

# Your Quarterly Newsletter

Shavington Village  
Festival Committee

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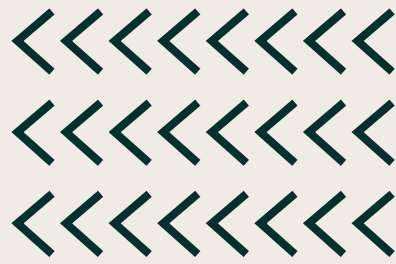
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# Parish Council Meeting Reports

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](https://shavingtononline.co.uk/governance-documents).

An update from each of the committees is summarised below.

## Community & Engagement Committee

### • Events for 2026/27

The Community and Engagement Committee have been considering a range of exciting events for 2026/27. More information on these events will be available in the coming months.

### • Community Access Programme

The Village Hall is now running a trial period until 30th June for the Community Access Programme. This allows not-for-profit groups based within the Parish to hire the hall for free! To find out more about this exciting scheme and eligibility go to: [shavingtononline.co.uk/village-hall-community-access-program-policy](https://shavingtononline.co.uk/village-hall-community-access-program-policy).

### • Warm Places

The Wellbeing Wednesday sessions have become a part of Cheshire East Council's Warm Places initiative. This aims to provide spaces for people to come together and keep warm for free and we are pleased to

be able to offer this opportunity to local people. To find out more about this scheme go to: [cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/warm-places-keeping-cheshire-east-warm.aspx](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/warm-places-keeping-cheshire-east-warm.aspx).

### • Grant Applications

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](https://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](mailto:communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk).

### • Heritage Group

The sell out book 'A Step Back in Time' was a huge success and so far has raised £2,706.41 for our chosen charity Shine Bright Foundation. Information about the latest Heritage Group meeting that was held in January is on page 15.

### • Newsletter

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

### • Carols at Christmas

The event was a huge success, read more about it on page 22.

## Planning Committee

- The committee regularly meets to comment planning applications. See pages 8/9 for information.

### • Neighbourhood Plan

Our neighbourhood plan was made in 2021, covering the period up to 2030. Since then,

changes have happened to the national planning system, which means we should update our plans. These updates are planned for 2026 and more information will be available in the coming months.

## 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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto:clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk).

#### • Vine Tree Play Area

The Environment and Recreation Committee are considering the current play equipment available at the Vine Tree play area and have set aside a budget for 2026/27 to install improved equipment. More information on this will be available in the coming months.

#### Finance & Strategy Committee

##### • Budget Setting

In December the Committee approved the budget for 2026/27, including the precept demand, which will be held at a 0% increase for the financial year. Find out what this means for you on page 7.

##### • Strategic Planning

The Committee regularly review our strategic plan 2024-2029, to ensure we are on track and hitting our milestones. The Committee have reviewed our delivery plan for 2026/27, for approval at Full Council.

#### Village Hall Committee

##### • 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](mailto:villagehall@shavingtononline.co.uk).



## No Precept Rise for 2026/27 – A Positive Update From the Parish Council

Each year, Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council sets its precept, which is the small portion of Council Tax used to support local parish services, facilities, and activities. This funding enables the Council to care for the places and events that matter most to our community.

The Parish Council owns and manages the Village Hall, the Vine Tree Play Area, and the Gresty Lane allotments. The allotments are self-funding, with income covering their day-to-day costs, while the Village Hall and play area are maintained by the Council to ensure they remain safe, well-kept, and enjoyable for everyone. In addition, the Parish Council organises regular community events, both independently and in partnership with local groups, helping to bring residents together and support village life.

We are pleased to confirm that the Parish Council will not be increasing the precept this year. By carefully reviewing how we operate and making cost savings in a number of areas, we have been able to continue providing services and activities without adding to the financial pressures facing households.

#### Chairman Russell Jones said:

*“We know that many residents are facing ongoing financial pressures, and we are pleased to be able to play our small part in supporting the community by not increasing the parish precept this year.”*

Over recent years, careful financial planning has allowed the Parish Council to build up a reserve fund, to enable us to invest in larger projects and ensure financial security. This year we plan to make improvements to village facilities, including works at the Village Hall and enhancements to the Vine Tree Play Area, ensuring these much-used spaces continue to serve the community well.

