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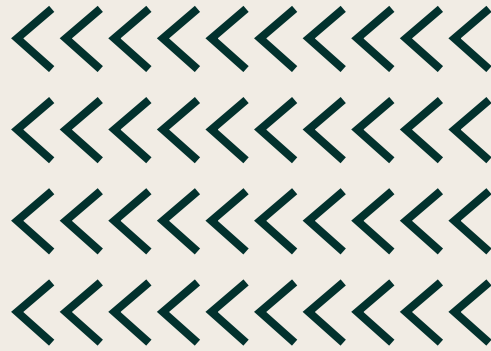
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Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report

2023-2024



Dear Residents of Shavington-cum-Gresty,

As I pen this report, marking my sixth year as Chairman and my ninth year on the Parish Council, I reflect on both our community's journey and my personal connection to this vibrant place we call home. This year, not only did we celebrate key achievements and growth, but I also found deep personal resonance in serving alongside individuals who share a generational commitment to our community.

I must extend a special note of gratitude to Russell Jones, our Vice Chairman for the past year, whose partnership has been particularly poignant. Our families have been intricately woven into the fabric of Shavington-cum-Gresty for over 40 years. Both of our fathers have chaired the Council, and our families were instrumental figures historically in Shavington Village Festival, with Russell's father being one of its founders and my grandfather serving as president.

To work alongside someone who not only understands the legacy but actively strives to honour and build upon it is both a privilege and a profound pleasure.



The growth of our parish, evidenced by a remarkable 47% increase in the number of households since 2015, has brought both challenges and opportunities. This influx has propelled us to expand our governance structures, evolving from the expected few hours of commitment to a system where our dedicated councillors now frequently

contribute upwards of twelve hours per month. Some have reached up to twelve hours weekly, a testament to their unwavering dedication. This commitment comes entirely voluntarily, echoing the selfless spirit of those who have historically shaped our community's path.



This year, we've marked significant milestones, such as receiving the Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme and securing crucial grants, including £10,000 from the National Lottery for the "IMPACT - every leaf counts" project. This initiative aims to enhance biodiversity and create pollinator-friendly habitats, fostering a deeper connection and stewardship of our local environment by our residents.



Our Village Hall, a cornerstone of Shavington-cum-Gresty, has seen its best year yet in terms of occupancy and revenue. It continues to serve as a hub for community gatherings, playing a crucial role in enhancing our communal life.

As we look to the future, we are engaging in a strategic review with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CHALC) to map out a vision that will guide us in managing and utilising our resources most effectively, potentially directing between £1m and £1.5m into parish projects over the next five years.

While we strive for excellence and celebrate our successes, we acknowledge that we may not always get everything right. However, every councillor at our table is deeply committed to this community and continuously seeks ways to improve the place we all call home. This dedication to service and improvement is what truly defines us.

Your thoughts, feedback, and participation are invaluable to us. I encourage each of you to reach out, whether to share your ideas, express concerns, or simply to connect. Our Clerk is always available to facilitate meetings, and your input is crucial as we continue to shape our community together.

In closing, my heartfelt thanks go to each of you for your support, engagement, and community spirit. As we move forward, let us continue to uphold the legacies of those who came before us while forging new paths that future generations will inherit.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Gibbs
Chairman,
Shavington-cum-Gresty
Parish Council

Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications in March and April 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.

March 2024

No applications received.

April 2024

Number:	24/1253N
Address:	Shavington Green Farm, Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5JB
Description:	Construction of 7 no. new build detached houses with associated highways, infrastructure, and landscaping works.
Outcome:	No comments.

Number:	24/1193N
Address:	21 Main Road, Shavington, CW2 5DY
Description:	Outline application with some matters reserved for demolition of existing garages to form access to a proposed single dwelling to the rear of 21 Main Road with associated boundary alterations and erection of a single garage.
Outcome:	Resolved: The planning application in its current form is not supported due to the following concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Inaccuracy in the submitted plan, showing parking spaces for two cars between numbers 21 and 23 Main Road, which is believed to be a shared driveway between the two neighbours.b. Furthermore, there are concerns that the point of access to Main Road is planned at what is already considered a pinch point, particularly given the recently implemented traffic calming measures related to the housing development.c. Additionally, concerns were raised as a number of neighbourhoods listed as consultees reported not receiving proper notification.

