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Chairman's Report – Year in Reflection and Looking Ahead



As my first year as Chairman of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council draws to a close, it feels like an appropriate moment to pause, reflect, and look ahead to what the future may hold for our village.

This past year has been one of learning, challenge, and progress. It has also been a year that has reminded me just how fortunate we are to live in such a strong, vibrant, and supportive community. These achievements would not have been possible without the team working together. I would like to recognise a few of these people.

My Deputy Chairman, Kevin Gibbs, has provided steady guidance and wise counsel throughout the year. Our Community Manager, Sara Randle, has shown unwavering dedication to the village, delivering a programme of events that have brought

people together and strengthened our community spirit. Our Parish Clerk, Holly Marshall, in her first year as a full-time professional Clerk, has exceeded expectations through her professionalism, organisation, and commitment to the Parish. I would also like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their continued hard work and shared determination to make Shavington-cum-Gresty the very best it can be.

And, of course, my thanks go to you—the residents of our village. You are at the heart of everything we do and the reason this community continues to thrive.

As highlighted in previous reports, Shavington-cum-Gresty remains a highly desirable place to live. However, with that comes increasing pressure for development. While it is unrealistic to expect that no further housing will be built, it is essential that any development is both responsible and sustainable. I remain committed to ensuring that the best interests of our village are protected.

Our community is facing significant development pressures, and it is vital that we respond together. I encourage all residents to support the Parish Council in shaping our new Neighbourhood Plan. By working collectively, we can build a strong and evidence-based

case that ensures future development reflects the needs and capacity of our village.

Financially, this has been a challenging year for many households. The ongoing cost-of-living pressures continue to affect families across our community. In response, and thanks to careful financial management in previous years, the Parish Council has taken the decision to freeze the precept at 0% for the 2026/27 financial year.

This reflects our commitment to supporting residents during difficult times while continuing to deliver essential services.

Alongside this, the Council continues to focus on sustainability and long-term value for the community. Key areas of work include:

- Sustainability review
- Village Hall upgrades
- Installation of water butts at Village Hall
- Vine Tree play area upgrade
- Community grant schemes
- Efficiency savings
- Ongoing community support

These initiatives form part of our broader commitment to creating a resilient, sustainable, and forward-thinking parish.

As we look ahead, there will no doubt be further challenges, but also many opportunities. By continuing to work together—with residents, councillors,

and our dedicated staff—I am confident that we can shape a positive future for Shavington-cum-Gresty.

Yours sincerely,

Russell Jones

**Chairman Shavington-cum-Gresty
Parish Council**

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Chair 2026–2027

Councillor Russell Jones has been elected as Chair of the Parish Council for a further year.

Councillor Jones said:

I am really pleased to have been voted as Chairman for another year. It is a privilege to continue working with such an awesome community. I am looking forward to building on what we have achieved and pushing forward our Parish Council priorities, particularly around energy saving, upgrades to the Vine Tree play area, and improvements to the Village Hall, so we can continue to enhance life for everyone in our village.

Neighbourhood Plan Review: Update for Residents

Earlier this year, the Parish Council began a review of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it remains up to date and fit for purpose as the Parish plans for the next 20 years.

Neighbourhood Plans are important documents. Once adopted, they form part of the statutory planning framework and are used when planning decisions are made. They help guide matters such as the location and design of development, the protection of green spaces, and the infrastructure needed to support growth. To remain effective, Neighbourhood Plans must be reviewed periodically to reflect changes in national planning policy, local circumstances, and community needs.

Why is the Plan being reviewed?

The overall requirement for new housing is set by national and regional planning policy. These policies take account of factors such as population change, smaller household sizes, people living longer, and the need for affordable and accessible homes.

Because Shavington-cum-Gresty has schools, shops, services and transport links, it is classed as a more sustainable settlement. This means it faces greater pressure for development than smaller villages. Planning for this change matters. Without an up to date Neighbourhood Plan, the community will have less influence over planning decisions.

The review is therefore focused on how growth can be managed carefully over the next 20 years, ensuring development is appropriate to the Parish and supported by suitable infrastructure and safeguards.

What has happened so far?

