

# Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Old Fox and Hounds car park, Stottesdon

**Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2018**

### **Old Fox and Hounds car park:**

We are sure that many of you will have noticed that the signs have been erected on the car park.

We trust that the requests on the signs will be adhered to as we will be monitoring this and if we find that the requests are being abused then we will consider fencing off the car park outside of the hours requested.

We still have some landscaping to be done in order to complete the project and this will be carried out at the appropriate planting time.

### **Parish Council vacancies:**

We still have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council - 1 for Stottesdon and 1 for Sidbury. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Clerk or a Councillor or attend a meeting.

### **Audit of Parish Council accounts:**

We are pleased to confirm that the accounts have been audited by PKF Littlejohn LLP and no problems were raised. Thanks to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the Internal Audit once again.

### **Stottesdon and District WI: Helena Hale, President**

Our district WI is small with just 21 members but we made a big splash with help from friends. We swam at Highley Lido just before it closed for the 2018 season. We had a glorious sunny evening, a swim and fish and chips after our swim and raised over £900. After paying the cost of hiring the pool from, it was around £840 for the South Shropshire Domestic Abuse Support Services, the charity we have chosen to support this year. The chair of the Bridgnorth Forum, Heather Seeley joined us in this venture and will be presenting the work of the group at one of our meetings in 2019.

We meet on the third Wednesday each month at 7.30, either at Chorley or Farlow Village Hall.

All are warmly welcomed.

### **Lunch Club for elderly:**

A request has been received asking if there is a Lunch Club for the elderly residents in Stottesdon.

Is there any support for such a Club and if so is there anyone willing to co-ordinate this? Please let the Clerk know and this can be investigated further.

### **Silent Soldier:**

It is with regret that we have to report that the rifle has been broken off the Silent Soldier situated at Glebe Drive. PLEASE can we request that parents ask their children not to climb on the millennium stone and not to damage the Soldier further. Thank you!

### **Parking outside school:**

Can we please remind everyone that there are limited spaces in Glebe Drive and permission has been given by the Fighting Cocks to use their car park for drop off/pick up times.

Please consider other road users and pedestrians - some with push-chairs, wheel chair users and partially sighted who are finding it very difficult outside the school. Perhaps these photographs taken during a school event might make people realise the dangers and difficulties other people face when trying to walk down the pavement to the village. It is not safe for vehicles having to drive on the wrong side of the road on a bend and for pedestrian to have to walk in the middle of the road.



### **Storm Callum:**

We have been very impressed with the information forwarded to the Parish Council during the recent storms from Western Power Distribution . Facts and figures quoted are:

80,413 customers restored across the whole business after losing power

72mph highest wind speed recorded at Pembrey Sands, South Wales

99.51% calls answered within 20 seconds

13,009 calls taken by call centre

4,794 calls received via 105 number

2.04 secs average speed of call response

22,432 hits on website.

The crews out there working in all hours in all weather conditions do an excellent job!

Any power loss/faults can be reported on 105 or 0800 6783 105.

**Letter sent out from Consultants and Dr's from Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals:**

*Royal Shrewsbury Hospital  
Mytton Oak Road  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
SY3 8XQ*

*7th October 2018*

*Our Ref: Supporting SaTH Consultant letter  
To the people of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid-Wales,*

*We would like to thank the local people of Telford, Wrekin, Shropshire and Mid Wales for the overwhelming support that they have given recently to our staff. Both our staff and the local public have been distressed and concerned by recent National headlines. We would like to reassure our patients that their safe care is our priority. We welcome the independent review of our maternity department which will help us to learn from past events. Our accident and emergency departments are under enormous pressure with doctors, nurses and all other staff doing their best despite overwhelming demand.*

*We now have a clear vision for the future of our hospitals. This year, we have appointed many new consultants to the trust who want to make their home here and help us realise this vision.*

*We will continue to work and support our managers and members of the board to bring this to fruition. Safe and effective care in Telford, Wrekin, Mid Wales and Shropshire requires stable leadership; any major change to the Leadership team would be a misguided and unnecessary distraction at this key time.*

*Thank you for continuing to support your local hospitals.*

**Brown Clee Medical Practice:**

You may have already heard but the Medical Practice was voted best out of 7000 GP Surgeries in the Country.

"100% of patients at the Surgery rated the overall experience as good or very good and that reception staff were helpful and GPs treated them with care and concern".

Well done to the Surgery - this was reported in the Daily and Local newspapers back in August.

**Overhanging trees:**

Can we please remind everyone to check overhanging trees/branches especially those close to the highway before the winter sets in and cut any road side hedges.

**Road repairs:**

Shropshire Council has been carrying out some repairs in the parish with quite a few bigger jobs still waiting to be carried out when the money is available.

Please continue to report any problems to the Clerk, Councillor or direct to Shropshire Council through their website.

**STAR Housing properties in Stottesdon:**

Can we remind everyone that if you know of anyone who would like to live in Stottesdon that they have to have their names on Homepoint as this is where the properties are advertised.

The Parish Council has no control over the letting of these properties.

**Conservation Area:**

Please remember that Stottesdon is in a Conservation Area and permission is required to cut/lop/remove trees as well as some aspects of building.

Please check with Shropshire Council if permission is required to carry out any such work before commencement.

**Anonymous letter:**

If you have a problem requiring the attention/help from the Parish Council please either speak/write/email the Clerk or Councillor who will be happy to help.

A recent anonymous letter received contained some incorrect comments which could have been dealt with had the person writing given their name. Any future anonymous correspondence will not be dealt with.