Number:	23/0097N
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.



D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemorative Exhibition Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

Saturday 1 June **Sunday 2 June**
11.00am - 5.00pm **11.00am - 4.00pm**

FREE
EVENT



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:
22 June / 20 July / 24 August

(Provisional dates – please check our village noticeboard or Shavington Online Facebook page to confirm).

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.

Shavington Beavers join the Clean Team

We were delighted to work with Shavington Beavers and join forces to collect litter in the local community. A number of Beavers and their families have joined us for the monthly Clean Team meets. The Beavers have been joining in as a part of their Community Impact Activity Badge. It has been great to see the young people taking pride and responsibility in their community. We hope that this will become a regular event as Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council alongside community groups and organisations work together to make our Parish a great place to live.



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Obituary Sheila Cheshire

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Sheila Cheshire, a former member of the Parish Council, who passed away recently. Sheila was a lifelong resident of Shavington and as a child had attended Nantwich and Acton Grammar School.

As a former elected Parish Councillor, Sheila was a dedicated advocate for the village and deeply cared about its residents. She actively supported Parish activities and was a highly regarded member of Woodnoth-cum-Shavington WI where she had made many friends.

Sheila will always be fondly remembered for her steadfast involvement, spanning over 30 years, with the Shavington Village Festival Committee pantomime and her absence will be keenly felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

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.



If you have any concern or any worry, please get in touch and call 999 or 101.

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

Incident	February '24	March '24	April '24
Theft/Burglary	2	2	5
Road Traffic Collisions	5	6	5
Drug Use	0	-	0
Safety/Welfare Checks	6	1	4
Criminal Damage	3	0	0
Suspicious Activities	1	2	1
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	0	4	1
Neighbour Dispute	0	1	0
Parking Issues	1	3	0
Hate/Racism Issue	2	1	0
Other	-	Violence: 1	Drink Driving: 1 Fraud: 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)



Resident's Voice

Residents of Shavington-cum-Gresty are able to register any non-urgent issues they have by using our resident voice online form. The information from this will be sent to the appropriate unit to action. The QR code or the website address www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicecrewe can be used to access this.

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 officers, 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.



Cheshire Constabulary





D★DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Exhibition at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

Saturday 1 June

11.00am - 5.00pm

With Historical Talk at 2.00pm

Sunday 2 June

11.00am - 4.00pm

**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 landings.**

- › 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.

**FREE
EVENT**

Beacon Lighting Event

Thursday 6 June
From 9.00pm

St Mark's Church Field

Join us for a celebration of unity,
gratitude and celebration in honouring
the local heroes of the D-Day landings.

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 Ceremony
Join the nation and community to
commemorate D-Day.

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council are proud to
host a two day exhibition and a Beacon Lighting event
to commemorate the 80th D-Day landings Anniversary.

The exhibition will display artifacts, documents, memorabilia
and information of past residents of Shavington from WW2.
It also includes a talk from Mark Potts (a local historian) about
the bombs falling on Crewe and surrounding areas during WW2.

As part of the D-Day events a film will be created to document
all D-Day activities. This will include students from Shavington
Academy meeting and talking to a local D-Day veteran, Bernard
Morgan who will share his memories and experiences of D-Day.

Students from Shavington Primary School and Shavington
Academy will also have creative opportunities aimed at
engaging them in D-Day related activities which will help
encourage meaningful remembrance to this historic event.

To help these events to take place Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council
have been successful in receiving funding from Cheshire East's Shared
Prosperity Fund which is designed to help Councils as part of the
governments levelling-up programme.

The funding will also be used to organise events for students at Shavington
Academy and Shavington Primary School, with focus on getting them involved
in activities connected to D-Day 80. Our goal is to inspire them to remember
and understand this significant historical event in a meaningful way.



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For more information of the D-Day events contact Shavington-cum-Gresty
Community Manager by email communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk
or by phone **01270 42 11 25**



Following the success of the #QueenBee community project run by the Parish Council in 2022 the Parish Council applied for and were successful in gaining £10,000 of funding from the National Lottery Community Project towards the project 'IMPACT - every leaf counts.'