An initial period of engagement was carried out in April with residents and other stakeholders. This helped gather views on how the Parish may change over the next 20 years and identified what people feel is important to protect, improve, or plan for.

The review has been considering matters such as approaches to site selection, the protection of valued green spaces, and the infrastructure needed to support any future development. Four development scenarios were explored as discussion tools. These were not decisions, but ways of considering different options and their implications.



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend drop in sessions and complete our survey. Local knowledge and lived experience are vital in shaping a strong and effective Neighbourhood Plan.

What happens next?

We are reviewing feedback from this initial engagement alongside relevant technical evidence and applicable national and local planning policies. This will help inform the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan review, including whether any policy changes or site allocations should be developed further.

Any proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Plan must be supported by evidence, comply with planning regulations, and be independently examined before they can be formally adopted.

Further updates will be shared as the review progresses. The Parish Council is committed to keeping residents informed as work continues to shape a Neighbourhood Plan that reflects local priorities and helps guide development in Shavington-cum-Gresty over the next 20 years.

Vine Tree Avenue - Play Area Update

The Parish Council is currently looking at ways to improve the play area on Vine Tree Avenue, with the aim of making it a more enjoyable and inclusive space for local families.

As a first step, we asked residents for their views through a recent survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond – your feedback has given us a really useful picture of how the play area is used and what people would like to see improved.

We also met with the School Council at Shavington Primary School. The children shared some great ideas, and it was valuable to hear their thoughts, as users of the space.

At this stage, no decisions have been made. We are currently speaking with a range of suppliers to explore what equipment might be suitable and what could be achieved within the space and budget available.

Our aim is to make sure any improvements reflect what the community wants, while creating a safe and welcoming play area for everyone to enjoy.

We'll continue to keep residents updated as plans develop.





Hickory's Phone Box

New book exchange added



The former phone box at Hickory's has been given a wonderful new lease of life and is quickly becoming a charming community feature.

Already known for the herbs growing on the outside, the space has now been further enhanced with the addition of a book exchange inside. This creates a lovely opportunity for residents to browse, borrow and share books in a simple and accessible way.

Stocked with a variety of both children's and adult books, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are looking for a new read, passing on a book you have finished, or simply having a browse, everyone is welcome to take part.

The book swap is based on trust and community spirit — take a book, leave a book, or just enjoy discovering something new. It is a fantastic way to promote reading while bringing people together.



Next time you are passing, do pop in and have a look. You might just find your next great read waiting for you.

Wayne Carter Takes on The Great Tommy Sleep Out

In March, local resident Wayne Carter took part in The Great Tommy Sleep Out, spending the night outdoors at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall. The location was especially meaningful, as it is home to the village's Tommy silhouette and situated alongside the Roll of Honour — a fitting place to reflect on the sacrifices made by servicemen and women.

The sleep out was fully planned and supported, raising both awareness and vital funds for veterans across the UK. By swapping the comfort of his bed for a night under the stars, with only a sleeping bag and the cold, Wayne highlighted the harsh reality faced by thousands of veterans who are forced to sleep rough every night.

The event was in support of the Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE), a charity dedicated to helping veterans facing difficult circumstances. The funds raised contribute towards providing safe housing, mental health support, employment opportunities and a strong, supportive community.

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, Wayne raised an incredible £1,185, all of which has been donated to RBVE.

This fantastic achievement reflects both Wayne's commitment and the kindness of those who supported him.

This was more than just a fundraiser — it was a powerful reminder that we do not leave our veterans behind.

Well done Wayne, a real local hero.



Shavington-cum-Gresty

Easter Trail

This year marked the Parish Council's very first Easter Trail, and it proved to be a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see so many people taking part, following popular requests from the community to bring this kind of event to the village.

The trail was very well attended, and it was lovely to see people of all ages out and about, walking around the village, searching for eggs and working together to solve the puzzle. Families made the most of the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor fun, and the children were delighted to receive their rewards at the end.

In total, over 220 eggs were given out, reflecting just how popular the event was. We were especially pleased that so many residents took the time to get involved and enjoy the activity.

We are also delighted to share some photographs of participants enjoying the trail, capturing the fun and community spirit of the day.

