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Community

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Your Quarterly Newsletter

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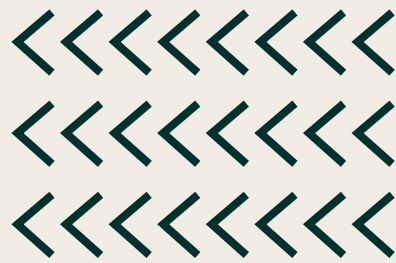


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Parish Council Meeting Reports

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.

Community & Engagement Committee

• Walks Booklet

In partnership with the Woodnoth-cum-Shavington Women's Institute (WI), Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council has created a beautifully crafted book of local walks around the Parish.

Also featured is the brand-new Heritage Walk, developed in collaboration with the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group, offering a chance to step back in time and learn about our area's rich history as you stroll. Free copies of the book are available now from the Village Hall or you can download from the Parish Council website shavingtononline.co.uk/wi-walking-book/.

• Grant Applications

Shavington Methodist Church have been awarded a grant of £1000 from the Parish Council to help support their plan to improve accessibility in the Church.

The money has helped to widen the doorway between rooms and level the floor to enable those with mobility difficulties to better access the space. The revised Grant Scheme continues to be open for applications. Details can be found at: shavingtononline.co.uk/app/uploads/2024/07/ScG-Grant-Program.pdf.

• Wellbeing Wednesday

The Parish Council will continue the Wellbeing Wednesday activities:

- Free cardio sessions at the Village Hall every Wednesday morning.
- Community event at the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month.

For details, contact communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk.

• Heritage Group

The group have recently published 'A Step Back In Time', a book focused on the history and heritage of

Shavington-cum-Gresty. The group continues to be supported with planned events and meetings underway.

• Newsletter

The December newsletter has been distributed, and the March edition is in progress.

• Remembrance Service

The event was a great success – read more about it on pages 18-21.

• Christmas Carol

The event will be held on 20 December at 4pm at Shavington Village Hall.

Finance & Strategy Committee

• Budget Setting

The finance and strategy committee have considered the requests for the 26/27 budget setting from other Committees. The 26/27 budget is due to be agreed at the December Parish Council meeting.

Environment & Recreation Committee

• Allotments

The allotment holders continue to meet with the Council regularly. We maintain a waiting list for allotments, please contact clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk if you would like more information.

• Grounds Maintenance

Our grounds contractor reports to the Council regularly. We are working together to improve the availability of the herbs at the phone boxes. Please feel free to take cuttings!

• Vine Tree Play Area

The Vine Tree play area has had some repair works carried out on the roundabout and flooring to improve safety and usability. Further work is being planned for the roundabout to get it back into full working order.

Want to Know More?

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

Village Hall Committee

- **Improvements and Repairs**

The village hall has undergone some improvements in recent months. We have installed a hot and cold water machine in the hallway, for users of the hall.

Our lounge room has been having a makeover, which should be completed by Christmas. We have also improved recycling and waste equipment in a bid to improve our sustainability.

- **Longer Term Improvements**

As part of our Sustainability Review, which aims to ensure that the Village Hall is kept up to date and fits our users' needs, the committee have commented on priority longer term projects to make larger improvements to the village hall over the term of our strategy. More updates will be available on this in the coming months.

- **Update on Hiring Costs**

We have reviewed our hiring costs for the Village Hall and plan to make some small changes to fees from April 2026. This will see weekday sessions rise from £35 to £36 per session, keeping this affordable whilst also covering the costs of the hall. For more information on hiring the Village Hall please email villagehall@shavingtononline.co.uk.

Planning Committee

- Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council apologises for the misprint in the September edition of the Newsletter. The planning application 25/1319/FUL should have had the address Orchard Barn, 274 Newcastle Road, Blakelow, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7ET
- The committee regularly meets to comment on planning applications. See pages 37/38 for information.



SHAVINGTON^{CUM} GRESTY
PARISH COUNCIL

Obituary

Peter Yoxall

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Peter Yoxall, a former member of the Parish Council, who passed away in October.