With 'IMPACT - every leaf counts', the Parish Council aimed to create and enhance the biodiversity in the area with an emphasis on improving pollinator habitats, as well as raising awareness and empowering residents to take ownership of green spaces in the parish.



The project aimed 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.

Through this project, the Parish Council endeavoured to help support community groups to work together to deliver/arrange/present educational talks and workshops on environmental issues that directly affect the Parish.

Impact helped to create opportunities for people to meet and connect with others who share similar interests or values. Helping to reduce social isolation and create support for those facing challenges or difficulties. It also focused on helping to build a sense of community to enhance personal growth and well-being.

As the Impact project draws to a close, we reflect on the project outcomes and successes.

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 also supported the project providing refreshments as well as 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 habitats and provide sources of pollen for bees, butterflies, and birds.

Bulb Planting

The call to help plant bulbs in the community was well received and we were grateful to the members of the community who 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 during spring time.



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.



Phone Boxes

We are delighted that the refurbishment of the phone boxes is now complete. The vision of turning these spaces into Community Herb Gardens is now a beautiful and functional addition to our community.



The artistic touch to our Community Herb Gardens was 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 adorn the kiosks. This collaborative effort not only helped to add a personal touch to the project but also symbolises the unity and creativity within our community.

An inspiring collaboration of 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 ensured that the youngsters in the Parish have been involved in the project.



Now that the Herb Gardens are fully established, community members are encouraged to utilise the herbs grown in the phone kiosks. We hope that everyone can enjoy the benefits of fresh herbs while fostering a sense of shared ownership and responsibility. The phone boxes are located near the Junction of Barons Road/Main Road or on Crewe Road (next door to Hickory's) so feel free to pick your favourite herbs to add a burst of flavour to your cooking or to concoct natural remedies for your well-being. We want to hear about the people using these herbs so please share your recipes and ideas on Facebook, and tag @ShavingtonOnline with #GrowWithImpact. Or email our community manager communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk



Coffee Sessions

After the successful previous coffee sessions by Cheshire Wildlife trust and herbalist Kate Edwell, community members enjoyed a very informative talk by Anne Harrison about planting a pollinator garden. Keen and amateur gardeners were able to make notes as Anne provided great tips on how to encourage pollinators into our gardens and how to create a space that supports local wildlife.

Our next session took us on an Introduction to Foraging walk with Sam Webster from Foraging for Ages. The sun shone as we walked around the local area and Sam identified many plants and flowers growing that could be used in cooking and provided practical tips for embracing a healthier lifestyle.

The information sessions have proven to be both enjoyable and informative, with enthusiastic participation from our community members.

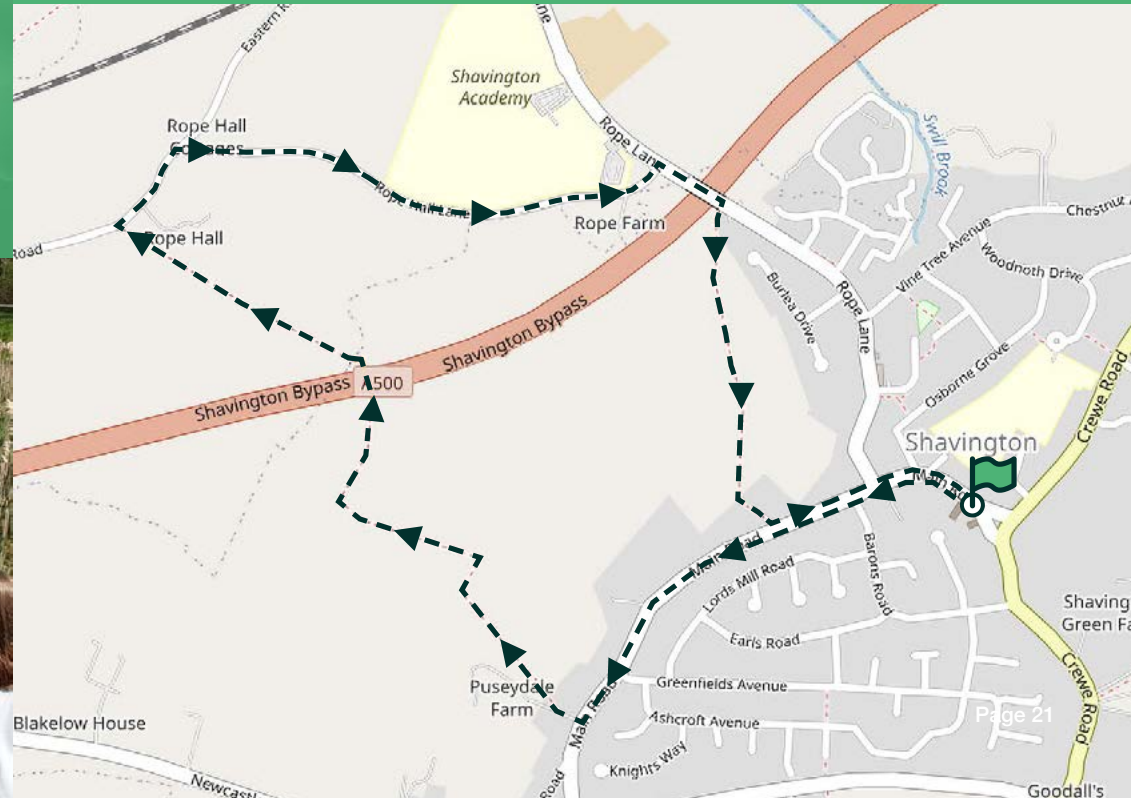
If you are interested in being involved in future initiatives, or helping to keep one of our planters watered throughout the summer please contact our Community Manager communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25 to discuss this further.



