



Shavington-cum-Gresty
Community

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Your Quarterly Newsletter



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Launch Event Report

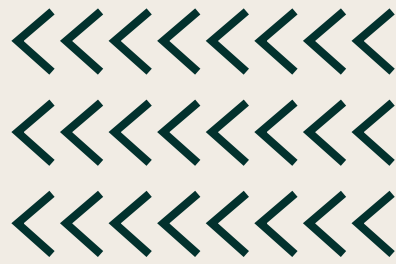


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Parish Council Meeting Reports



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

The terms of reference for each committee can be found online at shavingtononline.co.uk/governance-documents and the minutes from each meeting can be found at shavingtononline.co.uk/meetings.

An update from each of the committees is summarised below.

Parish Council Update

- The Parish Council is focused on ongoing administrative developments, including the recruitment of a new Clerk, with the appointed locum Clerk overseeing operations during the transitional period. Additionally, the following funding successes have been achieved:
 - £4,700 from the Flourish Fund to expand the Wellbeing Wednesday program.
 - £2,000 from the Flourish Fund for the updated Parish Walk booklet, developed in collaboration with the Women's Institute.
 - £4,212 from the Greener, Community, and Facilities Fund for enhancements to the Village Hall's Wi-Fi and screen facilities.
 - £750 from the Greener, Community, and Facilities Fund towards new blinds for the Village Hall.

Community Engagement Committee

- The Committee has actively reviewed grant applications under the Council's Grant Scheme, with collaboration from local schools. They also marked the inaugural meeting of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Working Group, which saw a strong community turnout of 30 participants. The Community Manager gave a report on the preparations for the Remembrance Service and Carol Service events.

Finance & Strategy Committee

- The Finance Committee is in the process of drafting the budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year, ensuring financial strategies align with community priorities.

Staffing Committee

- Annual staff appraisals have been completed to support ongoing staff performance and development.

Environment & Recreation Committee

- The Committee is addressing concerns raised by tenants of the Gresty Lane Allotments, working to resolve issues.

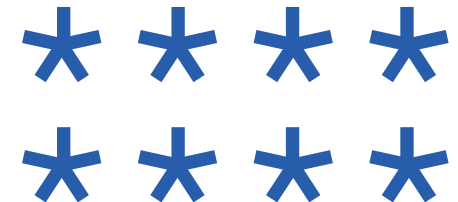
Village Hall Committee

- The Village Hall Committee met in January 2025, with updates including:
 - Installation of movement-sensitive lighting in all downstairs rooms, except the hall.
 - Ongoing work with the Improved Greener Facilities Fund, where delegation to proceed with grant decisions was authorised for key committee members.
 - A decision was made to continue the roof repair and gutter cleaning work. Further updates will follow as necessary.

Planning Committee

- The Committee continues to review planning applications, ensuring that feedback is provided in a timely manner.

For further information or specific inquiries, the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Clerk can be contacted via email at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk



Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications in December 2024 and January 2025. There was no meeting in February 2025.

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 2024

Number: 23/0097N
Address: Full Planning, Gresty Road
Description: Development Site Crewe Road, Shavington, Erection of 10 dwelling houses, landscape, private access road and associated car parking.
Outcome: No comment.

Number: 24/4112/VOC
Address: Santune Meadows, Main Road, Shavington
Description: Variation of conditions 2 and 18 on application 21/1920N - Installation of an ecological burial ground with associated access, car parking and infrastructure with ancillary facilities.
Outcome: RESOLVED: That Members noted that not all the updated information is available on Cheshire East Planning website and following a discussion with the Planning Officer at Cheshire East this item be deferred until an informed discussion can be held at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 8th January 2025.

Number: 24/2490T
Address: 1 Meadow Close, Shavington
Description: Works to TPO Trees Lime T1: To prune to achieve a 3m clearance from roof of 1 Meadow Close, in order to reduce encroachment, and damage to roof tiles.
Outcome: No comment.

Number: 25/1253N
Address: Green Farm, Crewe Road, Shavington
Description: Construction of 7 no. new build detached houses with associated highways, infrastructure and landscaping works.
Outcome: Members noted that the new plans showed a revised layout but had no comments to make.

