proposed three vehicle detached garage to house vehicles and gardening implements.

Revised resubmission of 23/1451N.

Outcome: No comments

Number: 23/4457N

Address: 140 Main Road, Shavington, CW2 5DP

Description: Conversion of former Youth Centre and subdivision into 3 & 4 bed residential dwellings

with minimal external changes and the retention & refurbishment of the existing adjoining

2 bed dwelling and the construction of off-road parking spaces.

Outcome: The Council welcomes the proposal to preserve and enhance the heritage village building,

with the following observations:

• The D&A statement should reference and comply with the Shavington-cum-Gresty

Neighbourhood Plan.

• Clarification is needed on how the plans accommodate 7 parking spaces, as it is not

evident.

· Consideration should be given to utilising the westerly access road for 138 Main Road

to access the rear area.

 Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council requires Cheshire East Council to ensure that design and construction adhere to the granted consents, preserving the characteristics

of the heritage building.

January 2024

Number: 23/4583N

Address: 330 Crewe Road, Shavington, Cheshire, CW2 5AF

Description: Repairs and alterations to existing dwelling.

Outcome: No comments.

February 2024

Outcome:

Number: 23/2676N

Address: 21 Little Meadow Place, Shavington, CW2 5UB

Description: Retrospective planning permission for re-positioned screen fence.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 24/0214N

Address: Santune Meadows, Land Adjacent to Old Puseydale, Main Road, Shavington, CW2 5DU

Description: Variation of conditions 2 and 18 on application 21/1920N: To allow for coffin burials to

respond to demand.

 Resolved: The Clerk has been instructed to contact the Shavington Ward Councillor to formally request a call-in of the application.

• Resolved: That, with reference to the Cheshire East Council internal consultation on

flood risks, the Planning Authority should request the applicant to provide a flood risk assessment.

 Resolved: That the Parish Council reiterates all comments and observations already submitted in the previous main application 21/1920N.

 Resolved: That a recommendation should be made to restrict the maximum number of burials to 25 per annum, with reference to the Groundwater risk assessment

 Resolved: That a recommendation is made to Highways to consider restrictions in parking on the main highway.

 Resolved: That the applicant should be required to supply missing or lacking information to ensure clarity and transparency in the assessment process.

Number: 24/0312N

Address: TJX Europe, Jack Mills Way, Crewe, CW2 5UZ

Description: Additional site security fencing, pedestrian gate and vehicle height restrictor comprising:

290m approx paladin fencing (Green RAL 6005) to southern boundary (to match existing) Access controlled pedestrian gate to staff carpark Vehicle height restrictor to staff car park entrance 30m approx paladin fencing (Green RAL 6005) to prevent pedestrian

access at HGV barriers.

Outcome: No comments.

Number: 24/0350N

Address: 353A Crewe Road, Shavington, Cheshire, CW2 5AD

Description: Single storey extension to side of dwelling.

Outcome: No comments.

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A message from your PCSOs

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



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

Incident	November '23	December '23	January '24
Theft/Burglary	5	5	6
Road Traffic Collisions	3	5	5
Drug Use	1	-	1
Safety/Welfare Checks	1	1	2
Criminal Damage	2	-	-
Suspicious Activities	1	-	5
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	0	4	-
Neighbour Dispute	2	-	2
Abandoned 999 Call	4	4	1
Parking Issues	4	3	-
Hate/Racism Issue	-	1	1
Other	Fraud: 1	Online Grooming: 1	-

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.

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)



Operation Park Safe

Residents in the Crewe Local Policing Unit area will now be able to report public illegal parking problems directly to the Cheshire Police website.

www.cheshire.police.uk/park-safe

You will be able to upload videos and photographs of offending vehicles where they will be assessed by an experienced traffic offices, who will deal with any dangerous parking offences.

You will also need to provide a written statement about the offence online - including the date and time it happened.

Do NOT challenge the driver or put yourself at risk to obtain a photograph.

Any minor traffic obstructions or community impact issues will be allocated to the local PCSO or Beat officers.