Walk Around in the Community Sunday 23 June 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 2.75 miles and will take approximately 1½ hours. People should wear suitable footwear and bring their own drinks.



Parish Textile Map Update

In 1992 all Cheshire WIs were asked to produce a map of their village, made from textiles. On 21st October 92 it was decided that the two local WIs, Woodnoth and Shavington, would work together to produce the map and a number of members began planning the project. Photos of landmarks were obtained and given to WI members and requests were made for them to produce an embroidered, cross stitched or crafted replica of each site.

In 1993 the map was completed and exhibited in Chester, along with other Cheshire WI textile maps and was also displayed at The Cheshire show.

In June 1995, the Shavington Textile Map was presented to Councillor Kevin Gibbs, then Chairman of the Parish Council, which was then hung in the Village Hall, where it has remained for the last 30 years.

To mark the Year of The Coronation of King Charles III, Councillor Benjamin Gibbs, the present Chairman of Shavington cum Gresty Parish Council, challenged the WI to produce an updated version of the wall hanging.

The WI accepted the challenge, but decided to make it a community project, inviting other village organisations to contribute.



In July 2023 the WI, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, Shavington Village Festival Committee, St Marks Craft and Chatter groups, along with members of the public were represented at a meeting to start planning a new updated map. Ideas and suggestions were discussed, based on the original plan and a sound start to the project was made.



Since this initial meeting, these groups have met a number of times. Meanwhile, members have been sewing and crafting and adding different elements to the map. The progress has been good with the map easily identifiable. It is hoped that the Map will be completed sometime around October 2024.



Wellbeing EDNESDAYS

Shavington-Cum-Gresty Parish Council is proud to announce its success in securing funding from Cheshire East Council's Flourish Fund. This funding will play a pivotal role in our Wellbeing Wednesday initiative, aimed at enhancing health, fitness, and social connections within our community until March 2025.



Beginning this initiative, residents can look forward to each Wednesday morning at the Crewe Alex Soccer Centre on Crewe Road, where free movement and low-impact fitness sessions to music will be provided by AJT Dance. These sessions, running from 10-11:30 am weekly, cater to individuals of all ages and abilities. No prior booking is required, and participation is entirely free of charge. Following the session, attendees will be treated to refreshments and a healthy snack, offering a perfect opportunity for everyone to mingle and socialise. Importantly, these sessions will continue during school holidays, welcoming adults to join with their children or grandchildren.