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council remains committed to responsible financial management, supporting community wellbeing, and investing in the long-term future of the parish. We will continue to keep residents informed about how the precept is used and the positive difference it makes locally.

# Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications in December 2025, January and February 2026.

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](http://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 2025

**Number:** 25/4336/FUL - Full planning  
**Address:** Elephant And Castle Inn, 289 Newcastle Road, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5DZ  
**Description:** Proposed erection of a garden room and open pergola to the current patio area in the beer garden.  
**Outcome:** The Parish Council are in support of the proposed development. There is a concern that the anthracite-coloured roofing materials will not be in keeping with the rest of the roofing materials.

**Number:** 25/4558/HOUS - Householder  
**Address:** 8 Gresty Lane, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5DD  
**Description:** Proposed first floor extension to rear of dwelling.  
**Outcome:** No comments.

## January 2026

**Number:** 25/4742/PIP - Permission in Principle  
**Address:** Land To The Rear Of Pusey Dale Close, Crewe, CW2 5DU  
**Description:** Permission in principle for the erection of up to 4 no. self-build dwellings with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities.  
**Outcome:** No objections in principle and will look at the full plans when they come through.

**Number:** 25/4823/EIA - EIA screening / scoping  
**Address:** Land East of Crewe Road, Shavington  
**Description:** EIA Screening Opinion in relation to pro-posed residential development.  
**Outcome:** No comments.

**Number:** 25/3529/FUL - Full Planning  
**Address:** Shavington Villa, 13 Rope Lane, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5DT  
**Description:** The construction of 7 no. one bedroom bungalows for assisted living, carers' unit and associated works.  
**Outcome:** No comments.

**Number:** 25/4895/PRIOR-1A - Prior Approval: Larger householder extension  
**Address:** 6 Woodnoth Drive, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 5BN  
**Description:** Prior approval for a single storey extension to rear of dwelling house, extending 4.0 metres beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 3.35 metres and eaves height of 3.35 metres.  
**Outcome:** No comments.

## February 2026


**Number:** 26/0181/HOUS - Householder  
**Address:** 19 Mallow Avenue, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5TN  
**Description:** Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling.  
**Outcome:** No comments.


**Number:** 26/0223/FUL - Full Planning  
**Address:** Shavington Green Farm, Crewe Road, Shavington, CW2 5JB  
**Description:** Construction of 1 no. new self-build detached house with associated highways, infrastructure, and landscaping works.  
**Outcome:** No comments.


A representative of the Parish Council also attended the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Committee on 28 January to speak against planning application 25/2405/OUT, Land West of Crewe Rd, Outline planning for up to 120 residential dwellings. Despite objections, the application was approved by the Committee.

# Shavington-cum-Gresty Policing Updates


If you require police assistance, you can continue to contact them in the usual way:


 **Emergencies (crime in progress or life-threatening situations):** Dial 999

 **Non-emergencies:** Call 101 or visit the Cheshire Constabulary website to report incidents online.

 **Local issues and information:** Visit the Cheshire Constabulary website's section on Shavington, Willaston, and Rope to view crime statistics and learn about our local policing team.

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.

## Resident's Voice

Residents of Shavington-cum-Gresty are able to register any non-urgent issues they have by using our resident voice online form. The information from this will be sent to the appropriate unit to action.




The QR code or the website address [www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicecrewe](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicecrewe) can be used to access this.



[reportfraud.police.uk](http://reportfraud.police.uk)

**Report Fraud is the new national reporting centre for cyber crime and fraud, replacing its predecessor, Action Fraud.**

Report Fraud's new platform has been built with victims in mind and offers:

-  A simpler, faster, and more accessible reporting experience.
-  Clear updates for victims on what's happening with their reports.
-  Stronger prevention advice to protect more people and businesses from fraud.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, Report Fraud is the place to tell the police about it, either online at [reportfraud.police.uk](http://reportfraud.police.uk) or by calling **0300 123 2040**.

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



## 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 Enabling Prosperity and Wellbeing in Cheshire East Fund to continue our popular Wellbeing Wednesday initiative for another year until March 2027. 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.

## Monthly Wellbeing Events at Shavington-Cum-Gresty Village Hall

We are 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.