For details about what parking offences we'll deal with, visit **www.cheshire.police.uk/park-safe** or scan the QR code.





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Operation Park Safe



Exhibition at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL

Come to the D-Day 80th Anniversary Exhibition at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall! Travel back in time with us and explore the history of our community during WWI, WWII, and the D-Day landing.

- See Historical Displays & Artifacts showcasing our community's involvement in D-Day, WWI, and WWII.
- > Watch Exclusive Film Footage of the D-Day landing.
- Learn about HMS Shavington and the brave individuals who served on board.
- Discover stories of Local Heroes like Richard Pryce Hughes, Geoff Cockshott, Wilfred Purcell, and Harry Southern.
- > Curated by local historian Mark Potts.
- > Historical Talk on Air Raids in Crewe and Nantwich.
- > Children's Trail for fun and educational exploration.
- > Purchase Local History Books by Mark Potts.

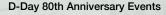
We need your help! Contribute to the exhibition!

Do you have WWI or WWII information or artifacts? Share your stories and be part of this special exhibition.

Contact our Community Manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25.

Saturday 1 June 11am - 5pm (Historical talk)

Sunday 2 June 11am - 4pm



Beacon Lighting Event

Join us for an evening of unity, gratitude and celebration!

Event Timeline:

9:00pm

Meet at St Mark's Church field Gather for commemoration.

9:10pm

International Tribute Reading
Reflect on shared sacrifices.

9:15pm

Beacon Lighting CeremonyJoin the nation and community to commemorate D-Day.

Thursday 6 June From 9.00pm

St Mark's Church Field

Don't Miss This Moment!
Join us in illuminating history.
Together, let's honour the heroes of the D-Day landings.



communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or 01270 42 11 25

Shavington Clean Team

What is the Clean Team?

The Clean Team is a group of volunteers who care about the community. They meet up once a month to rid the Parish of any litter and rubbish. The purpose of the Clean Team is to keep our Parish tidy and free from litter.

When do the Clean Team Meet?

The next dates for the Clean Team to meet are: March 9th / April 6th / May 11th

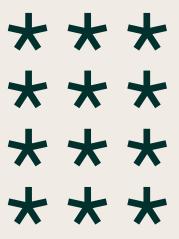
Who can join the Clean Team?

There are no age limits and new members are always welcome. If you wish to join contact Rene Hancock 01270 661592 or email cleanteam@shavingtononline.co.uk. Or just turn up at the Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall on the above dates at 10am, all equipment will be provided. You will need strong shoes and gardening gloves if you have them, otherwise disposable gloves will be provided.

I can't attend on Saturdays so what can I do to help?

We ask that residents, please, continue to keep our Parish clean and tidy by cutting back overgrown trees and hedges which obstruct the pavement and try to keep the front of your property weed free.

We encourage residents to, safely, pick up any litter dropped outside their property and help to make our Parish a cleaner place.





IMPRICT & COMMUNITY FUND



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.

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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.

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Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council is pleased to announce that through the Impact project they have successfully completed the following:

Coronation Gardens

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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 pleased that they will provide additional colour to the Parish this spring.







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.







The following activities have taken place or are currently taking place through the Impact project funding:

Phone Kiosks

At the time of this newsletter, the refurbishing process for the phone kiosks is well underway. The vision of turning these spaces into Community Herb Gardens is becoming a reality, and we anticipate a beautiful and functional addition to our community.

The artistic touch to our Community Herb Gardens is being provided by Nonna Glass, whose expertise in mosaic artwork is well-regarded. During recent Impact Community coffee sessions, community members were invited to actively contribute to the mosaic artworks that will adorn the kiosks. This collaborative effort not only adds a personal touch to the project but also symbolises the unity and creativity within our community.

In an inspiring collaboration, designs for the mosaic artworks were selected from the creative work of children at Shavington Primary School. The colourful and imaginative contributions from our youngest community members are sure to bring a sense of joy and playfulness to the Herb Gardens, enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal of the kiosks to everyone.