Low impact Fitness session

**Low impact exercise to music followed by refreshments & a healthy snack.
No need to book - just turn up.**

Every Wednesday

10:00am - 11:30am

Shavington Soccer Centre, Crewe Road

For further detail contact communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25



Wellbeing Wednesday

**Join us on the third Wednesday of every month for social activities.
No need to book - just turn up.**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

- 19 June** 'Art inspired by Wildflowers' a practical session with local artist Anna
- 17 July** Community Bingo
- 21 August** Dance Fitness for All Ages With AJT

On the third Wednesday evening of each month, from 7-8:30pm, Shavington-Cum-Gresty Village Hall will host a range of Wellbeing events. This provides another opportunity for community members to come together, forge new connections, and explore new activities. A detailed program of these events will be readily accessible on our website, www.shavingtononline.co.uk, with regular updates also available on our Facebook page, ShavingtonOnline, and on village noticeboards.

Through initiatives like Wellbeing Wednesday, Shavington-Cum-Gresty Parish Council is committed to nurturing the holistic health and happiness of our residents, fostering a stronger, more connected community for all.



Mark Potts

Local Historian

Local historian Mark Potts is a well-known figure among residents for his expertise in World War history. Mark, who is currently curating the D-Day 80 & World War exhibition in Shavington-cum-Gresty, has authored numerous books on the subject.

Born at the Barony Hospital in Nantwich in 1961, Mark moved with his family to Shavington in 1964. They were the first occupants in Barons Road on the newly built Greenfields estate, where his father still lives today. Mark himself later bought a house opposite his childhood home.

Having lived in the village for 60 years, Mark's journey began at Shavington Primary School, where his fascination with military history was sparked. Seated beneath the village war memorial in his form room, he believed one of the names recorded on it to be a distant relative. However, in later years Mark discovered that the man in question was not a relative. But, ironically, his great uncle Alfred Potts, should have actually been commemorated on the memorial, having lived in the village and attended the school. Alfred was later added to the memorial through Mark's efforts and the co-operation of the Parish Council.

After passing his 11 plus exam, Mark attended Nantwich and Acton Grammar School and then on leaving school at 16, following his father's advice, began an engineering apprenticeship at Crewe Works, later joining Rolls-Royce & Bentley Motor Cars and eventually becoming a door fitter on the Arnage line. The Arnage was a product of Bentley Motors after Rolls-Royce and Bentley separated.

It was here, during his time at Rolls-Royce that Mark's book writing began. His first effort, focusing on his idols, Laurel and Hardy, led him to raise funds for a statue in Ulverston through sales and the unexpected support of comedian Norman Wisdom. The journey to securing Norman Wisdom's help for his Laurel and Hardy book was an unexpected but pivotal moment for Mark. Despite not knowing where Norman lived, Mark addressed a letter to "Norman Wisdom - Isle of Man." Two weeks later, to Mark's disbelief, he received a call from someone claiming to be Norman Wisdom's secretary.

After an initial shock, Mark engaged in a friendly conversation with the great British comedian, during which Norman agreed to write the foreword for his book. With this celebrity endorsement, sales of the book soared, providing necessary funds for the Ulverston statue, which remains in front of the town hall to this day.

Mark's passion for writing continued, evolving into an extensive documentation of local war memorials and culminating in the publication of *Where The Fallen Live Forever* in 2014, marking the centenary of the Great War.



A significant moment for Mark in his research occurred when he stumbled upon discrepancies on a plaque at the Municipal Buildings in Crewe, dedicated to the Villiers Russell twins, who both lost their lives in the Great War. While paying his respects on January 1, 2015, the centennial of their deaths, he had a chance encounter with an elderly gentleman, whose parents had been friends of the Villiers Russell family.

This unexpected meeting led to the sharing of letters and memorabilia, providing valuable insights into the twins' lives and revealing that the information on the original plaque was indeed incorrect. Determined to ensure the twins' true story was accurately preserved, Mark embarked on a mission to replace the plaque with the correct information. To fund this, he set to work writing another book titled *The Villiers Russell Twins: Crewe's Most Commemorated Great War Casualties*. With assistance from Bentley Motors (who produced the plaque in the Woodshop as an apprentice piece), Mark used proceeds



from the book sales to raise enough money for the new plaque, thus rectifying the historical inaccuracies and honouring the legacy of the Villiers Russell twins.