**Event Details:**

- **When:** Third Wednesday of every month, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Where:** Shavington-Cum-Gresty Village Hall
- **Cost:** Free of charge

## Weekly Wellbeing Wednesday Fitness Sessions

We are also 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.



**Session Details:**

- **When:** Every Wednesday, from 10:00 to 11:30 am
- **Where:** Shavington-Cum-Gresty Village Hall
- **Cost:** Free of charge
- **Booking:** No booking required

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.

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.

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!**



## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18 March

### Defibrillator Training

With Nantwich  
Emergency Responders

A first aid training session specifically focussed on using the defibrillators.

Wednesday 15 April

### Make Macramé & Button Keyrings Craft Session

With Nonna Glass

A hands-on craft activity making items to take with you.

Wednesday 20 May

### A Talk on Gardening

By Anne Harrison

Learn practical tips, seasonal advice and how to create a thriving garden.

These events continue to provide an excellent opportunity for residents to forge new connections, learn new skills, and improve their well-being in a supportive, community-focused setting.

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](http://www.shavingtononline.co.uk).

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

## 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](mailto: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!**



# Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group



**The Heritage Group January meeting was extremely well attended, with over 60 people present, and proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening.**

Geoff and Audrey Maddocks gave a fascinating and entertaining talk about the characters, events, and everyday life on Rope Lane during the many years they have lived in their home. Audrey began by recalling how they first found their house in 1965, complete with orange blossom trees, and went on to share stories about the neighbours they had over the years, including the owners of the chapel that once stood next door.

Among the many memorable characters was a neighbour who had wallpapered an entire wall using a sample book of wallpaper designs, which Audrey described as incredible to see. Another neighbour took pride in polishing everything she owned, including her furniture, her floors, and even her coal before it was burned. One particularly colourful character wore a tea cosy as a hat, complete with the spout and handle hole carefully darned up.

Geoff shared a number of amusing and dramatic stories, including an incident involving his old car, which needed to be push-started. Audrey, who could not drive at the time, managed to get the car moving but had forgotten how to stop it, leaving Geoff chasing after her while trying to shout instructions.

Geoff also recalled many tales involving wildlife and animals in the area. These included an owl family that lived in the old chapel, bats that found their way into the house across the road, and a rescue mission to help a neighbour who was understandably frightened by the unexpected visitors. Other stories involved chasing escaped ponies along an icy Rope Lane almost all the way to Wybunbury, as well as returning a cow and several sheep to their field.

**One particularly memorable moment came when Geoff was rescuing escaped sheep and encountered a hunt chasing a fox. Geoff saw the fox hide and stood guard over its hiding place. When the hunt, assuming Geoff was the owner of the nearby villa, asked permission to continue, he refused, explaining that he liked foxes. As a result, the hunt was forced to retreat.**

The talk provided a real insight into the history of Rope Lane, brought to life through personal memories, humour, and warmth, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. A huge thank you goes to Geoff and Audrey for sharing such wonderful stories and making the evening such a success.



At the meeting, the group was also delighted to present a donation to the Shine Bright Foundation, raised through sales of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Book. More information about this can be found in the article on page 18/19. We are extremely grateful and overwhelmed by the continued support shown by the community.

### **About the Heritage Group**

The Heritage Group aims to collect, record, and share the history of Shavington and the surrounding area, focusing on the people, places, and everyday stories that might otherwise be lost. Through talks, shared memories, and community involvement, the group hopes to preserve local heritage for future generations while creating an enjoyable and welcoming space for learning and conversation.

### **Looking Ahead**

The next Heritage Group session will take place on **Wednesday 25 March** and is titled "Confessions of a Shavington Author and Publisher – From Badgers to Norman Wisdom", led by Mark Potts.

We continue to be amazed by the level of support the Heritage Group has received and are very grateful to members, speakers, and those who have already offered future talks. If you feel you could contribute, whether for ten minutes or an hour, all input is valued. Please contact our community manager at [communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk](mailto:communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk) or by telephone on **01270 42 11 25**. We would love to hear from you.

# A Step Back in Time

Shavington-cum-Gresty's  
Heritage Book

The Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Book 'A Step Back in Time' has continued to exceed all expectations, with both the first and second print runs now completely sold out. The response from the community has been truly overwhelming and reflects the strong interest in preserving and celebrating our local history.