January 2025

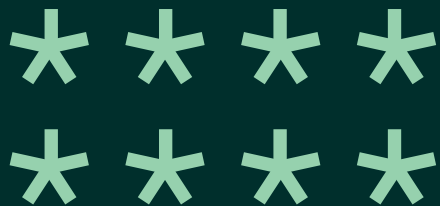
Number: 24/4112/VOC
Address: Santune Meadows, Main Road, Shavington
Description: Variation of conditions 2 and 18 on application 21/1920N - Installation of an ecological burial ground with associated access, car parking and infrastructure with ancillary facilities.
Outcome: RESOLVED: That ScG Parish Council support the application, on the basis that the appropriate building and planning regulations are in place and enforced by Cheshire East Council.

Number: 24/4499/NMA
Address: TJX Europe, Jacks Mill Way
Description: Non-material amendment to approved application 18/1049N – approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale), pursuant to 14/0378N.
Outcome: No comment.

Number: 24/4470/TPO
Address: 4 Weston Lane, Shavington
Description: Works to TPO tree. Lime Tree – remove dead wood from the tree canopy, raise the crown over the highway to achieve – 5.2m clearance and raise the crown over the garden to achieve -2.5m.
Outcome: No comment.

February 2025

No applications received.



Keeping Shavington Safe & Happy

Throughout November 2024 through until January 2025, PCSO Dan Walley worked hard to keep Shavington-cum-Gresty safe and support the community.

He regularly patrolled local garages, shops, and pet food stores to stop thefts and burglaries. Dan also checked on vulnerable residents to make sure they were safe and needed no help. He visited Shavington Academy and Shavington Primary School to talk to students about staying safe and avoiding trouble. Dan kept an eye on traffic by watching for speeding and parking violations, and he worked with parking officers to issue 31 tickets. He handled various incidents like suspicious activities, fights, and minor road accidents quickly and effectively. Dan also worked with other local services, such as housing, health, and emergency teams, to solve problems and improve safety.

His dedication and teamwork have made Shavington-cum-Gresty a safer and happier place for everyone.

Meet Your Dedicated PCSO: Dan Walley

We are pleased to introduce PCSO Dan Walley, the dedicated Police Community Support Officer for Shavington-cum-Gresty. Unlike other PCSOs, Dan is funded through the local precept, which means he focuses solely on our Parish. This dedicated support helps ensure that Shavington-cum-Gresty remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone.




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

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

| Incident | Nov '24 | Dec '24 | Jan '25 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Theft/Burglary | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Road Traffic Collisions | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Drug Use | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Safety/Welfare Checks | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Criminal Damage | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Suspicious Activities | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Neighbour Dispute | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned 999 Call | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Parking Issues | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hate/Racism Issue | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 3 | 1 | 3 |

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

If you need to get in touch with the PCSO Dan Walley, you have several options:

-  **Phone:** Call 101 for non-emergency assistance.
-  **Mail:** Leave a message in the post-box outside the Village Hall for non-urgent matters.
-  **Online:** Participate in online Police Surgeries. Details and dates are posted on our Facebook page: Shavington, Rope, Willaston and Wistaston Police @ShavRopeWillWistPol.



If you have any concerns or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to PCSO Dan Walley through the contact methods listed above. Together, we can continue to keep our community safe and strong!

WI Map Launch Event

Successful Launch of the Updated Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Textile Map

In 1992, all Cheshire Women's Institutes (WIs) were tasked with creating textile maps of their villages, capturing the unique character and landmarks of each community through the art of embroidery, cross-stitch, and other textile crafts. On October 21, 1992, the two local WIs, Woodnoth and Shavington, joined forces to produce the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Textile Map. Members diligently planned the project, gathered photographs of key landmarks, and collaborated to reproduce these images through their chosen textile methods.

By 1993, the original map was completed and proudly showcased in Chester alongside other Cheshire WI maps. It was later displayed at The Cheshire Show, celebrating the craftsmanship and community spirit of the Women's Institutes.

In June 1995, the Shavington-cum-Gresty Textile Map was presented to Kevin Gibbs, then Chair of the Parish Council, and has been prominently displayed in the Village Hall for the past 30 years, serving as a cherished symbol of the parish's heritage.

To commemorate the Coronation Year of King Charles III, Benjamin Gibbs, the current Chair of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, invited the WI to update the beloved wall hanging.



Embracing the challenge, the WI transformed the project into a vibrant community initiative, encouraging participation from various village organizations. In July 2023, the first meeting brought together representatives from the WI, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, the Shavington Village Festival Committee, St. Mark's Craft and Chatter, and members of the public. A new map was meticulously drawn up, reflecting recent changes and significant housing developments within the parish.

Over the course of the project, 27 members of the community contributed their skills and creativity to breathe new life into the map. After months of collaborative effort, the updated Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Textile Map was completed and was now ready to be officially handed over to the Parish Council for display in the Village Hall, where it will continue to celebrate the village's heritage and ongoing growth.