**Nightingale Nursing Fund**

The fund continues to pay for care for patients in crisis in and around the area. This provides them with possible extra care at times of serious health issues.

To boost funds a Tombola is being held at the Farmers Market in Cleobury Mortimer church on Saturday 19th January 2019. We are suggesting that any unwanted gifts could be given to help raise the much needed funds or support on the day.

If you are willing to donate anything I am willing to collect them from you if you give me a phone call. Thanks in anticipation. Rosemary Abbiss 718451

**Parish Council meetings:**

Next meetings:

October 22nd, November 26th and December 17th

All agendas are put on the PC website - [www.stottesdonpc.co.uk](http://www.stottesdonpc.co.uk) and on the notice board.

The new website automatically includes any planning applications the Parish Council receives and the Clerk updates this as and when required.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings and address the Council at the beginning of each meeting.

## **Chorley Show 2018**

We had fine weather for the show and had over 1700 visitors to the show, making a very successful show for us. We had many compliments on the show set up and on the entertainments provided but we have also noted some things that we can improve on.

We are holding an event at 7.30pm on Friday, 26th October, at Chorley Village Hall for our sponsors, volunteers and contributors to celebrate the success of our 2018 Show and to witness the cheque presentations to our chosen local good causes – Hope House, Willowdene and the Village Hall. Monies raised for our good causes will be revealed on the night!

Many thanks to all those who contributed with this year's show – without your help we couldn't run the show!

## **Child mental health: is it in crisis in Shropshire?**



BBC Panorama reported that "Britain is in the grip of a child mental health crisis and getting help is a postcode lottery".

Healthwatch Shropshire would like to know about the experiences of Shropshire children, parents, carers and the professionals who support them. Are our children getting the help they need when they need it? If you have used the services, what do you think? Are there gaps in provision? These are the questions Healthwatch Shropshire is asking as part of its Hot Topic looking at the recently launched 0 – 25 Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service in Shropshire.

This service includes two online services, Kooth and Helios, where people can access self-help, peer support, counselling and treatment. Support is offered through the BEAM drop in centres along with face to face services from a multi-disciplinary Young People and Families Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Rachael Allen, Healthwatch Shropshire Chief Officer, explained: "We hear a lot in the national press about the mental health problems facing children in today's society and the services children can access. We really want to hear about the experiences people have of local services. We gather these experiences and feed them back anonymously to those organisations who provide and pay for the services. In this way user experience can help shape the development of services so that they truly meet the needs of the young people in Shropshire."

Healthwatch Shropshire can be contacted on 01743 237884, at [enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk) or online at [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk).

### **Please note:**

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## **News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn**

This year marks the centenary of the Armistice. At eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918 the Great War ended as the guns fell silent. People hoped then that this would be 'The War to end Wars.' A hundred years on, we know better – or, perhaps, worse. All the more reason to commemorate that momentous occasion as, by chance, November 11th falls this year on a Sunday. There will be a service at St Mary, Stottesdon, at 10:30, during which we shall remember all those from our benefice of six parishes who went to fight in the Great War, and especially those who 'laid down their lives for their friends.' We shall keep the two-minute silence. Please come and join us.

Although this may be the main focal-point for the autumn, it will be introducing the seasons of Advent and Christmas – and perhaps giving those seasons more poignancy. Information about services and other occasions (like the Christmas Tree festival) can be found on our website ([www.stottesdonbenefice.co.uk](http://www.stottesdonbenefice.co.uk)) and on our Facebook page (Stottesdon Benefice). This will provide a complete guide to Carol, Christingle and Christmas Services at Both St Mary, Stottesdon and Holy Trinity, Sidbury.

## **Shropshire Councillors Madge Shingleton and Gwilym Butler:**

Either Cllr Shingleton or Butler attends the monthly Parish Council meetings and gives an update of items from Shropshire Council.

If you need to contact either Madge or Gwilym their contact details are on the back of this newsletter or our website or Shropshire Council's website.

The Parish Council is grateful for their help and support.

## **Next newsletter:**

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 12 noon on 7th January 2019. Please keep articles to a maximum of 200 words, if possible. Any lengthy or unsuitable items will not be included.

It would be helpful if this would be emailed to the Clerk in word format.

## **Safe and Well:**

Did you know the Fire Service offer FREE Safe and Well visits?

The purpose of the visit is to ensure you are aware of potential fire hazards within your home and give appropriate advice..

The Fire Service work with partners in order to signpost members of the public for advice and support to enhance their well-being and remain independent.

What they do:

- Arrange a convenient time to visit.
- Test your smoke alarm, or fit a new one if you meet the criteria.
- Discuss a fire escape plan.
- Discuss areas in order to keep you 'Safe and Well'.

Fire Service personnel will arrive in uniform and carry ID cards—please make sure to ask for proof of identity.

To request your free Safe and Well visit, call during office hours on; 01743 260260.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

### CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

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18 Glebe Drive

Stottesdon

Kidderminster

DY14 8UF

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Mr David Young	718684	Mr Stuart Allen	718623
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### SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Madge Shineton	01299 271186
Councillor Gwilym Butler	07801099015

Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718127
Chorley Village Hall	718437 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
WI (Helena Hale)	718012
Power Loss Helpline	08457 331331
Mobile Library	01584 813600
Crimestoppers	0900 555111
Rural Stress Network	024 7641 2916
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Shropshire Rural Housing	01743 874848
Severn Trent Water (Emergencies)	0800 7834444
Duck Inn	718267
Fighting Cocks	718270
Shropshire Registration Service	0845 6789016
Police	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

### Tree Wardens:

Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
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