Since retiring, Mark has remained dedicated to researching the local history of both World Wars and earlier conflicts. He finds inspiration in individuals who reach out to him with family histories or stories. Mark acknowledges that his research is ongoing, often remarking that he “never knows what’s around the corner.”

His most recent book *When the Bombs Rained Down on Crewe* was written with his good friend Tony Marks, and was accompanied by an exhibition of photographs and artefacts at Crewe Market Hall. The book delves into the untold story of air raids from

July 1940 to April 1941, featuring a timeline and interviews with individuals who remember these events. Notably, the book includes a unique feature: matching Cheshire Police bomb images with current photographs to corroborate the stories of raids.

Mark’s tireless efforts ensure that the sacrifices of local heroes are never forgotten. The community are fortunate to have such an expert among them, tirelessly preserving and commemorating the legacy of the World Wars.

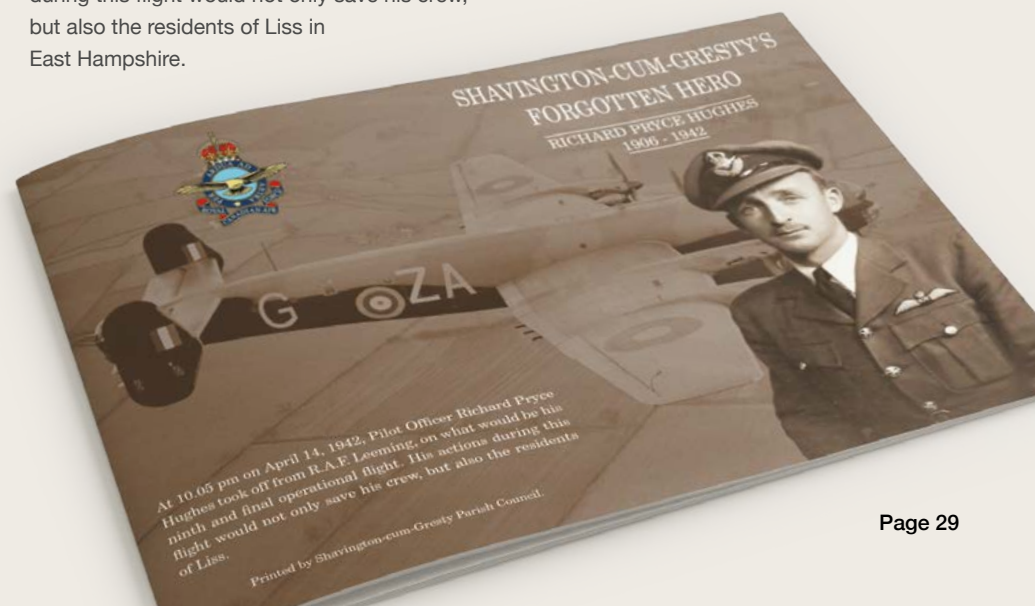
HISTORICAL

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY

Our ‘Historical Shavington-cum-Gresty’ Series, in which we would like to share the history of Shavington-cum-Gresty with the Parish.

The Historical Shavington article in this edition is replaced by the commemorative booklet ‘Shavington’s Forgotten Hero Richard Pryce Hughes’ that is being delivered alongside this edition of the newsletter. The booklet, written by local Historian Mark Potts is a commemorative keepsake that documents information about a local hero Richard Price Hughes who was born at Gresty Lodge in Shavington. The booklet gives information about Richard and documents his heroic actions on April 14, 1942. On this date, Pilot Officer Richard Pryce Hughes took off from R.A.F. Leeming, on what would be his 9th and final operational flight. His actions during this flight would not only save his crew, but also the residents of Liss in East Hampshire.

The booklet is just one of the many events happenings in Shavington-cum-Gresty to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. For more information about these events, see pages 12-15 of this newsletter or you can visit our Facebook page: ‘Shavington Online’ our website at shavingtononline.co.uk/d-day80-in-shavington-cum-gresty or check out our Parish noticeboards.



Hire

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY VILLAGE HALL

for your *Family Event/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.



'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 as well as family events and parties.