Peter served as a Parish Councillor for a number of years. He was Chair of the Parish Council in 2014 and contributed significantly through his involvement on many of the Council's committees.

Peter thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Council, working hard to improve facilities and services for the people of the village. He was a strong supporter of Parish activities and will be greatly missed by the wider community of Shavington-cum-Gresty.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Thank You to Our Clean Team Volunteers

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



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

Carols at Christmas

Saturday 20 December - 4pm

Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall

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

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

Immerse yourself with Crewe Brass, performing a selection of beloved carols such as "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "The Holly and the Ivy."

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

Please note: Our merry gathering is limited to 80 participants, with entry on a 'first come, first served' basis.

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



Reserve Your Tickets

Please phone 01270 42 11 25 or email communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk to reserve tickets' or book here using the QR code.

Make a difference in your community

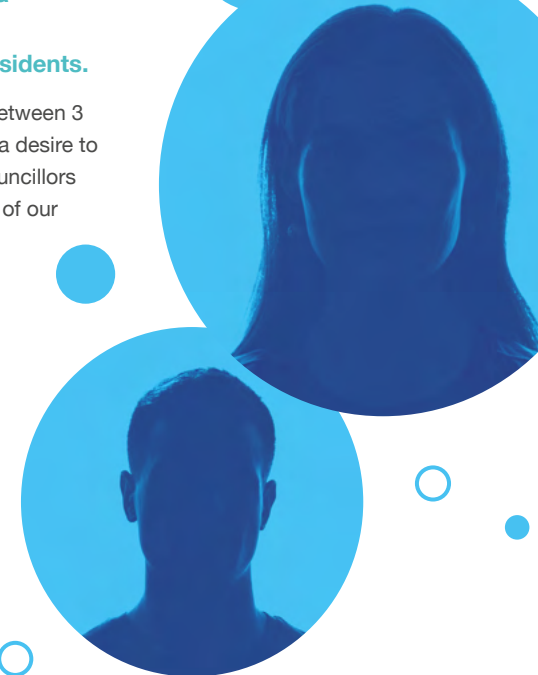
Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council currently has a vacancy and is seeking to appoint a community-minded person to become a councillor to work for the benefit of all residents.

Parish Councillors are unpaid, often dedicating between 3 and 15 hours a month to their communities from a desire to see the best outcomes for their village. Some Councillors are affiliated with a political party, although many of our current councillors are independent. The council operates on a politically neutral basis.

The Parish Council owns and manages the Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Vine Tree play area and Gresty lane allotments and has the power to use its funds and resources as it sees fit.

Last year, the Council led a community-based Impact environment initiative, led the D-Day 80 celebrations in the Parish, organised a Remembrance Sunday service and a Community Carols at Christmas for its residents.

There are three ways that you can become a councillor; standing for election, filling a vacant seat after an election (co-opted) or filling a casual vacancy.



If you want an election to be held, you must write to the Returning Officer at Cheshire East Council by **19 December**. For an informal chat about what's involved, contact the Clerk, Holly Marshall either on **01270 42 11 25**, email clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk or visit our webpage shavingtononline.co.uk/vacancyforacouncillor



Becoming a Parish Councillor



Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council currently has a casual vacancy to fill.

To give an insight into this role we would like to give you information about the process of becoming a Parish Councillor and information about the role.

Eligibility criteria to be a Parish Councillor for Shavington-cum-Gresty

To become a Parish Councillor, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications:
 - a. Your name must appear on the register of local government electors for the parish/ community at the time of your nomination and throughout your term of office should you be elected.
 - b. You have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area. You do not have to have paid employment to qualify, as long

as your main or only place of work is in the parish area. For example, Councillors who's main or only job is being a councillor would be able to use this qualification, if their council office is within the parish.

- d. You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

To check your eligibility further please use this link: electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england

Nomination process

To stand as a co-opted casual candidate, the person will need to submit their interest by completing the casual vacancy application form and submit it to the Clerk at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Main Road, Shavington or by email to clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk. The form can be found at shavingtononline.co.uk/application-council-vacancy-policy.