As the refurbishment nears completion, we want to highlight the community-centric aspect of this project. Once the Herb Gardens are fully established, we encourage all community members to utilise the herbs



We look forward to witnessing the transformation of the phone kiosks into vibrant Community Herb Gardens and hope that this initiative becomes a much-enjoyed space for everyone in our community.





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Coffee Sessions

We are excited to share updates on the recent community coffee sessions that have taken place, fostering a sense of togetherness and providing valuable insights into various topics. The sessions have proven to be both enjoyable and informative, with enthusiastic participation from our community members.

One of our recent sessions featured a presentation from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust. delving into the crucial topics of cost of living and climate change. The engaging listening exercise provided community members with a deeper understanding of the environmental challenges we face and how they intertwine with our daily lives.



In addition to the informational sessions. community members had the opportunity to contribute to our vibrant community







Join us for an interactive talk:

Planting a Pollinator Garden

by Anne Harrison

Sunday 17 March

Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall 2-4 pm

Anne will lead an information session about planting a garden that attracts pollinators. You'll get to learn about creating spaces that support local wildlife. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with nature.

Join us for a foraging walk:

Introduction to foraging around **Shavington-cum-Gresty**

with Foraging for Ages

Sunday 21 April

Meet at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall 11 am-12 pm

Come join Sam, our expert forager, for a one-hour walk around the Parish. Sam will teach you how to tell which plants you can eat safely and how to gather them without harming the environment or breaking any laws. It's a great way to learn about the wonders of the natural world and get started on your foraging journey!



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 further.



IMPACT Page 23 Carols at

CHRISTMAS

Our "Carols at Christmas" event held in December was a great success, bringing the warmth of the festive season to our community.

Crewe Brass, in collaboration with community members, filled the air with the harmonious sounds of seasonal melodies, creating a truly festive atmosphere. The event successfully brought together individuals of all ages, fostering a sense of community spirit and shared celebration.

Members of Woodnoth-cum-Shavington Women's Institute (WI) played a crucial role in enhancing the event experience by serving delightful refreshments. Attendees were treated to the comforting warmth of mulled wine and hot drinks, creating a welcoming environment for all.

We were thrilled to see a remarkable turnout, with over 80 community members of all ages coming together to celebrate the season. As a token of appreciation, beautiful cyclamen gifts were presented to all those who attended, courtesy of the National Lottery Community Funded Impact Project. This gesture aims to express gratitude for the continued support and engagement of our community.

The success of the "Carols at Christmas" event has left us eagerly anticipating this year's celebration. We are committed to building on the positive energy and community connection established during the festive gathering, and we look forward to creating more cherished memories together.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community, and we can't wait to celebrate the holiday season with you again this year!





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Shavington Village Festival Committee's Pantomime

Forty-Seven years ago, Ken Jones, a villager in Shavington, invited all local organisations to a meeting in the local scout hut to discuss how the village was going to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. As usual on such occasions, the meeting was sparsely attended, but those who did attend more than made up in enthusiasm and commitment for the lack of numbers, with the result that a committee was formed to organise a Village Festival in the summer of 1977.

From the outset, the Committee decided that the prime objective of the festival would be to create the opportunity for local organisations to raise funds. This was done particularly well.

From the Festival, the idea of a village pantomime was born, with Babes in the Wood being staged at the Leisure Centre in February 1979. This proved to be so successful, both artistically and financially, that it too became an annual event, involving over 150 adults and children on stage and behind the scenes, and being watched by an annual audience of around 1500.









Red Riding Hood

This year's pantomime of Red Riding Hood did not disappoint the audience. Shavington Village Festival's production of "Red Riding Hood" delivered a delightful blend of traditional pantomime charm and contemporary flair.

With lively performances, witty dialogue, and catchy musical numbers, the cast transported its audience into the enchanted world of the forest. Clever updates to the classic tale keep the storyline fresh and engaging for all ages, while the colourful costumes and imaginative set design added to the atmosphere.

Overall, the panto was a joyful celebration of community spirit and theatrical talent, that left the audiences smiling from ear to ear.





