Cost to Hire

The cost to hire the village hall is from £30 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

Meet Your Parish Councillors



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Parish Council Committees

Parish Council

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
1 May 2024 – 7:30 pm Parish Annual Meeting	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. 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.	Benjamin Gibbs 07845 290192 BenjaminGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk
1 May 2024 – 8:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council		
5 June 2024 – 7:30 pm		
3 July 2024 – 7:30 pm		
4 September 2024 – 7:30 pm		
2 October 2024 – 7:30 pm		
6 November 2024 – 7:30 pm		
4 December 2024 – 7:30 pm		
5 February 2025 – 7:30 pm		
5 March 2025 – 7:30 pm		
2 April 2025 – 7:30 pm		
7 May 2025 – 7:30 pm		

Community & Engagement Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
12 June 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.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
11 September 2024 – 7:30 pm		
12 March 2025 – 7:30 pm		

Environment & Recreation Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
9 October 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.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
26 March 2025 – 7:30 pm		

Staffing Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
22 May 2024 – 7:30 pm	The Committee is responsible for all staffing matters.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
23 October 2024 – 7:30 pm		

Village Hall Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
29 May 2024 – 7:30 pm	The Committee has a strategic role in managing the Village Hall as an asset to ensure optimum occupancy and income.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
22 January 2025 – 7:30 pm		

Finance & Strategy Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
26 June 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.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
25 September 2024 – 7:30 pm		
13 November 2024 – 7:30 pm		
26 February 2025 – 7:30 pm		

Planning Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
1 May 2024 – 7.00 pm	The Committee meets to discuss and review planning applications within the Parish boundaries.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
5 June 2024 – 7.00 pm		
3 July 2024 – 7.00 pm		
17 July 2024 – 7.00 pm		
4 September 2024 – 7.00 pm		
2 October 2024 – 7.00 pm		
6 November 2024 – 7.00 pm		
4 December 2024 – 7.00 pm		
8 January 2025 – 7:00 pm		
5 February 2025 – 7:00 pm		
5 March 2025 – 7:00 pm		
2 April 2025 – 7:00 pm		
7 May 2025 - 7:00 pm		

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

Parish Council meetings will be held at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall.

All meeting agendas and minutes can be found online at <https://shavingtononline.co.uk/meetings/>
A printed copy of meeting agendas will also be placed in the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council noticeboard opposite Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall.

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 - 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 - 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 - 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 - 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 - 07989 171918

Nantwich Bridge Club

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

Tuesday

AJT Dance: Fitsteps

Time: 1.30 pm–2.15 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

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

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 Dance (Ages 5+)

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

AJT Drama (Ages 6+)

Time: 5.00 pm–5.45 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

AJT Dance: Musical Theatre (Ages 6+)

Time: 5.45 pm–6.45 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
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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: 6.45 pm–7.30 pm – Ballet
7.30 pm–8.15 pm – Tap
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

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 & Tap Classes

Time: 8.15 pm–9.00 pm – Tap
9.00 pm–9.30 pm – Ballet
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday Cardio

Time: 10.00 am–11.30 am
Location: Crewe Alex Soccer Centre
Contact: 01270 42 11 25
Communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk

St Mark's Bingo

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

Stepz, Street Dance

Time: 4.45 pm–6.15 pm (Weekly)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Kerry Gillick - 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 - 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

Wellbeing Wednesday Evening Social

Time: 7.00 pm–8.30 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: 01270 42 11 25
Communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk

Thursday

AJT Dance: Toddler Sing & Dance

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

AJT Dance: Preschool Dance

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

AJT Dance: Beginners Adult Contemporary & Musical Theatre

Time: 11.15 am–12.15 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

AJT Dance: Beginners Adult Ballet

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

AJT Dance: Beginners Adult Tap

Time: 1.15 pm–2.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

Craft & Chatter

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

AJT Dance: Private Lesson

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

AJT Dance: Musical Theatre

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

AJT Dance: Street

Time: 4.30 pm–5.30 pm – ages 5-7
5.00 pm–5.45 pm – ages 8-10
5.45 am–6.30 pm – ages 11+
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

AJT Dance: Adult Fitsteps

Time: 6.30 pm–7.15 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

Shavington Bridge Club

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

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 - 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 - 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 Mess

Time: 9.45 am–10.45am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Lara - 07882 590197
eastcheshire@thelittlesensory.co

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 - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

AJT Dance: Ballet, Tap & Modern

Time: 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 - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

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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