Time commitment

A Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Councillor will attend on average 2 meetings a month. Members will attend a full Parish Council meeting, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, and also, a committee meeting. Members on the Planning Committee may attend three meetings a month. Meetings are held on a Wednesday evening and last up to 3 hours.

Members are also asked to attend or support local events in the community such as the Remembrance Service, Parish led activities and assist on the Parish Council stall at the Village Festival.

There is also a responsibility to respond to requests and information from the clerk and officers to ensure council business can run efficiently and effectively.

If you would like further information, please email our clerk on clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25

Planning Applications

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

September 2025

Number:	25/2751/RES
Address:	Land South of Newcastle Rd, Shavington, Cheshire East
Description:	Reserved matters application (including scale, layout, appearance and landscaping) for the development of three commercial units and associated infrastructure. Following outline approval under hybrid application 21/4136N, Land South Of Newcastle Road, Shavington, Cheshire East.
Outcome:	The Parish Council want to ensure exit is safe, we understand that alterations are already anticipated in the plans. Concerns have been raised from neighbouring properties around signage and lighting, mitigation would be expected to ensure that lighting from the development did not negatively impact on neighbouring properties. The Parish Council would request that any deliveries would also be restricted to the opening time window of 7am-11pm.

Number:	25/3084/FUL
Address:	Land To Rear Of 148 Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5AJ
Description:	Siting of 2no. commercial units for business use (Class E) and associated parking.
Outcome:	The Parish Council have concerns around provision of parking; the volume of traffic in and out of the car park at Weston Court means it is already difficult to enter and leave safely. Without knowing the type of business and number of employees it is difficult to be assured that 3 additional spaces will be sufficient. There are also concerns about light generation from the buildings, this would need to be mitigated. Finally there is concern around overdevelopment of the site as it is being converted from a modest residential garden.

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Number:	25/3076/FUL
Address:	Blakelow Business Park, Newcastle Road, Blakelow, CW5 7ET
Description:	New commercial building and provision of additional hardstanding for parking and access.
Outcome:	The Parish Council would like to ensure that the hours of use at the site are suitable (for example 8am-6pm weekdays).

Number:	25/2618/FUL
Address:	61 Greenfields Avenue, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5HE
Description:	Change of use from a household garage to a dog grooming business. Will need to allow water/ waste water exit from garage and insulate current space. False wall will be installed inside with extra door. I have had the business elsewhere for 10 years as currently rent an industrial unit and planning on moving it to my garage as I have recently bought the house/land/garage. No more than 1/2 dogs from same household at a time to minimise noise. Pick up/Drop off times allocated.
Outcome:	No comments.

October 2025

Number:	25/3529/FUL
Address:	Shavington Villa, 13 Rope Lane, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5DT
Description:	The construction of 8 no. one bedroom bungalows for assisted living, carers' unit and associated works.
Outcome:	To ask the Clerk to comment on the application with the following. Members have concerns about highway safety, specifically the access point on to Rope Lane as this is the narrowest point of the road. Members also have a concern about the loss of trees and wish to ensure that as many existing trees and hedges remain in place as possible.

Number:	25/3674/HOUS
Address:	20 Vine Tree Avenue, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5BS
Description:	Proposed two storey side extension to form extra living accommodation.
Outcome:	No comments.

November 2025

Number:	25/4074/RES
Address:	21 Main Road, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5DY
Description:	Reserved matters application for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale following approval of Outline application 24/1193N.
Outcome:	No comments.

A Message From Your PCSO

PCSO Update for Shavington-cum-Gresty Residents: Parking Patrols, Community Engagement, and Community Visits.

Your local Police Community Support Officer, PCSO Dan Walley has been actively engaging with our community to address local concerns and enhance safety. Recent parking patrols have focused on high-traffic areas, such as Southbank and the Main Road school entrance, following feedback from residents.