At the most recent Heritage Group meeting, members were delighted to present a cheque for £2,706.41 to Jacky Atkinson, representing the Shine Bright Foundation. This donation was made possible entirely through sales of the heritage book, making the achievement even more special. See a report on the work of the Shine Bright Foundation on the following pages.



The Heritage Group is immensely proud to have created a lasting document of Shavington-cum-Gresty's history while also raising a significant sum for such a meaningful local cause. A special well done goes to Mark Potts, who worked tirelessly alongside Councillor Sue Jones and Community Manager Sara Randle to make this very first heritage book a reality and a true first for Shavington.

**Well done to the Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group and heartfelt thanks to everyone who purchased a book. Your support has helped preserve our history and raise vital funds for a truly local charity.**

# Spotlight on... Shine Bright Foundation

The Shine Bright Foundation is a charity with strong roots in Shavington and one that continues to be supported by people right here in our community. The charity was founded in memory of Sarah Bennett, a local Shavington girl who sadly lost her life to Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Sarah was much loved, and her family and friends, many of whom still live locally, came together to establish the foundation so that her kindness, strength, and positive spirit could continue to make a difference.



Today, it is Sarah's family and close friends who keep the charity going, working tirelessly to honour her memory and support others facing similar challenges. The Shine Bright Foundation raises funds to support research into Triple Negative Breast Cancer, helps promote the importance of early diagnosis, and provides practical and emotional support to individuals and families affected by cancer. Locally, the charity has helped fund complementary therapies that offer comfort and wellbeing to those undergoing treatment.



The foundation is run largely by volunteers, ensuring that funds raised go directly towards making a real impact. Recent community support, including funds raised through local projects and events, shows just how much this charity is valued within Shavington and the surrounding area.

If you would like to find out more about the Shine Bright Foundation, their work, or ways to support them, please visit:  
[www.shine-bright-foundation.org.uk](http://www.shine-bright-foundation.org.uk)

Supporting the Shine Bright Foundation is a wonderful way for our community to continue turning compassion into action. Through the dedication of Sarah's family and friends, her legacy continues to shine brightly here at home and beyond.



# CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

Our “Carols at Christmas” event in December was a wonderful success, bringing the joy of the holiday 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 to 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 and mince pies, making the event welcoming and comfortable for all.

We were delighted to have 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 last year’s “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!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday  
19 December  
2026





Shavington Village Festival Committee

# Pantomime

Forty-nine years ago, a small number of people met to discuss how the village would celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

This small group of people were full of enthusiasm and ideas. This energy led to the formation of a committee and the first Shavington Village Festival, which took place in the summer of 1977.

From the very beginning, the Committee agreed that the main purpose of the festival would be to support local groups by helping them raise funds. The festival proved to be a great success and quickly became an important part of village life.

Following that success, the idea of staging a village pantomime was born.

In February 1979, the first pantomime, Babes in the Wood, was performed at the Leisure Centre. It was hugely successful, both as an entertaining production and as a fundraiser, and it marked the start of what would become a much-loved annual tradition.

Each year, more than 150 adults and children take part both on stage and behind the scenes, with audiences of around 1,500 people coming to enjoy the show.

## Aladdin

This year's pantomime, Aladdin, was a fantastic production that delighted audiences of all ages. Shavington Village Festival's Aladdin captured the traditional fun of pantomime while adding fresh ideas and modern humour. The cast delivered lively performances filled with comedy, energy, and memorable songs, bringing the magical story to life.



Creative new twists on the classic tale kept both children and adults fully engaged, while the colourful costumes and imaginative sets transformed the stage into a vibrant world of adventure. The production was a wonderful showcase for the talent, dedication, and community spirit that make Shavington's pantomime so special.



# 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:

- Saturday 7 March
- Saturday 11 April
- Saturday 16 May

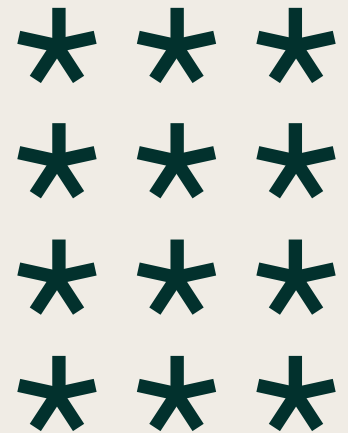
## Who can join the Clean Team?

