

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER Shrewley Parish Council

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Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Report – WCC has launched the Kind Communities – Kind Fund, a grant designed to support community-based food projects. The Fire Service is conducting safety awareness campaigns to help reduce seasonal fire risks. Following discussions on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), the Council has voted in favour of creating a single unitary authority. The previously preferred two-county model did not meet the government's requirements.

Warwickshire has an online Fault Report System for roads and footpaths <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

Warwick District Council (WDC) Report South Warwickshire Local Plan

At the request of the Keep Hatton Station Rural campaign, a meeting was held on 15 October, on the station platform, with officers and members (including Cllrs Hales, Cllr King – the Portfolio Holder – and Cllr Aizlewood). The KHSR group raised several important issues of concern about the suitability of the location for development and a good discussion followed, with a greater appreciation all round of the constraints involved. District officers have advised members that the SWLP timetable for the Regulation 19 (final) consultation has slipped back from December 2025 and that further guidance will be published on the SWLP website, in due course.

Local Government Reorganisation

WDC will be debating LGR options at its next meeting on 12 November, before making a formal response.

Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

The construction of the new swimming pool is proceeding well, on budget and ahead of timescale. The pool is expected to be open from April 2026. Support has been given to the creation of a continuous shared use path in Abbey Fields from Bridge Street to Borrowell Lane, connecting the park to Castle Farm and completing the missing section of National Route 52. The project will now proceed to a detailed design stage following agreement from councillors.

Thermal imaging camera loan scheme now available for Shrewley Parish residents. If you would like to borrow the camera to find out where you can save money in your home please contact cllr.sarah.underwood@shrewleyparish.gov.uk The camera needs to be used in cold weather and will be available for the foreseeable future.

Keep Hatton Station Rural (KHSR) has been formed as a response to the proposed development at Hatton Station as part of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Further information can be found at www.KeepHattonStationRural.com

Biodiversity

Inspired by our District Council's work on biodiversity, we've gathered a few simple gardening ideas from wildlife experts:

- Mow the lawn less often and not too short. Let the daisies and dandelions survive a little longer before cutting them.
- Tolerate the presence of more weeds in flowerbeds and don't remove them from cracks in paving while they are in flower and attracting insects.
- Leave fallen dead wood to rot and provide home for invertebrates.
- Avoid the use of pesticides and weedkillers.
- Set aside a small area and let it grow wild or prepare it to grow wildflowers from seed. Instructions for achieving best results are easily found on the web (search "how to make my garden wilder").

Village Hall – The Christmas Craft Fayre will take place on Saturday 22nd November from 10.00 am. Lots of fantastic crafts to browse with free entry and refreshments available.

For all Shrewley Village Hall events see the Parish/Village Hall notice boards and website www.shrewleyparish.gov.uk or shrewleyvillagehall.co.uk

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Next Meeting – Monday 5th January 7pm

EVERYONE WELCOME – PLEASE COME ALONG

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