If you need to get in touch with the PCSO 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

Staying Safe During the Winter Months

As the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, it is important to take extra care when out and about in the community. The darker evenings and icy conditions can bring added risks, but with a few simple steps, everyone can stay safe this winter.

Be Visible

When walking in the dark, especially near roads or poorly lit areas, wear bright or reflective clothing. A small torch or a light on your phone can also make a big difference. Drivers often have reduced visibility in wet or foggy weather, so being seen is vital.

Stay Alert

Keep your phone easily accessible, but avoid distractions such as headphones or texting while walking. Being aware of your surroundings helps you to notice anything unusual or unsafe sooner.

Secure Your Home & Vehicle

With longer hours of darkness, it is a good time to check that your home security is up to date. Ensure doors and windows are locked, and consider using timers for lights to give the impression that someone is home. Do not leave valuables visible in vehicles, and always double-check that your car is locked.

Report Concerns

If you notice suspicious activity, contact Cheshire Police via **101** or report it online. In an emergency, always dial **999**. You can also share community safety information through the local neighbourhood policing social media pages or community app.



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

Plan Your Route

Stick to well-lit paths and avoid shortcuts through parks or alleys after dark. Let someone know your expected route and estimated time of arrival if you are walking alone. Consider walking with a friend or using public transport where possible.

Look Out for One Another

Winter can be a difficult time for vulnerable neighbours. Take a moment to check in on elderly residents or those who may need extra support. A simple knock at the door or offer to help can make a big difference.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 2025

On November 9, 2025, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, St. Mark's Church, and Shavington Methodist Church joined together to lead the annual Parish Remembrance Sunday service. A large crowd of over 360 gathered outdoors at the war memorial, while those preferring to watch from home were able to do so via live streaming.

The service began with an opening address by Councillor Russell Jones Chairman of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, who introduced the first hymn. Following the hymn, Melvyn Latham of Shavington Methodist Church and Gaynor Bracey of St. Mark's led the service, introducing representatives from local organisations who contributed throughout:

- Scout leaders Chris Wood and Jen Wilkinson led a parade of Veterans, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, and community members.
- Councillor Rene Hancock from the Shavington Village Festival Committee led the hymns.
- Amy Brock, Deputy Headteacher at Shavington Primary School, recited the poem "The Inquisitive Mind of a Child."
- Cheshire East Councillor Linda Buchanan read "Flanders Fields."
- Brownies, Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers were also present to honour the day.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, Cheshire East, The Royal British Legion, Ton Class Association, Cheshire Police, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers, Brownies, Shavington Academy, Shavington Primary School, St. Mark's Church, Shavington Methodist Church, Shavington Village Festival Committee, and Woodnoth-cum-Shavington WI.

Nate Ellam from Shavington Academy played the Last Post, after which the congregation observed a two-minute silence. The village came together to sing the National Anthem, uniting in remembrance. The live streaming was well-received, allowing many to join in the service remotely.

After the service, refreshments were kindly served by members of the WI, providing a warm conclusion to a respectful and heartfelt community gathering.



Lest We Forget



Wellbeing WEDNESDAYS

Thanks to funding from Cheshire East Council's Flourish Fund, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council continues to offer free weekly and monthly wellbeing activities that promote fitness, social connections, and community spirit.



Wellbeing Wednesdays Highlights

Our Wellbeing Wednesdays evening events have continued to bring the community together with creativity, laughter, and plenty of friendly faces. Each session has offered something unique, giving residents the chance to try new activities and connect with others in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The Corn Dollies workshop with Nonna Glass was particularly well attended, filling the room with conversation and concentration as everyone learned the traditional craft. It was wonderful to see both familiar and new faces enjoying this skill, with many taking home their own handmade keepsakes.

AJT Dance brought a burst of energy and joy with a musical theatre session featuring the classic Singing in the Rain routine. Participants embraced the challenge, learning steps, rhythm, and expression while having a great time together.