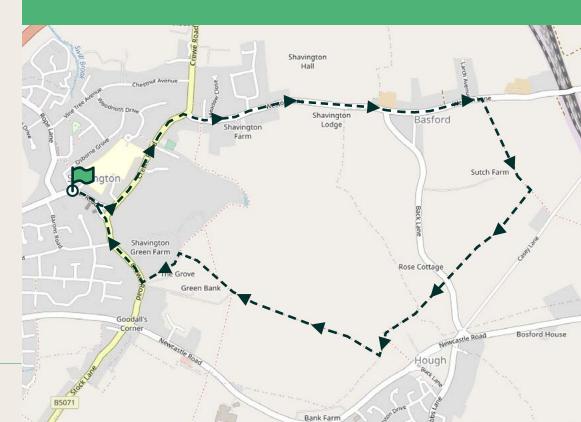


Join Us for Our Community Walk Sunday 24 March 2024

Meeting outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall at 1pm, Helen Lea from Woodnoth-cum-Shavington W.I. will lead this walk around the local area.

The walk is around 3 miles and will take approximately 1½ hours. People should wear suitable footwear and bring their own drinks.





Brownies

Spotlight on... Brownies

When mentioning the term Brownies, most people either think of a lovely chocolate dessert or have visions of dancing and singing around toadstools. Brownies have always been an integral part of Shavington community which once boasted two different Brownie packs and a Girl Guides unit. 2nd Shavington Brownies was established in 1975 following on from the oversubscribed 1st Shavington Brownies, which then later merged with 2nd Shavington Brownies. The Guides group also merged with Wistaston due to dwindling numbers.

In 1909 a group of girls appeared at a Scout Rally asking the founder, Lord Baden Powell, to make something similar for girls. Girlguiding was then created under the leadership of Agnes Baden-Powell (Lord Baden Powell's sister). Guides used to meet at weekends, going on long hikes and taking part in activities outside. They found that their younger sisters would often want to join in but couldn't keep pace with the older girls. Therefore, in 1914, a younger section was introduced called Rosebuds. The girls didn't like the name and asked for it to be changed. Brownies was then suggested due to it's link with magical creatures (a Brownie is a type of fairy, like a pixie or imp).





Brownies in the UK, and in turn Girlguiding, has seen some major changes across the years. The activities Brownies took part in were mostly based on life skills a girl would need to know at the time, such as helping around the house, sewing and cleaning. I think most women can remember doing their 'Hostess badge'! In 2003 there was an overhaul of the brown triangular badges and instead yellow diamond badges were introduced. These badges kept some of the traditional skills but introduced new computer and science badges.

In 2019, Girlguiding introduced another large change designed to integrate all 4 sections (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers) and make the programme flow throughout the sections, growing with the girls. Although some of the badges still look back in history and teach the girls 'traditional' life skills, the new programme offers new and important experiences for girls. This introduced new badges based around 6 themes- Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for my Future. The Brownies can now work on interest badges at home including inventing, aviation, speaking out and mindfulness. The new programme encourages them to work towards theme awards and has final goals of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.



2nd Shavington Brownies jumped straight into the new programme, being led by the girls who choose the badges they want to complete. During the Covid-19 pandemic, 2nd Shavington Brownies turned to virtual sessions, taking part in cook-alongs, badge work, science experiments and even virtual trips to London and 3 virtual sleepovers! Once lockdown had been lifted, the Brownies had record numbers and a sizeable waiting list.

At 2nd Shavington Brownies, we keep a balanced mix of tradition and newer activities. Our Brownies still make their promise by following the Brownie story, working in Sixes with their Sixer and Seconder guiding them to the toadstool and 'pond' and saying the memorable rhyme -'Twist me and turn me and show me the elf. I looked in the water and there saw... myself'. They have a Brownie buddy to teach them the little traditions that make Brownies special, the leaders are known as Owls and we still sing 'Brownie Bells' at the end of each meeting. The Brownies signify their moving up to Guides by jumping over the toadstool, harking back to the days of the Golden Hand badge, where a Brownie would be awarded her 'Brownie wings' and would 'fly up' to Guides.

