NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
Shrewley Parish Council

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We were pleased to welcome Richard Fenwick, Director of Highways at WCC, who attended the parish council meeting to address concerns raised by residents and councillors. Topics discussed included speeding in the parish especially on Shrewley Common, condition of roads and volume of HGVs using Shrewley Common. These issues will continue to be monitored.

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Report *– Warwickshire has been given the go-ahead for local government reform. District Councillor elections will take place in May 2027, with the new South Warwickshire Council expected to be established in May 2029. Elections for Parish Councillors will also be held in May 2027. The application window for secondary school places closed on 31st October. Applications for primary and first school places opened on 1st November and will close in January, so families with children due to start school next year should make sure they apply in time. If you're considering becoming a childminder, start-up grants are currently available. Further information can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website. Visits to recycling centres on weekends and bank holidays now need to be booked in advance. The good news is that fridge freezers can now be accepted at the centres. The Government has extended the deadline for the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) to 31st March 2027. There continues to be pressure to submit the plan, although concerns remain that it contains significant flaws and requires further review.*

Warwick District Council (WDC) Report - *From 31st October, new national planning rules mean many more applications, including householder developments and schemes of up to nine homes, will be decided by planning officers rather than Planning Committee. While Parish Council comments and residents' views will continue to be considered, the current arrangements allowing referral to committee will no longer apply. Birmingham Airport's draft Master Plan was published on 8th October, outlining proposals for future growth and development. The Parish Council will consider the draft and any implications for the Parish, particularly on issues such as noise, transport links and airport expansion, and respond as necessary. The new WDC Autumn/Winter What's On Guide is now available, featuring events, activities and festive attractions across Warwick District, details are on the WDC website.*

If you would like to receive weekly notifications of local planning applications you can register on the Warwick District Council website https://planningdocuments.warwickdc.gov.uk/

PLEASE report any issues such as potholes, problems with streetlights, road works or traffic lights online to https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem and any concerns regarding speeding traffic to https://warksspeedconcerns.org

Shrewley residents: borrow a thermal imaging camera! *Spot where your home could be losing heat and find ways to save money this winter. To borrow the camera, contact cllr.sarah.underwood@shrewleyparish.gov.uk*

Biodiversity – Now November is under way, RSPB says you can safely feed birds peanuts and seeds again. Feeders should be cleaned regularly and birdbaths replenished with fresh water. Leaving an area in the garden untidy with logs and leaves helps hibernating hedgehogs. Piles of leaves, uncut stems, and dense vegetation such as ivy can also provide a retreat for overwintering butterflies as eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises, or adults. Planting early flowering plants will provide nectar for the butterflies that emerge in spring.

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 Parish Council Meeting
Monday 4th January 7pm

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