Our most recent session, Watercolour Art with Ann Lau, provided a calming and creative space where attendees painted their own beautiful Christmas cards. The results were stunning, showcasing individual styles and festive spirit, and leaving everyone inspired for the season ahead.

Each of these evenings has reminded us how special it is to come together, learn something new, and enjoy the company of our community. We look forward to more Wellbeing Wednesdays to come.





Weekly Cardio Fitness Sessions Every Wednesday

Weekly Wellbeing Wednesdays Sessions. Residents are invited to join us every Wednesday morning from **10:00 to 11:30 am** at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall for low-impact, music-based fitness sessions led by AJT Dance, designed for older adults of all abilities.

Sessions are free and no booking is required. After the class, participants can enjoy refreshments, fostering both health and social connections.

Monthly Community Sessions: Third Wednesday Evening of Each month

Monthly Evening Wellbeing Events. On the third Wednesday of each month, Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall hosts free evening wellbeing sessions from **7:00 to 8:30 pm**, covering a range of engaging topics. Upcoming events are featured on the opposite page.

Stay updated on these activities through our Facebook page, ShavingtonOnline, village noticeboards, or our website at www.shavingtononline.co.uk. Join us for a healthy and enjoyable start to your Wednesdays and connect with your community!



Wednesday 21 January

Workshop on Neurodiversity

With 1st Enable

Discover the power of neurodiversity and the many ways our brains learn, think, and create.

Wednesday 18 February

Dance Fitness

With AJT Dance

Enjoy movement to music with the enthusiastic dance group.

Wednesday 18 March

Defibrillator Training

With Nantwich Ambulance First Responders

Learn how to confidently use a defibrillator in an emergency to save a life.

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.

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



Unlock Funding for Your Community Projects with Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Grants

Are you part of a community group or an individual with a project idea that could benefit Shavington-cum-Gresty? Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council is excited to announce the availability of community grants designed to support projects that align with the strategic themes of our 2024-2029 Parish Council Strategy.

Types of Grants Available

1. Micro Grants: Up to £250

Perfect for individuals or informal groups, Micro Grants are available for small-scale projects that make a big impact. Your project must benefit the residents of Shavington-cum-Gresty and fit into one of our strategic themes:

- Building a United Community
- Protecting Our Environment
- Celebrating Our Heritage
- Improving Health and Wellbeing

Eligibility:

- Individuals or informal groups of residents
- Projects that directly benefit the Shavington-cum-Gresty community

2. Community Grants: Up to £1,000

Ideal for larger projects or established organisations, Community Grants can significantly enhance your initiatives. Match funding is preferred but not essential. Projects must demonstrate a clear benefit to the community and align with our strategic objectives.

Eligibility:

- Shavington-cum-Gresty based charities
- Organisations serving local residents
- Clubs, associations, or organisations within the community

3. Young Person Scheme: Up to £250

Empowering the next generation, this grant supports projects led by young residents or students. Projects should align with the strategic themes and benefit local schools or the wider community.

Eligibility:

- Students from Shavington Primary School or Shavington Academy
- Residents under 18

Application & Decision Process

Applying for a grant is simple! Complete the relevant application form available on our website. The decision-making process is designed to be quick and straightforward, with responses typically provided within one month.

Monitoring and Evaluation: We keep it light-touch! We require a brief summary of your project's outcomes, a few photos if appropriate, and quotes from beneficiaries. Successful projects will be featured in our Community & Engagement Committee updates.

What We Don't Fund

- Staffing costs
- Retrospective projects or events
- Non-community-focused initiatives

How to Apply:

Visit our website, www.shavingtononline.co.uk, for detailed guidelines and application forms. Contact the Clerk on clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk or phone 01270 42 11 25. Stay updated via our Facebook page, ShavingtonOnline, and village noticeboards.

Take advantage of these funding opportunities to bring your community-enhancing ideas to life! Together, let's build a stronger, healthier, and more united Shavington-cum-Gresty.

Shavington-cum-Gresty 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.