Our recent adventures include camping, a 'Harry Potter' themed pack holiday, a sleepover in a science museum, zipwire, learning beatboxing and of course lots of arts and crafts! Our Brownies are very motivated with the majority achieving their Brownie Gold award before they finish Brownies and some even completing every single badge available! We are currently working on a badge with links to STEM activities, which the girls are enjoying very much. We also have a 1920s night planned, which we carry out in the dark with tealights and we learn and try older Brownie activities, games and songs. We think that community is an important part of Brownies, especially in a village such as ours, so we encourage all the Brownies to take part in at least one community element each year. The Brownies are very proud to take part in community events and be seen as an integral part of Shavington's youth programme.

Local Fundraising Hero

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Alfie Simon

Alfie Simcox, an 11 year old passionate truck enthusiast and photographer from Shavington-cum-Gresty, has turned his hobby into a heartwarming initiative, creating annual calendars that have raised over £23,000 for charity in the last three years.

His love for trucks and photography blossomed during the initial lockdown, leading him to capture stunning images of lorries passing by. With a growing social media following drawn to his vast collection of truck photos, Alfie's dedication has not only showcased his talent but also made a significant impact by supporting charitable causes such as pancreatic cancer, motor neurone disease and to local families with seriously ill children.

Alfie's remarkable fundraising efforts propelled him to the prestigious title of 2023 Fundraiser Champion Winner in the BBC Radio Make a Difference Awards. His dedication to using his passion for trucks and photography to make a positive impact on his community is truly inspiring. Alfie's recognition is a testament to the power of individual initiative and generosity in making a difference in the world.



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 of the newsletter we include our final extract 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.



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new school.

The Last Quarter

During the last 25 years, in the 'History of Education in Shavington' booklet focuses on the many changes that took place to what we now refer to as the 'old school' building. In the spring of 1951 when Mr Dodd retired Mr L.A. Barnett became headmaster. There were now two separate schools in the village; the Mid School for children aged 7 to 15 with 170 children on roll: and the Infant School with 70 children on roll in two classes. The number of children attending the Mid School had been slowly increasing during the late 40s, and in September 1951 there were 190 on roll. An additional teacher was allocated the school, and as there were no classrooms for this teacher to occupy, the St. John's Sunday schoolroom was hired as an additional classroom and first used on August the 29th 1951.

In 1952 Miss Hallam, the headmistress of the Infant School retired. There were very few applicants for her post and no appointment was made. After much discussion, the Ministry of Education finally consented to the two schools being joined together so that from the beginning of the summer term 1953 there was an all-age school in Shavington with 279 children on roll. On the 21st of April 1958, the Shavington Secondary Modern School

was opened and all senior pupils from the Shavington all age school moved up to this

Now begins the period when the school buildings were known as the Shavington County Primary School, a school with 209 children on roll. The County Primary school had a life of 14 years. During the first four years things went smoothly along, but in the 5th to the 7th years a gradual increase in the number on roll occurred, and at the end of the 8th year there were 50% more children on roll than they had in April 1958. The Sunday school, that was vacated when the Secondary School was opened, was brought back into use again due to the many accommodation problems caused by the huge increase in children.

This was not only a time of change as far as accommodation and transfers were concerned, the wind of change blew through the classroom also. It was necessary to have a school fund and in early 1950s the school

had very successful fundraisers such as jumble sales and Whist drives which helped to provide money for additional items at the school. The house system was also initiated during this period with the house names Clive, Rhodes and Wolfe. Competition between the houses took place on the sports field and then within the classroom, as striving for merit stars proved an interesting incentive to the children.



There was clean competition on the allotment fields between the groups of boys working on them for the gardening prize awarded annually. In 1956 the allotment had to be abandoned and the area was seeded ready for the creation of a school playing field. The four large air raid shelters were dismantled and a paved area, to be used as a playground, was created. In the 60s the school field began to be fully used not only for games periods and midday activities but also for country dancing, Maypole dancing and the annual sports day competition for the shield and cup was also very popular.