Due to the many positive comments, requests and enquiries following the event, we are pleased to share that we are now looking to create a similar trail for the summer holidays. Planning is already underway, so please keep an eye on our social media, website and village noticeboards for further details in the coming months.

Thank you to everyone who took part — we hope you enjoyed your time outdoors and look forward to seeing you again soon.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council was consulted on following planning applications in March 2026, April 2026 and May 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

If residents are concerned about any planning applications, we encourage you to submit your comments directly to Cheshire East Council.

March 2026

Number: 26/0640/FUL
Address: Land Adjacent To Alfred King Close Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5UW
Description: Demolition of existing storage buildings, erection of 23 no. dwellings, 2 no. vehicular access points, associated parking and landscaping.
Outcome: The Parish Council are broadly in favour of this development. They are appreciative of the fact it is 35% affordable and that other small units/ starter homes are going to be available.

Number: 26/1113/HOUS
Address: 95B Main Road, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5DX
Description: Ground floor rear extension.
Outcome: No comments.

Number: 26/0957/HOUS
Address: 13 English Oak Avenue, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5SU
Description: Ridge raise and loft conversion with front dormer.
Outcome: No comments.

Number: 26/1225/HOUS
Address: 37 Crewe Road, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5JE
Description: Demolition of existing sunroom and construction of single storey extension also, alteration to roof over porch/bay window.
Outcome: No comments.

April 2026

Number: 26/1189/HOUS
Address: 5 Southbank Avenue, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5BP
Description: Demolition of garage and rear single storey extension, construction of new left-hand side and rear two storey extension with single storey rear extension.
Outcome: No comments.

May 2026

Number: 26/1055/OUT
Address: Land East of Crewe Road, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5AR
Description: Outline planning application (including details of access with all other matters reserved) for residential development of up to 195 dwellings with site access from Crewe Road, open space, landscaping, drainage, ecological enhancements and other associated works.
Outcome: The Clerk will be asked to submit comments to summarise the issues raised by residents and Members. The full statement can be found at:
<https://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/>

Number: 26/1232/OUT
Address: Land West of Crewe Road Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5AR
Description: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 450 dwellings, comprising a mix of market and affordable housing (use Class C3), green infrastructure, a one-form entry primary school (Use Class F1(a)) including nursery provision (Use Class E(f)), a 100 space car park to serve adjacent football club, walking and cycling routes, formal and informal open space including trim trails, outdoor play space, drainage, as well as site clearance and preparation works and associated works and infrastructure. All matters reserved except for access.
Outcome: The Clerk will be asked to submit comments to summarise the issues raised by residents and Members. The full statement can be found at:
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Clean Team



Clean Team Community Report

The Clean Team continues to be a valued and long-standing part of our community, having run successfully for almost 10 years. Led by Councillor Rene Hancock, the group meets monthly from March through to October, bringing together residents who are passionate about keeping our Parish clean, tidy and welcoming.

What is the Clean Team?

The Clean Team is a dedicated group of volunteers who care deeply about the local area. Each month, they come together to help remove litter and rubbish from around the Parish. Their efforts play an important role in maintaining a pleasant environment for everyone who lives, works and visits here.

When does the Clean Team meet?

The group meets once a month, usually on a Saturday morning. Upcoming provisional dates are:

- Saturday 20 June
- Saturday 18 July
- Saturday 22 August

Please check the village noticeboard or the Shavington Online Facebook page for confirmation of dates.

Who can join?

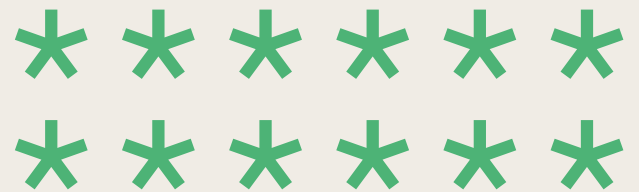
Everyone is welcome to take part, with no age limits. New volunteers are always encouraged to join. If you would like to get involved, you can contact Councillor Rene Hancock on **01270 661592** or email **cleanteam@shavingtononline.co.uk**.