The Heritage Group met in October for another fascinating evening exploring the history of our village. This meeting was led by Elizabeth Allman-Davies, who gave a wonderful talk about the newsagents in Shavington and her family's long connection with running the shop. Elizabeth shared stories of how she came to take it on herself, giving a real insight into the life and legacy of a local business that has been part of the community for generations.

Her talk brought back many fond memories for those attending, with people recalling their days as paper deliverers, stopping by for a newspaper, sweets, or even school uniform supplies. It was a lovely reminder of how important local shops are to the heart of village life. The group would like to express sincere thanks to Elizabeth for sharing her time and stories with us.



The History of Rope Lane

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 January at 7.00pm, when Audrey and Jeff will be giving a talk about the history of Rope Lane, including some of the memorable characters who have lived along it over the years. There is no need to book – simply come along and enjoy an evening of local history and friendly conversation.

As always, a special thank you goes to Woodnoth-cum-Shavington WI for kindly organising and serving the refreshments at our meetings. Their help adds a lovely touch to each gathering and is very much appreciated.

Anyone interested in joining the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group is invited to come to our next meeting, no need to book. For further information, please contact the community manager at communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk or call 01270 42 11 25.

A Step

Celebrating the Launch
of Shavington-cum-Gresty's

Heritage Book

Back in Time

The Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Book, titled *A Step Back in Time*, has recently been launched, marking an important milestone in preserving and celebrating our parish's rich history. The beautifully produced book offers a photographic journey through the years, showcasing scenes, people, and places that have shaped our community.



Many of the photographs were kindly shared by local residents, making the book a true community effort and a reflection of shared memories across generations. The project was coordinated by Mark Potts, who worked closely with a small steering team from the Heritage Group and the Parish Council to bring the collection together.

The launch event was a great success, with residents warmly welcoming the publication. Many visitors attended to collect their copies, and there was a real sense of pride and nostalgia as people reflected on familiar faces and landmarks captured within its pages.



This project forms part of the Parish Council's five-year strategy to ensure that the history of Shavington-cum-Gresty is recorded, preserved, and celebrated. Following on from the successful 150 Years of Education in Shavington celebrations and the continued achievements of the Heritage Group, *A Step Back in Time* stands as another positive example of our community's commitment to honouring its past.

**SHAVINGTON
cum GRESTY**
A Step Back In Time
COMPILED BY THE SHAVINGTON HERITAGE GROUP

The book is a wonderful reminder that our shared history is worth treasuring – a step back in time that will be appreciated for many years to come.

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.



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.



“We hired the Village Hall for our daughter’s birthday party, and it was perfect! The space was clean, bright, and big enough for games and a bouncy castle. Everyone had a fantastic time.”

Local resident

“A brilliant venue! The Village Hall had everything we needed – from tables and a sound system to plenty of space for everyone to mingle. The hall was clean, well-equipped, and great value for money. The kitchen area was really useful. Highly recommended!”

Local charity group

Walk Autumn

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

A number of community members, including a four-legged friend, joined us and it was great to see all ages enjoying the afternoon.

The walk was around 3.75 miles and took approximately one and a half hours, taking people around the Parish and over Cockshades.



Winter Walk

Sunday 1 February 2026

Due to the success of the previous seasonal walks, Helen has kindly agreed to lead a 'Winter Walk' on Sunday 1 February.

Meeting at 1pm in the School car park opposite the Village Hall, the walk is 3.5 miles and will take just over an hour. The walk will be one of the 'Estates' from the walking book. All community members are invited to join.



Meet Your Parish Councillors



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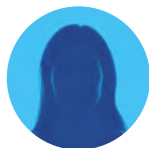
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Village Ward
Could this be you?