Celebrating the Launch Event

Last Saturday, our community gathered to celebrate this wonderful achievement at the WI Map Launch Event held at the Village Hall. The event marked the official handover of the Updated Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Textile Map to Benjamin Gibbs, Chair of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, symbolising the strong collaboration and creativity of our local Women's Institutes (WIs) and the entire community.



The afternoon was filled with joy and camaraderie as members of the WI served delicious refreshments to all attendees, providing a perfect setting for the community to celebrate together. The atmosphere was vibrant, reflecting the community spirit that went into creating the updated map.

The highlight of the event was the official presentation of the beautifully redesigned textile map by Enid Robinson WI President. This updated version not only preserves the rich heritage of Shavington-cum-Gresty but also incorporates recent changes and developments within the parish, thanks to the hard work and dedication of 27 community members. Their efforts ensured that the map accurately represents our growing and evolving village.

Benjamin Gibbs, the Parish Council Chair, officially accepted the map with heartfelt appreciation. "This map is a testament to the creativity and dedication of our community members. It beautifully showcases our village's heritage and growth, and I am proud to display it in the Village Hall for everyone to enjoy," he said.



The success of the event was evident in the smiles and positive feedback from attendees, who appreciated the hard work that went into updating the map. The updated Parish Textile Map now hangs proudly in the Village Hall, ready to inspire and inform both residents and visitors alike.

The updated textile map not only celebrates our past but also looks forward to the future of Shavington-cum-Gresty. It serves as a beautiful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together as a community. We encourage all residents to visit the Village Hall to admire the new map and take pride in our shared heritage.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this meaningful project.



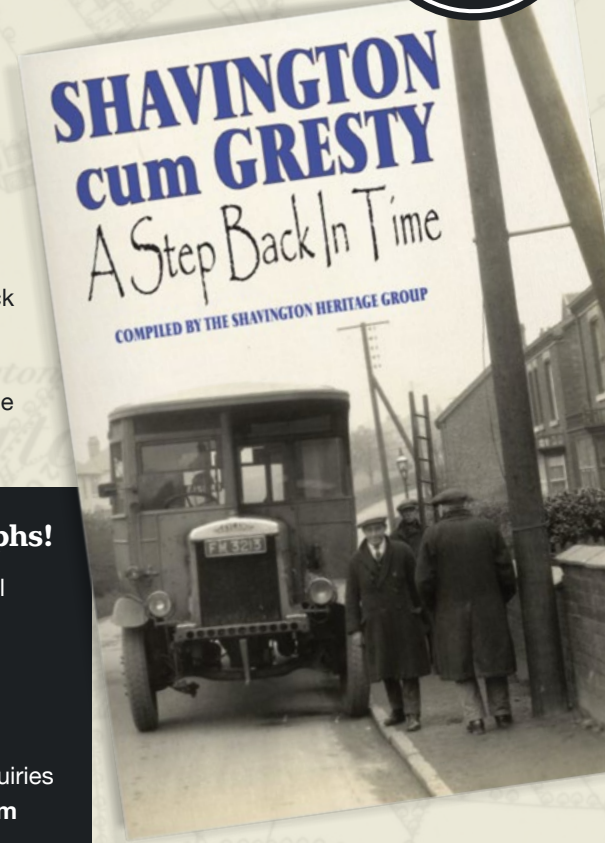
Shavington-cum-Gresty: A Step Back in Time

Coming
Autumn
2025

Do you have a cherished photograph capturing life in Shavington-cum-Gresty before or in 1980? We want to hear from you!

Our Heritage Group is producing a beautifully illustrated book that journeys back through the history of our Parish.

Shavington-cum-Gresty: A Step Back in Time will showcase personal snapshots, candid moments, and historical images that together tell the unique story of our community.



We Need Your Photographs!

- **Timeframe:** All images up until and including 1980
- **Deadline:** 31st March

How to Contribute:

- Email your photographs or inquiries to: markpotts7764@gmail.com
- Or call: **07503 178132**

Whether it's a snapshot of a local event, a family portrait, or a street scene from decades past, your contribution is vital in creating a vibrant record of our shared heritage.

Join us in capturing the spirit of Shavington-cum-Gresty and help build a legacy for future generations.

Submit your photographs today and be a part of our journey into the past!



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VE 80th

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



80th Anniversary VE Day - Beacon Lighting Event

Commemorating 80 years since the victory in Europe in 1945.
Join us for an Evening of unity, gratitude and celebration!