Alternatively, you can simply turn up at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall at 10am on the scheduled dates. All equipment is provided, although sturdy shoes and gardening gloves are recommended where possible.

How else can residents help?

For those unable to attend the monthly sessions, there are still many ways to support the initiative. Residents are encouraged to help keep the Parish tidy by cutting back overgrown trees and hedges that obstruct pavements, keeping the front of their properties weed-free, and safely picking up any litter found nearby. Small actions from everyone can make a meaningful difference.

The continued success of the Clean Team is a reflection of strong community spirit, and all volunteers are warmly thanked for their time and effort.



Local Policing Team



PC 31392 Amanda
Finnetty-Bray



Hello, my name is Amanda, and I am your new Beat Bobby for Shavington. I am so excited for this opportunity to work in the Shavington Community. I have been a Police Officer for 2 years, and before that I was a PCSO. I have also worked in the Ambulance and Prison Service and have learnt a lot in all my roles. I will endeavour to do my very best for the residents of Shavington and I look forward to meeting as many people as I can. Keep an eye out on social media for dates of police surgeries, events and visit for a chat with your PC and PCSO.”

If you need to get in touch with the PCSO you can contact them by ringing 101 (this is the number for non-emergencies) You can also leave a message for them in the post-box outside the Village Hall or you can be involved in the online Police Surgeries (details and dates for this are posted on the Facebook page).

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



Resident's Voice

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



Summer Safety

As we head into the warmer summer months, it is natural to enjoy fresh air and longer evenings. However, this can also create opportunities for opportunistic crime if homes and outbuildings are left unsecured. A few simple precautions can make a big difference in keeping your property safe:

- With warmer weather arriving, it is tempting to leave windows and doors open. Please remember to secure your home when you are out, even for short periods.
- Ground-floor and easily accessible windows should always be closed and locked when unattended.
- Garden sheds and outbuildings can be a target during summer months. Make sure they are locked and any valuable tools or bikes are stored securely.
- Consider using outdoor lighting or motion sensors to help deter opportunistic activity in the evenings.
- Get to know your neighbours and keep an eye out for one another, especially during holidays when people may be away.
- If you notice anything unusual, report it promptly to help keep the community safe.

St Mark's Toddler Group – A Village Tradition

St Mark's Toddler Group is a much-loved part of village life, having supported local families for over 40 years. Held in St Mark's Church Hall, the group has welcomed generations of children – so much so that many of the parents and carers attending today once came along themselves as toddlers.

The group is open to parents, families and carers with children from birth up to school starting age. It takes place every Tuesday during term time from 9.30am to 11.00am, offering a relaxed and friendly space for both children and adults to connect.

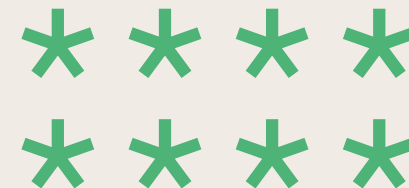
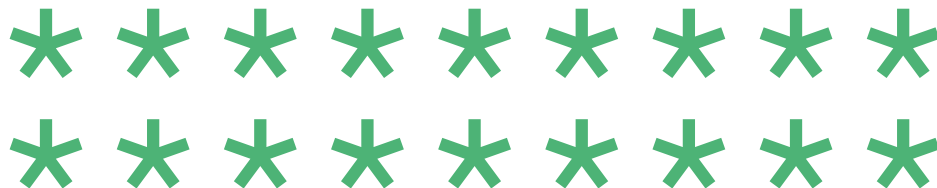
Sessions are led by Lauren, with support from Sara, the Church Children and Families Worker.

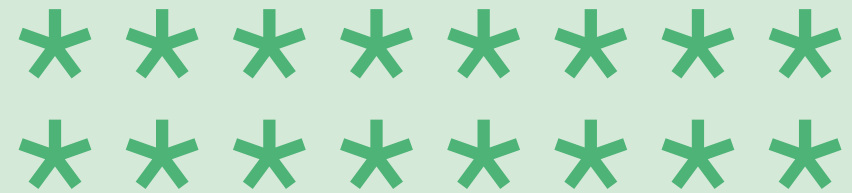
Each week includes plenty of free play with a wide range of toys, giving children the chance to explore and socialise. This is followed by a story, a simple craft activity, and a snack and drink for the children. After tidying up, everyone comes together to enjoy singing nursery rhymes, which is always a highlight of the morning.