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](mailto: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.



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**FREE**  
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# Easter Trail

FOR THE PARISH

Residents are invited to enjoy a free Easter trail taking place around the Parish from Saturday 28 March until Thursday 2 April.

Families and residents can follow a trail map around the local area to search for Easter eggs displayed on lampposts. Each egg will contain a letter, and by following the full route and collecting all the letters, participants will be able to spell out a mystery Easter message.

The trail is designed to be fun, easy to follow, and suitable for all ages, making it a great activity to enjoy together while exploring the village. The trail can be completed at any time during the period **Saturday 28 March to Thursday 2 April**, at your own pace.

Everyone who successfully completes the trail will receive a reward Easter egg, subject to availability. Easter eggs must be collected at the set times below from the Village Hall.

**Sunday 29 March**  
10.00 am – 12.00 noon

**Monday 30 March to  
Thursday 2 April**  
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Easter eggs are subject to availability. If demand exceeds the number available, updates will be shared via our social media platforms.

**We hope lots of people from the Parish will join in and enjoy this fun Easter activity.**

# 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](mailto:villagehall@shavingtononline.co.uk) or phone **01270 42 11 25** to book the hall.

Visit [shavingtononline.co.uk/village-hall-hire](http://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	£36*
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm	£36*
6.00 pm – 10.00 pm	£36*

#### 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 1st April 2026.

### Offers Available

- Weekend session £40 for those who live in the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish (weekend daytime bookings 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*



Out Now!