Thursday 8 May 2025 from 8:30pm
St Mark's Church Field

EVENT TIMELINE



8:30 pm onwards

Refreshments served in
St Mark's Church Field -
Connect with community
members to commemorate
together.



9:10 pm

Ceremony begins
with piper - Reflect
on shared sacrifices.



9:15 pm

Beacon Lighting
Ceremony - Join the
nation and community to
commemorate VE-Day.

Contact Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Community Manager for more
information communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or 01270 42 11 25.



Shavington Village Festival Committee VE80 Event

As part of the memorial events in the Village to remember the end of World War II in Europe, Shavington Village Festival Committee will be holding an afternoon concert at St Mark's Church.

The event will follow the same format as last year's afternoon concert celebrating the D-Day Landings, which included a fish and chip tea to recognise the work by sailors of all description during the war.



As part of this event the committee would like to hear from anyone who was present at any VE Day celebration or any family members who have memories from that time which could be shared during the afternoon.

Please contact Rene Hancock on **01270 661592** or email **renehancock@btinternet.com** if you can help with this matter.



Shavington Village Festival Committee Pantomime

Forty-eight years ago, Ken Jones, a friendly villager in Shavington, invited all the local groups to a meeting at the scout hut. The purpose was to plan how the village would celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Not many people came, but those who did were full of energy and ideas. Their enthusiasm led to the creation of a committee to organise a Village Festival for the summer of 1977.

From the start, the Committee decided that the main goal of the festival would be to help local groups raise money.

They did a great job, and the festival was a big success.

Because the festival went so well, the idea of having a village pantomime was born. In February 1979, the first pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," was performed at the Leisure Centre. It was a hit both in terms of fun and money raised. This success made the pantomime an annual event. Every year, more than 150 adults and children take part on stage and behind the scenes, and around 1,500 people come to watch.

This year's pantomime, Rapunzel, was a wonderful show that everyone enjoyed.

Shavington Village Festival's Rapunzel mixed the classic fun of pantomime with new and exciting ideas. The actors gave lively performances, funny lines, and catchy songs that took the audience into Rapunzel's magical world. They added new twists to the old story to keep it interesting for both kids and adults. The bright costumes and creative sets made the show even more magical.

Overall, the panto was a happy celebration of our community's spirit and talent, leaving everyone with big smiles.

A huge well done to everyone involved.





Reviving Shavington Primary School Pond: A Community Effort

At Shavington Primary School, children are enjoying more outdoor play and learning thanks to the OPAL Play Programme. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, and it encourages schools to use all areas of their grounds for children to explore, play, and learn in nature.

As part of the OPAL initiative, Shavington Primary School has been working on revamping and restoring the school pond. Over time, the pond had become

overgrown, making it difficult for students to enjoy this beautiful natural space. To bring the pond back to life, the Pupil Parliament took on the project as their main focus, exploring ways to improve and maintain the area.

With the support of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Members and officers, the Pupil Parliament teamed up with Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Together, they began clearing the overgrown vegetation and restoring the pond to its former glory.

The students were thrilled to see the first signs of success when a frog was spotted swimming in the newly cleared pond. This delightful sight showed everyone just how much the community's hard work had paid off and highlighted the importance of caring for our local wildlife.

“We were so happy to see the frog,” said one of the Pupil Parliament members. “It felt great to know that our efforts are making a difference for the animals and for our school.”

The project is still ongoing, and the Pupil Parliament is excited to continue finding new ways to enhance the pond area. They plan to involve more students and community members in future activities, ensuring that the pond remains a vibrant and enjoyable part of the school grounds.



The restoration of the school pond is just the beginning. Shavington Primary School and the Pupil Parliament are committed to creating more outdoor spaces where children can learn, play, and connect with nature. With the continued support of the community and local leaders, this project is set to grow and inspire other schools to embrace the benefits of outdoor play and learning.

We look forward to seeing how this wonderful project progresses and the positive impact it will have on the children and the environment.

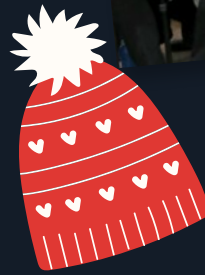
If you have any ideas or would like to get involved in the pond restoration project, please reach out to admin@shavingtonprimary.co.uk



Our “Carols at Christmas” event in December was a wonderful success, bringing the joy of the festive season to our community.

Crewe Brass worked together with local members to fill the air with beautiful Christmas songs, creating a festive and happy atmosphere. The event brought people of all ages together, helping everyone feel connected and celebrate as one community.