Parish Council Committees

Parish Council

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
3 December 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.	Russell Jones 07545 886190 RussellJones@shavingtononline.co.uk
4 February 2026 – 7:30 pm		
4 March 2026 – 7:30 pm		
1 April 2026 – 7:30 pm		
6 May 2026 – 7:00 pm (Parish Annual Meeting)		
6 May 2026 – 7:30 pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)		

Community & Engagement Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
11 March 2026 – 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
25 February 2026 – 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
29 April 2026 – 7:30 pm		

Staffing Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
14 January 2026 – 7:30 pm	The Committee is responsible for all staffing matters.	Katie Cruickshank 07860 351831 KatieCruickshank@shavingtononline.co.uk
18 March 2026 – 7:30 pm		

Village Hall Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
11 February 2026 – 7:30 pm	The Committee has a strategic role in managing the Village Hall as an asset to ensure optimum occupancy and income.	Gordon McIntyre 07726 963584 GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk

Finance & Strategy Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
28 January 2026 – 7:30 pm 22 April 2026 – 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.	Claire Wain 07952 319452 ClaireWain@shavingtononline.co.uk

Planning Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
N/A	Following a decision by the Parish Council, Planning Committee will now be held on an as needed basis, smaller applications will be responded to by the Clerk in consultation with the Parish Council. If you have comments you would like to be considered as a part of our response please get in touch with the Clerk at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk	Gordon McIntyre 07726 963584 GordonMcIntyre@shavingtononline.co.uk

Complaints committee meets only when necessary.

Committee Memberships

● Chair ● Vice Chair ● Member

	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 P Galt	●	●	●				●	
Cllr B Gibbs	●	●	●		●		●	
Cllr K Gibbs	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Cllr R Hancock	●			●		●		
Cllr R Jones	●	●						●
Cllr S Jones	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Cllr G McIntyre	●	●				●		●
Cllr S Randle	●		●	●		●	●	
Cllr C Wain	●		●				●	●

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

+ Suitable for adults * 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
11.15 am–12.00 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
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

+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: www.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 (Ages 4-5)
4.00 pm–4.45 pm
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Ages 6-8)
5.15 pm–6.00 pm
Intermediate Adult Tap
7.00 pm–7.45 pm
Intermediate Adult Ballet
7.45 pm–8.30 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: Group Singing (Ages 6+)
6.00 pm–7.00 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

+ 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

* Tracks & Toys

Time: Wheelie Wednesdays
2.00 pm–3.00 pm (Toddlers)
3.30 pm–4.30 pm (Ages 5-10)
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: 07982 960623
racingfamilyfun@gmail.com
www.tracksandtoysfamilyfun.co.uk

+ 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: www.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 & Musical Theatre

Time: Beginners Adult Tap
12.15 pm–1.00 pm
Toddler/Preschool Dance & Sing
9.30 am–10.15 am
Adult Beginners Contemporary
10.30 am–11.00 am
Adult beginners Musical Theatre
11.00 am–11.30 am
Adult Beginner Ballet
11.30 am–12.15 pm
Tiny Groovers Street Dance (4-6 years)
4.15 pm–4.45 pm
Musical Theatre (age 6+)
4.45 pm–5.30 pm
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Faye - 07579 022988
ajtevents@gmail.com

* AJT Dance

Time: AJT Mini Street (Ages 7-9)
4.15 pm–4.45 pm
Contemporary (Ages 10+)
4.45 pm–5.30 pm
Street (Ages 10-12)
5.30 pm–6.15 pm
Senior Street (Ages 13+)
6.15 pm–7.00 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church 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

* 12th South West Cheshire Beavers

Time: 6.30 pm–7.30 pm
Location: Shavington Scout Hut
Contact: www.shavingtonscouts.org.uk/sections/
beavers

+ AJT Dance

Time: Dance Fit for Adults
7.00 pm–7.45 pm
Beginners Adult Tap
7.45 pm–8.30 pm
Intermediate Adult Tap
8.15 pm–9.00 pm
Beginners Adult Ballet
8.30 pm–9.15 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
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-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

* Wildflower Yoga and Creations for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Time: 9.15 am–10.00 am
10.30 am–11.15 am
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Falicity - 07971 394663
wildfloweryogaandcreations@gmail.com

* 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 6-9)
10.30 am–11.30 am
Ballet, Tap & Modern (Ages 10+)
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



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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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