The cost is £1.50 per family group, which includes a snack and drink for the children and a hot drink for adults.

St Mark's Toddler Group is known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, and new members are always encouraged to come along. There is no need to book – simply turn up and join in.

For more information, please email cfw@allsaintsandstmarks.co.uk.





Celebrating Our Grant Recipients

How Parish Council Funding is Making a Difference

Following the launch of Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council's community grants programme, we are delighted to share the exciting projects we have been able to support over the past twelve months. Thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of our residents and local organisations, these grants are already

contributing to a stronger, healthier, and more united Shavington-cum-Gresty.

Overview of Funded Projects

Our grants scheme, aligned with the 2024–2029 Parish Council Strategy, was designed to empower individuals, groups, and young people to bring their community-enhancing ideas to life. We are proud to report that the following projects have been awarded funding:



Shavington Primary School – £1,000 for 150-Year Commemorations

Shavington Primary School also successfully applied for a Community Grant of £1,000 to support their commemorations of 150 years of education in Shavington-cum-Gresty.

This important milestone highlighted the enduring contribution of education to the growth and unity of our village, perfectly capturing the spirit of Celebrating Our Heritage. The funding helped to bring together pupils past and present in a series of celebratory activities that honoured the school's rich history.

Shavington Methodist Church – £1,000 for Accessibility Improvements

Shavington Methodist Church successfully applied for a grant of £1,000 to improve accessibility between the church and the adjoining hall. The Parish Council contributed towards the cost of these adaptations, which have enhanced access for both church members and the wider community. The improvements have already had a positive impact, enabling more inclusive use of the facilities by local groups and visitors.



Heritage Groups – £250 for Research Resources

A grant of £250 was awarded to support local heritage groups with access to research resources. The funding was used to purchase a subscription to Ancestry UK, providing valuable historical information that contributed to the development and completion of the community Heritage Book.

Memorial Bench – £125 for Site Assessment

A grant of £125 was allocated to cover the cost of a site assessment carried out by Cheshire East Council. This review was undertaken to identify a suitable and appropriate location for the installation of a new community memorial bench, supporting future plans to enhance shared public spaces.

Looking Ahead

We are pleased to see the positive outcomes from these funded initiatives and look forward to supporting many more community projects in the future. A light-touch monitoring and evaluation process ensures we can share inspiring stories and celebrate the achievements of our grant recipients in future Parish Council updates.

Applications for the next round of funding are open now! If you have a project idea that can make a difference in Shavington-cum-Gresty, we encourage you to apply.

Visit www.shavingtononline.co.uk for full grant guidelines and application forms or contact the Clerk at clerk@shavingtononline.co.uk for more information.



How to apply

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 and 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.



Wellbeing EDNESDAYS

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Shavington-Cum-Gresty Parish Council is grateful for its continued funding from Cheshire East Council's Enabling Prosperity and Wellbeing in Cheshire East Fund. This funding plays a pivotal role supporting our Wellbeing Wednesday initiative, which is aimed at enhancing health, fitness, and social connections within our community.

Beginning this initiative, residents can look forward to each Wednesday morning at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, where free movement and low-impact fitness sessions to music will be provided by AJT Dance. These sessions, running from 10.00am - 11:30 am weekly, cater to individuals of all ages and abilities. No prior booking is required, and participation is entirely free of charge.

Following the session, attendees will be treated to refreshments and a healthy snack, offering a perfect opportunity for everyone to mingle and socialise.

Importantly, these sessions will continue during school holidays, welcoming adults to join with their children or grandchildren.

On the third Wednesday evening of each month, from 7.00pm - 8:30pm, Shavington-Cum-Gresty Village Hall will host a range of Wellbeing events. This provides another opportunity for community members to come together, forge new connections, and explore new activities. A detailed program of these events will be readily accessible on our website, www.shavingtononline.co.uk, with regular updates also available on our Facebook page, ShavingtonOnline, and on village noticeboards.