The Woodnoth-cum-Shavington Women’s Institute (WI) made the event even better by providing tasty refreshments. Everyone enjoyed warm mulled wine and hot drinks, making the event welcoming and comfortable for all.

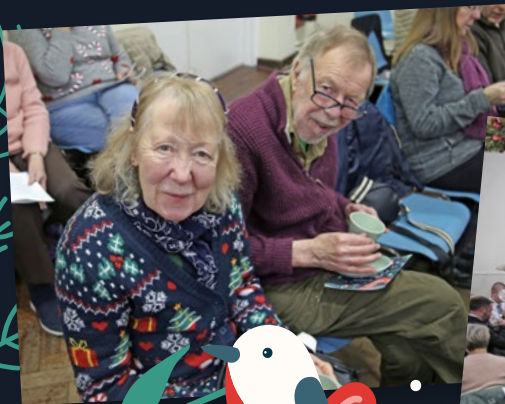


Carols at Christmas

We were delighted to have over 80 community members attend and celebrate the season together. As a special thank you, we gave out lovely cyclamen flowers to everyone who came. This gift was our way of showing appreciation for your ongoing support and participation.

The success of “Carols at Christmas” has made us excited for this year’s celebration. We want to build on the great energy and community spirit we shared and create even more happy memories together.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you again this year!





Wellbeing Wednesday Initiative Extended for Another Year!

We are thrilled to announce that Shavington-Cum-Gresty Parish Council has successfully been awarded a new grant from Cheshire East Council's Flourish Fund to continue our popular Wellbeing Wednesday initiative for another year until March 2026. This funding will allow us to keep providing free, engaging activities that promote health, fitness, and social well-being within our community.

The Wellbeing Wednesday initiative has been a huge success, and we are so grateful for the positive response from local residents. The program has become a key focus of our community work, and we are excited to be able to build on its success in the coming year.



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Weekly Wellbeing Wednesday Fitness Session

We are pleased to invite residents to continue joining us for revitalising fitness sessions every Wednesday morning at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. In partnership with AJT Dance, the Parish Council will continue offering free movement and low-impact fitness classes to music, specifically designed for older adults.

These inclusive sessions are tailored to all abilities and provide a fantastic opportunity for older adults to stay active, improve mobility, and enhance overall health. The low-impact exercises are gentle on the joints, making them accessible for seniors of all fitness levels.

Post-Session Socialising

After each session, attendees can enjoy refreshments and a healthy snack, creating a perfect opportunity to socialise and connect with others in the community. This initiative not only supports physical health but also helps strengthen community ties.

Year-Round Availability

Thanks to the grant, Wellbeing Wednesday will continue throughout the year, including during school holidays. Adults are encouraged to bring their children or grandchildren along to join in, ensuring that seniors can stay engaged with family while participating in healthy activities.

We're excited to continue this journey and invite you to join us for another year of fitness, fun, and community spirit!

Session Details

- **Time:** Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am
- **Location:** Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
- **Cost:** Free of charge
- **Booking:** No prior booking required
- **Contact:** communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or 01270 42 11 25



Monthly Wellbeing Events at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

We are also continuing our series of monthly Wellbeing Events at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. These events, held on the third Wednesday of each month, offer a variety of activities designed to enhance overall well-being. The events have been well-received, and we are excited to offer even more opportunities for residents to come together and engage in fun, meaningful activities.

Session Details

- **Time:** Third Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Location:** Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or 01270 42 11 25

These events provide a wonderful opportunity for community members to come together, forge new connections, and explore a range of activities aimed at enhancing overall well-being.

You can find a full schedule of upcoming events on our Facebook page, ShavingtonOnline, on village noticeboards, and on our website at www.shavingtononline.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the next Wellbeing Wednesday event!

Wednesday
19 February

Dance Fitness

With AJT Dance

Enjoy movement to music with the enthusiastic dance group.

Could You Contribute to Our Wellbeing Wednesday Evening Sessions?

We are currently looking for individuals or groups who would like to offer a session as part of our Wellbeing Wednesday evening program. If you have an idea for a session or activity that would benefit our community, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact our Community Manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or call **01270 42 11 25** for more information. Funding is available to support these sessions.

We look forward to your ideas and contributions!

Wednesday
19 March

VE 80 Community Create

With Nonna Glass

Help us to create displays for the Victory in Europe 80 year commemoration. Join in to help us with our community artwork.