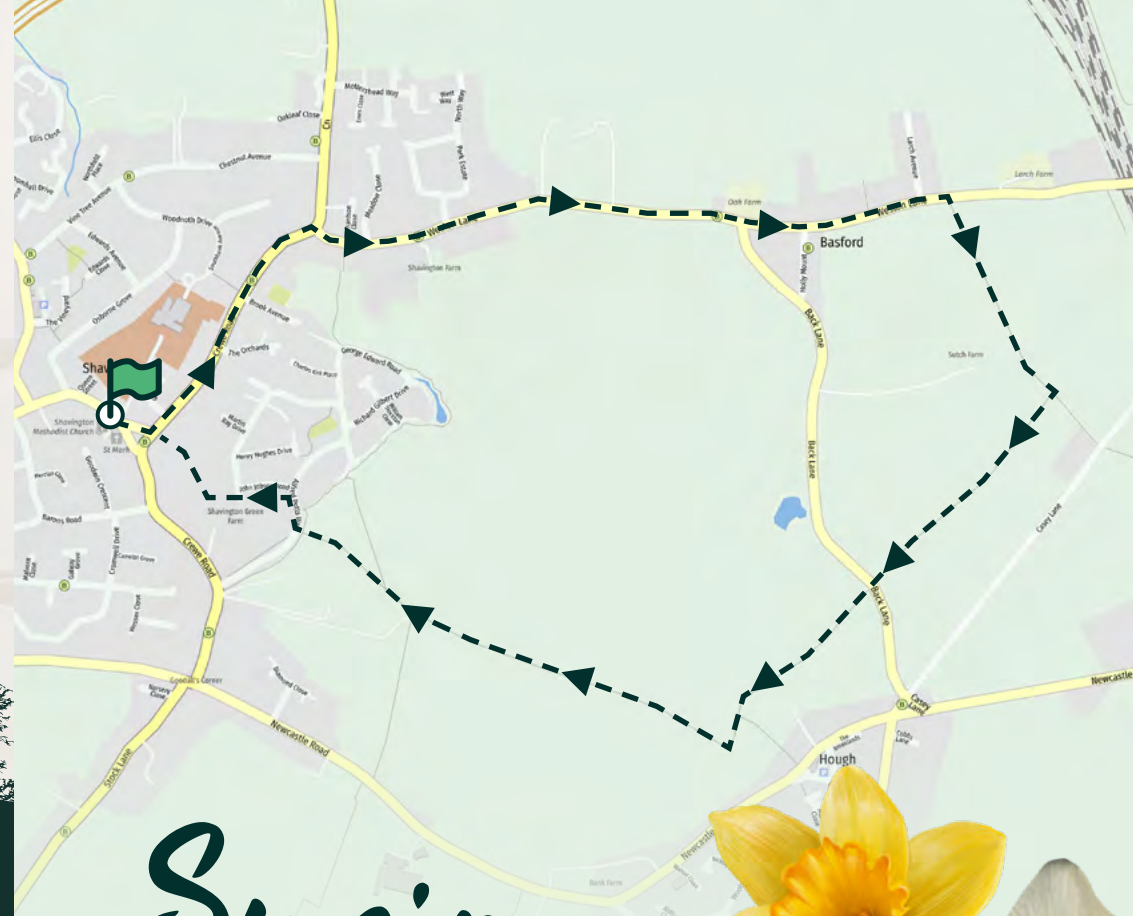
## Parish Book of Walks

Created by Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council in partnership with the Woodnoth-cum-Shavington Women's Institute, and supported by funding from the Cheshire East Council Flourish Fund, this beautifully produced book is ideal for all ages and abilities.

It features a variety of walks around our parish, each with clear distances, detailed step-by-step instructions, and an easy-to-follow map, making it perfect for both casual strolls and longer adventures.

Written by Helen Lea, with stunning photography by Councillor Gordon McIntyre, the book is designed to encourage everyone to get outdoors, explore our local area, and enjoy the health and well-being benefits of walking. A wonderful resource for residents and visitors alike, this is the perfect companion for discovering the hidden gems of our community.

The Shavington-cum-Gresty Book of Walks is available **from the Village Hall** or our website: [shavingtononline.co.uk/wi-walking-book](http://shavingtononline.co.uk/wi-walking-book)



## Spring Walk

Sunday 20 April 2026

On Sunday 20 April at 1pm, meeting outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Helen will lead this walk around the local area.

The walk is around 3 miles and will take approximately 1½ hours. People should wear suitable footwear and bring their own drinks. There will be two stiles to cross on the route.



# 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 Heritage based initiatives, Led the VE80 celebrations in the Parish, organised a Remembrance Sunday service and a Community Carols a Christmas for its residents.

So, if you are 18 or Over and registered as an elector in Shavington-cum-Gresty and are eager to make a positive impact in the village, register your interest about the vacancy (and have an informal chat about what's involved) with the Clerk, Holly Marshall, either by phone 01270 42 11 25 or email [clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk](mailto:clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk).

Interested Candidates for the vacancy should submit their application to the clerk by **Midnight 30th April 2026**.

## Meet Your Parish Councillors



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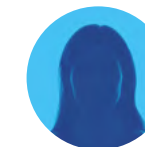
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**Vacancy**  
Village Ward  
Could this be you?

# Parish Council Committees

## Parish Council

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
4 March 2026 – 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.	<b>Russell Jones</b> 07545 886190 RussellJones@shavingtononline.co.uk
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)	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.	

## 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.	<b>Kevin Gibbs</b> 01270 666786 KevinGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk

## Environment & Recreation Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
29 April 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.	<b>Katie Cruickshank</b> 07860 351831 KatieCruickshank@shavingtononline.co.uk

## Staffing Committee

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

## Village Hall Committee

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

## Finance & Strategy Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
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.	<b>Claire Wain</b> 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	<b>Gordon McIntyre</b> 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:** 1.30 pm–4.00 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

### \* St Mark's Toddlers

**Time:** 9.30 am–11.00 am (weekly)  
**Location:** St Mark's Church Hall  
**Contact:** Sara Randle  
CFW@allsaintsandstmarks.co.uk

### + Fitness Fun

**Time:** 10.00 am–11.30 am  
**Location:** Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall  
**Contact:** candnu3a.org.uk

### + AJT Dance

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

### \* 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  
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  
**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:** 07769 339490 or 01270 662536  
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

### \* 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



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

# Local Contact Information

[www.shavingtononline.co.uk](http://www.shavingtononline.co.uk)



## Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Contact Information

### Ward Councillors

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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

### Parish Clerk

#### Holly Marshall

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[shavingtononline.co.uk/parishcouncil](http://shavingtononline.co.uk/parishcouncil)

### Community Manager

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