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



Fitness 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

Wellbeing Event Details:

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



Further information:

Find details for upcoming events in June, July and August on the next page.

Join us on the third Wednesday of every month for social activities.

No need to book just turn up at Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall 7:00-8.30 pm.

**ALL AGES
WELCOME.**

17th June:
Community Craft with Nonna Glass, Garden windchime

15th July:
Watercolour art with Anna Lau

19th August:
Dance fitness for all Ages with AJT

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



Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group



The Shavington-cum-Gresty Heritage Group is a welcoming community initiative that brings together people with a shared interest in preserving and celebrating the rich history of our Parish.

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The group continues to bring history to life through engaging and well-attended meetings. In March, members and visitors enjoyed a memorable evening with local historian Mark Potts, who delivered a fascinating talk titled "Confessions of a Shavington Author and Publisher – From Badgers to Norman Wisdom." His presentation combined humour with heart-felt storytelling, offering a wealth of local anecdotes alongside some moving reflections on the lives of local soldiers. It was an evening that left attendees with a deeper appreciation of the area's past.



The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 June, featuring a talk on Early Victorian Shavington presented by Adrian Hancock. New members are always very welcome, and we look forward to another enjoyable and informative evening.

The group meets quarterly and encourages members to contribute their own presentations on topics of local interest, from historical events to personal recollections. Meetings also include refreshments kindly provided by the WI, offering an opportunity to continue conversations in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Anyone interested in joining the Heritage Group is encouraged to get in touch. For further information, please contact the Community Manager at: **communitymanager@shavingtononline.co.uk** or call **01270 42 11 25**.

The Heritage Group remains committed to fostering community spirit while ensuring that the unique history of Shavington-cum-Gresty is preserved and shared for years to come.

Help Shape Our Local Heritage

Take Part in the Survey

Our local heritage is what makes Shavington-cum-Gresty such a special place to live. From treasured memories and historic landmarks to stories passed down through generations, every resident plays a part in preserving the character of our Parish.

The Heritage Group is inviting residents to take part in a short survey to help us better understand what matters most to our community when it comes to local history. Your feedback will help guide future projects, events and initiatives, ensuring we continue to celebrate and protect the heritage that is important to you.

Whether you have lived here for many years or are new to the area, your views are incredibly valuable. The survey is quick and easy to complete, and every response will help build a clearer picture of how we can develop and share our local history in meaningful ways.

You can access the survey by scanning the QR code, or by visiting the following link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PTFqdsWMMR>



Thank you for taking the time to support this important work. Together, we can ensure that the stories, places and memories that define our community are preserved for future.





Spring Walk

The Spring Walk was a lovely success this year, kindly led by Helen Lea along the Estates Walk. Blessed with beautiful sunshine, the day provided the perfect setting for a relaxed and enjoyable stroll through the area.

A number of members from the community joined in, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere throughout the walk. It was wonderful to see people coming together, sharing conversation, and making the most of the pleasant weather.

Even a four-legged companion joined the group and clearly enjoyed the outing just as much as everyone else.

The walk offered a great opportunity to appreciate the local surroundings while connecting with others, and it was clear that all who took part had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

A sincere thank you goes to Helen for leading the walk and helping to make it such a positive and memorable community event.



Summer Walk

About 3.5 miles



Walk around in the Community

On Sunday 5 July at 1pm, meeting outside Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, Helen will lead this walk around the local area.

The walk is around 3.5 miles and will take approximately 1½ - 2 hours.

People should wear suitable footwear and bring their own drinks. There are a couple of stiles on this walk.

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



Hire

SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY VILLAGE HALL

for your *Family Event/Party*

Facilities include:

- Flexible space to fit bouncy castle and party area to eat
- Entertainment licence
- Tables and chairs
- Kitchen Area
- Free Wi-Fi
- 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 £36 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

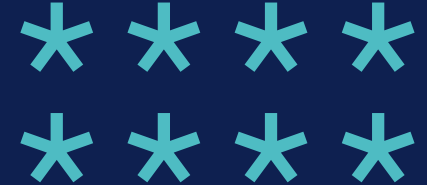
9.00 am – 1.00 pm	£55
2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	£55
7.00 pm – 11.00 pm	£140

Sunday

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

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.