Wednesday
16 April

Herbs for Health

With Herbalist Kate Huet

A return by request of registered medical Herbalist Kate to give and insight talk and demonstration on the use of natural remedies.

Spotlight on... Heritage Group

Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group is a community group dedicated to bringing together like-minded individuals with an interest in preserving and recording the rich history of our Parish. The group was formed with the goal of creating a welcoming forum for sharing stories, photographs, and memories that document the heritage of Shavington-cum-Gresty.

To date, the Heritage Group has met on two occasions. The first session served as an introductory meeting, setting the foundation for the group and outlining its objectives. This meeting allowed members to get acquainted, discuss the vision for preserving local heritage, and establish a framework for future activities.

The second session featured a series of presentations by three members, one of which was a detailed account of their childhood in Shavington-cum-Gresty. These presentations provided not only a nostalgic look back at the formative years of local residents but also an insight into the personal experiences that have shaped the community's character.



The group plans to meet quarterly and encourages all members to contribute presentations on topics of local interest, ranging from historical events to personal reminiscences linked to the Parish. Following each presentation, refreshments are provided by the WI, creating an informal setting where members can continue discussions and explore further areas of interest.

In addition to regular meetings, the Heritage Group is working on a comprehensive book that will detail and showcase the history of Shavington-cum-Gresty, complete with photographs. This publication is scheduled for release in autumn 2025, and contributions in the form of photographs or historical anecdotes are warmly welcomed.

The Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group is committed to fostering a sense of community and ensuring that the unique heritage of our Parish is recorded for future generations. We welcome all who share this passion for local history to join us in this exciting endeavour.

Anyone interested in joining the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group or in contributing to the book is invited to get in touch. For further information, please contact the community manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or call 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:

- 8 March
- 12 April
- 10 May

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.



A New Book of Walks Coming to Our Parish!

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, in partnership with the Woodnoth-cum-Shavington Women's Institute (WI), has successfully received funding from the Cheshire East Council Flourish Fund. This generous grant will support an inspiring project that aims to create a Book of Walks around our beautiful parish.

The purpose of this book is to encourage residents to explore and appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us. The walks will vary in length, catering to all levels of walkers, and are designed to promote health, well-being, and a deeper connection with our local environment.

The creation of this book will be led by Helen Lea, who has been instrumental in organising our seasonal parish walks.

Having lived in the parish for many years, Helen brings a wealth of local knowledge and a passion for the area's history and landscape. She will be writing the walks with support from Councillor Gordon McIntyre, whose photographic skills will bring the walks to life with stunning visuals.

We are excited to announce that the walking book will be available free of charge to every household in the parish. It is our hope that this resource will inspire people of all ages to step outside, explore the hidden gems of our community, and enjoy the peace and tranquillity that our countryside offers.

Thank you to Cheshire East Council for their support, and a special thank you to all those who have contributed to making this project a reality. We look forward to seeing many of you out on the trails soon!



Our recent winter walk was a fantastic success, bringing together members of the community for a refreshing outdoor experience. The walk, which met at the Village Hall, was expertly led by Helen Lea, a local guide with a wealth of knowledge about our parish.

Despite the chilly weather, the group stayed warm and comfortable as they set off for their journey. The route took them down Main Road, around the edge of Wybunbury Moss, and back via the scenic path alongside Shavington Park. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some fresh air, get exercise, and connect with fellow residents in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

A big thank you to Helen for leading this regular seasonal parish walk and sharing her expertise with us!