In the history of the school other items are worthy of mention. The school was first provided with the telephone in March 1960 along with clerical assistance in 1959. Hot water geysers were installed in June 1964 and the lollipop lady took up her duties in October 1966.

In September 1966 the demountable classrooms were ready for use, and the two upper junior classes moved across the road. These proved to be insufficient. The county had previously bought the house known as 'The Laurels' adjacent to the demountable classrooms. This was house was now demolished, and on this site in 1969 a further mobile classroom was cited. The school now had ten classes of 360 children on roll and official swimming lessons appeared on the timetable for junior children.

Still the number of children entering the school increased and the new Infant School came just in time. In 1972 it would have been impossible to admit any more children to the buildings as they were. With very mixed feelings, the teachers said goodbye to the infant children and staff at the end of spring term 1972 and they transferred to the new open plan building called Shavington county Infant School and Shavington County Junior School came into being.

This is the last instalment from the booklet, however in the next editions we would like to continue the history of schooling in Shavington-cum-Gresty with the help of any former staff or pupils who have photographs or information that they would like to share with us.

We are looking for information specifically from the period 1972-2023. Please do get in touch by emailing our Community Manager communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk

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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'

Meet Your Parish Councillors



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Parish Council Committees

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair	
6 March 2024 – 7:30 pm	Parish Council is the first level of local	Benjamin Gibbs	
(3 April 2024 – 7:30 pm)*	government. Its aim is to provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking	07845 290192	
1 May 2024 – 7:30 pm	community action.	BenjaminGibbs@	
	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.	shavingtononline.co.u	

Community & Engagem	nt Committee			
Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair		
13 March 2024 – 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		

Environment & Recreation Committee				
Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair		
20 March 2024 – 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		

Staffing Committee				
Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair		
-	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	
	-	The Committee has a strategic role in managing	Gordon McIntyre	
	the Village Hall as an asset to ensure optimum occupancy and income.	07726 963584		
		GordonMcIntyre@ shavingtononline.co.uk		

Finance & Strategy Committee				
Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair		
-	The Committee takes a strategic overview of	Russell Jones		
Council operations and ensures that strategy is coordinated across all committees in line with the	07545 886190			
	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.	RussellJones@ shavingtononline.co.uk		

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

^{*}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		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	•							•

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Weekly What's On



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: Enguiries@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 - aitevents@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 - aitevents@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

Fime: 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 - aitevents@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

Fime: 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 - aitevents@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

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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

me: 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

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AJT Dance: Private Lesson

Time: 2.00 pm-4.00 pm

Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall Contact: Faye - ajtevents@gmail.com

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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

7.30 pm (Third Thursday of each month) Time:

Location: St Mark's Church Hall

Contact: Elizabeth Davies on 01270 662536

elizdavies115@btinternet.com

Village Festival Committee

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.

9.00 am-3.00 pm (weekly) Time: Location: St Mark's Church Hall

Contact: 01270 582585

admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com

Little Ballers

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Toddle Football aimed at children 12 months

(and walking) to aged 3.5 years 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)

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 - aitevents@gmail.com

07579 022988

AJT Dance: Ballet

9.45 am-10.30 am - school ages 4-5

10.30 am-11.30 am - ages 6-7 11.30 am-1.00 pm - ages 8-11

Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall Contact: Faye - aitevents@gmail.com

07579 022988

Messy Church

Activity workshops for young children.

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

Who do I report the

following to deal with...

Street lighting issues

Overgrown hedges

0300 123 5500

Street

Potholes

0300 123 5020

0300 123 5020

0300 123 5020

Crime



Contact the PCSO

Report a non-urgent crime

101

Report an urgent crime

999

Schools

number for...

01270 661527

01270 260717

School

What is the contact

Shavington Primary

Shavington Academy

Housing

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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

Medical Care



What is the contact number for...

Rope Green Medical Centre 01270 275990

Leighton Hospital

01270 255141





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