“I hired the Village Hall for a children’s birthday party and was impressed by how clean and well equipped it was. The hall is the perfect size for a children’s entertainer, with plenty of room for tables for the party food. Many of the parents commented on what a great space it was for a party.”

Local resident

“We regularly use the Village Hall for community events. It’s a very clean, and flexible space that offers excellent value for money. We would happily recommend it to other community groups.”

Local charity group

Parish Council Committees

Parish Council

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
6 May 2026 – 7:00 pm (Parish Annual Meeting)	Parish Council is the first level of local government. Its aim is to provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council sets the annual budget of the Council, comments on planning applications, establishes committee and working groups, delegates powers to committees, discusses strategic plans for the Parish.	Russell Jones 07545 886190 RussellJones@shavingtononline.co.uk
6 May 2026 – 7:30 pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)		
3 June – 7:30pm		
1 July – 7:30pm		
2 September – 7:30pm		
7 October – 7:30pm		
4 November – 7:30pm		
2 December- 7:30pm		
3 February – 7:30pm		
3 March – 7:30pm		
7 April – 7:30pm		
12 May – 7:00pm (Parish Annual Meeting)		
12 May -7:30pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)		

Community & Engagement Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
13 May – 7:30pm	The Committee's principal role is to support and strengthen community engagement between the Parish Council and residents through the newsletter, website, social media channels, and the promotion of community events. It is responsible for overseeing allotments, the Vine Tree Play Area, and other environmental matters within the area. In addition, the Committee plays a strategic role in managing the Village Hall as a community asset, supporting local activities and events while ensuring optimal occupancy and income generation.	Kevin Gibbs 01270 666786 KevinGibbs@shavingtononline.co.uk
9 September – 7:30pm		
25 November – 7:30pm		
24 February – 7:30pm		

Staffing Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
10 March 2027 – 7:30pm	The Committee is responsible for all staffing matters.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.

Finance, Governance and Risk Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
8 July – 7:30pm	The Committee's principal role is to provide strategic oversight of the Council's finances, governance, and risk management. It ensures that activities are coordinated across all committees in line with the priorities set by members. The Committee is responsible for areas including budget management, financial planning, policy review, audit, and risk, supporting transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making across the Council.	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.
14 October – 7:30pm		
13 January – 7:30pm		

Planning Committee

Meeting Dates	What It Does?	Chair
Convened as necessary	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	Chair to be elected at first committee meeting with new council members.

Complaints committee meets only when necessary.

Committee Memberships

● Chair ● Vice Chair ● Member

	Full Parish Council	Community & Engagement Committee	Finance, Governance and Risk Committee	Staffing 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	●		●		●	●
Cllr N Warham	●					

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.

Meet Your Parish Councillors



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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

+ 60+ Exercise to Music (low impact)

Time: 9.45 am – 10.45 am
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott - 07738 117566
www.purerestore.co.uk

+ 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
jomulliner@icloud.com

* + Pilates

Time: Beginners & Intermediate levels
6.45 pm – 7.45 pm
Location: Shavington Methodist Church Hall
Contact: Lynne Scott - 07738 117566
www.purerestore.co.uk

* 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: enquiries@candnu3a.org.uk

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

*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

+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
www.purerestore.co.uk

*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: 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
Beginners Adult Tap
12.15 pm-1.00 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
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+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
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+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

+ Suitable for adults * Suitable for Children

Friday

+ Yoga

Time: 9.30am – All Levels
11.00am – Power Yoga
Location: Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall
Contact: Sue Diamond – 07902 747091

* 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
(Second 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
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+ * Sunday Service

Time: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Location: Shavington Methodist Church
Contact: jomulliner@icloud.com

+ 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



Shavington Village festival

Saturday 13 June 12 - 4pm

Organised by: Shavington Village Festival Committee

Local Contact Information

www.shavingtononline.co.uk

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Useful Contacts

Waste



Who should I ring to...

Report my bin hasn't been collected

0300 123 5011

Request a bin or report a damaged or lost bin

0300 123 5011

Report fly tipping

<https://trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

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 5014

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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