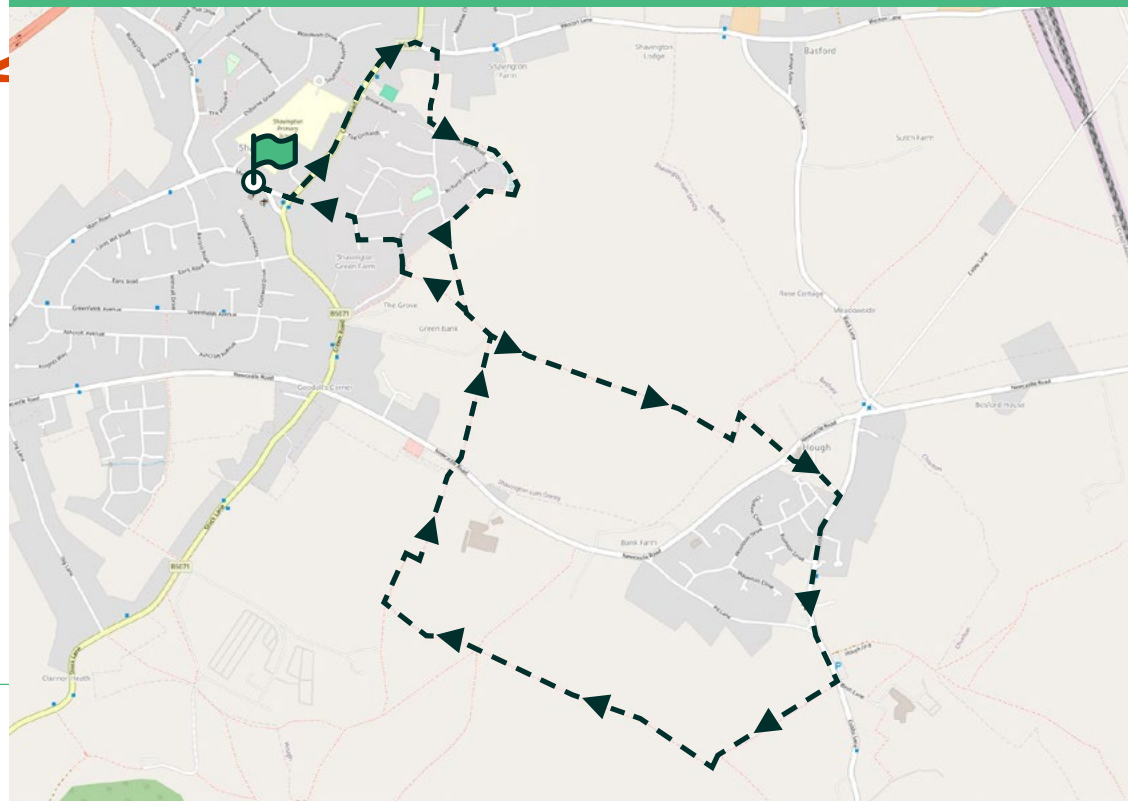
Spring Walk

**Join Us for Our Community Walk
Sunday 18 May 2025**

On Sunday 18 May at 1pm, meeting outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Helen will lead this walk around the local area.

The walk is around 3.5 miles (with 6-7 stiles) and will take approximately 1 ¼ hours. People should wear suitable footwear and bring their own drinks.

Information supplied with thanks to Helen Lea, Woodnoth cum Shavington W.I.



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 £35 for a 4-hour session.

Monday-Friday

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 8.00 am – 12 noon | £35 |
| 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm | £35 |
| 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm | £35 |

Saturday

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| 9.00 am – 1.00 pm | £55 |
| 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm | £55 |
| 7.00 pm – 11.00 pm | £140 |

Sunday

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 9.00 am – 1.00 pm | £55 |
| 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm | £55 |
| 7.00 pm – 11.00 pm | £55 |

Prices apply from April 2025.



Offers Available

- Weekend session £40 for those who live in the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish (weekend daytime booking only.)
- 16 weeks consecutive booking block at the cost of 12 weeks for regular users.



“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 |
|--|---|---|
| 5 March 2025 – 7:30 pm 2 April 2025 – 7:30 pm 7 May 2025 – 7:30 pm | Parish Council is the first level of local government. Its aim is to provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action. 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 |

Community & Engagement Committee

| Meeting Dates | What It Does? | Chair |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| 12 March 2025 – 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 |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 26 March 2025 – 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. | Katie Cruickshank 07860 351831 KatieCruickshank@shavingtononline.co.uk |

Staffing Committee

| Meeting Dates | What It Does? | Chair |
|---|--|---|
| Meeting dates will be set at the Annual Parish meeting in May 25. | 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Meeting dates will be set at the Annual Parish meeting in May 25. | The Committee has a strategic role in managing the Village Hall as an asset to ensure optimum occupancy and income. | Gordon McIntyre 07726 963584 GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk |

Finance & Strategy Committee

| Meeting Dates | What It Does? | Chair |
|---|--|---|
| Meeting dates will be set at the Annual Parish meeting in May 25. | 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. | Kevin Gibbs 01270 666786 KevinGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk |

Planning Committee

| Meeting Dates | What It Does? | Chair |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 5 March 2025 – 7:00 pm | The Committee meets to discuss and review planning applications within the Parish boundaries. | Gordon McIntyre |
| 2 April 2025 – 7:00 pm | | 07726 963584 |
| 7 May 2025 – 7:00 pm | | GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk |

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

+ Event suitable for adults * Event suitable for children

Monday

* Rhythm Time

Time: Toddler Class – 10.00 am
Baby Class – 10.45 am
Baby Class – 11.00 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Gemma - 07511 208160
gemma.c@rhythmtime.org

+ AJT Dance

Time: Gentle Stretch & Tone
10.00 am–11.15 am
Location: Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

+ Fit as a Fiddle

Time: 10.15 am–11.00 am
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott - 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

* AJT Dance

Time: Toddler/Preschool Dance & Sing
11.15 am–12.00 pm
Location: Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

+ U3a Bridge

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

+ Monday Fellowship

Time: 2.00 pm–4.00 pm (Fortnightly)
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Averil George - 07908 558358
sarah.butcher@methodist.org.uk

+ Pilates

Time: 6.30 pm–7.30 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott - 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

* 12th South West Cheshire Scouts

Time: 7.00 pm–8.30 pm
Location: Shavington Scout Hut
Contact: shavingtonscouts.org.uk/Sections/Scouts

+ Knit & Natter

Time: 7.00 pm–9.00 pm
(Second & fourth Monday of the month)
Location: Shavington Club
Contact: Ali Peake - 07989 171918

+ Nantwich Bridge Club

Time: 7.00 pm–9.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Janet Furber - 01270 811598 or
07889 128524

Tuesday

+ AJT Dance

Time: Adult Dancefit
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)

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

Time: Ballet, Tap & Modern
(Movement to Music) (Ages 4-5)
4.00 pm–4.45 pm
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Ages 6-8)
4.45 pm–5.30 pm
Musical Theatre
(Singing, Dancing & Acting) (Ages 5+)
5.30 pm–6.30 pm
Boys Only Musical Theatre (Ages 6+)
7.30 pm–8.15 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

* AJT Drama (Ages 6+)

Time: 4.45 pm–5.30 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

* 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

Time: LAMDA Acting or Musical Theatre
6.30 pm–7.30 pm
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: Elizabeth Davies-Allman
elizdavies115@btinternet.com

Wednesday

+ Wellbeing Wednesday Cardio

Time: 10.00 am–11.30 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: 01270 42 11 25
Communitymanager@
shavingtononline.co.uk

* Basking Babies

Time: Nurture Me – 1.15 pm
Pre Crawling – 3.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: www.baskingbabies.co.uk

+ St Mark's Bingo

Time: 2.00 pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)
Location: St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Elizabeth Davies-Allman - 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

Time: 6.45 pm–7.45 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott - 07738 117566
cw2pol@aol.com

* 12th South West Cheshire Cubs

Time: 6.30 pm–8.00 pm
Location: Shavington Scout Hut
Contact: shavingtonscouts.org.uk/Sections/Cubs

+ * Wellbeing Wednesday Evening Social

Time: 7.00 pm–8.30 pm
(3rd Wednesday of each month)
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: 01270 42 11 25
Communitymanager@
shavingtononline.co.uk

Thursday

+ AJT Dance Beginners Adult Contemporary & Musical Theatre

Time: Beginners Adult Contemporary
& Musical Theatre
9.30 am–10.30 am
Beginners Adult Ballet
10.30 am–11.15 am
Beginners Adult Tap
11.15 am–12.00 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

Time: Mini Street Dance (Ages 5-7)
4.00 pm–4.30 pm
Street Dance (Ages 8-10)
4.30 pm–5.15 pm
Street Dance (Ages 11+)
5.15 pm–6.00 pm
Musical Theatre
(Singing, Dancing & Acting) (Ages 6+)
6.00 pm–6.45 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
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* 12th South West Cheshire Beavers

Time: 6.30 pm–7.30 pm
Location: Shavington Scout Hut
Contact: shavingtonscouts.org.uk/Sections/
Beavers

+ AJT Dance

Time: Beginners Adult Ballet
6.45 pm–7.30 pm
Beginners Adult Tap
7.30 pm–8.15 pm
Intermediate Adult Tap
8.15 pm–9.00 pm
Intermediate Adult Ballet
9.00 pm–9.30 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
middlehelen@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-Allman - 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

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

Saturday

* AJT Dance

Time: Preschool Dance & Movement (Ages 3-4)
9.00 am–9.45 am
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Movement to Music) (Ages 4-5)
9.45 am–10.30 am
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Ages 6-8)
10.30 am–11.30 am
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Ages 9+)
11.30 am–1.00 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

* Messy Church

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



If you would like to be included in our Weekly What's On Guide please email our community manager at:

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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

Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group

Join our efforts to preserve our village history!

Wednesday
30 April
7:00-8:30pm
Shavington-cum Gresty
Village Hall





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