

Snailbeach & District Village Hall Newsletter

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A FESTIVE EVENING
WITH
THE RONNIES

LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 28th November
£8 ENTRY Bar | Raffle Doors at 7pm Music at 7.30pm
For tickets call or text Tarrah on 07443 033676

Snailbeach Village Hall
Raising funds for new accessible toilets for
Snailbeach Village Hall

Our thanks to those who helped to install the bollards, preventing access to the hall field by motor vehicles. This helps ensure the safety of children using the field and play area. Thank you.



Chairman's Notes

Greetings all. Don't forget the upcoming AGM; we really would like to see those who feel they would like to help with the running of the Hall.

We have had a good year in progressing a number of projects designed to improve the facilities and make the Hall and the Play Area both accessible to all and a welcoming asset for the community. There is still work to be done, for example the council have not yet approved our plans for much improved toilet facilities, and it is frustrating that (whether intentional or accidental) the new gate and the covered seating in the Play Area have been damaged. Not only does this add to the workload but redirects much needed funds from the major projects. The Hall and Play Area are intended to be for the benefit of the whole community to enjoy. Please help to look after them.

We have seen a number of films this year (my thanks to Justyna and 'Flicks in the Sticks'). These events have turned out to be great occasions to enjoy an evening out among friends and neighbours with the added bonus of a bar, sweets and hot dogs. The comments from those attending suggest that these soirees have become a very welcome addition to our calendar while helping us raise funds for the Hall.

The Hall has been used for discos, talks on AI, how to avoid being scammed, and photography, along with parties for birthdays, anniversaries, and wakes, plus the regular bookings. All in all the Hall provides a well-used centre for the community and long may it do so.

There are more events for you to attend in the coming months. Our Christmas Fair and Carol Singing are highly rated and there are more films to take in. For details of these please see page 2.

Wishing you all (very early) a very enjoyable festive season.

Ray Harper

Upcoming events in the Village Hall

Flicks in the sticks

Join us at Snailbeach Village Hall for our film nights! Enjoy a great film, a friendly atmosphere and a drink from our licensed bar. Tickets are £5 per person – available on the door for all screenings.

(Wed 18th Nov - event now cancelled)



Die Hard

Thursday 3rd December –

Christmas Special

Doors open: 6:00 pm

Film starts: 7:00 pm

Turkey sandwiches, mince pies and mulled wine available; licensed bar.



The Duke

Wednesday 27th January 2027

Doors open: 6:30 pm

Film starts: 7:00 pm

Licensed bar



The Great Escaper

Wednesday 24th February

Doors open: 6:30 pm

Film starts: 7:00 pm

Licensed bar

Bring your friends and neighbours and enjoy a fantastic evening of cinema at Snailbeach Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Annual General Meeting

Village Hall AGM: 7pm Thursday 19th November

Festive Evening

The Ronnies (see page 1): 7pm Sat 28th November

Christmas events

Christmas Fair: 11am - 3pm Saturday 28th Nov.

There may just be room to squeeze into the hall for the Fair - if you've not been before you're in for a treat, but be prepared for the most packed event of the year!

Carol Singing: 2.45 - 4.00pm Sunday 13th Dec.

Carol singing as a lot of fun in a café-style event! Please ensure that you exercise thoroughly before coming in case we sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" again.

Mountain Song - 20th August



Did you miss this spectacular event in the summer? A whopping 60 people did not miss it, and enjoyed a fantastic atmosphere! The boys were absolutely brilliant, both on and off the stage! They were charming as well as being great musicians – real naturals. You could have paid three times the price to see them at Theatre Severn recently.

From the editor

White vans

Please see the police news (page 12) regarding white van(s) in the area. If you see suspicious activity (especially with a vehicle of this type) please note the registration if you can, and report it on telephone 101 (or 999 if a crime appears to be taking place). It might help prevent or solve a crime.

Bus timetable

On pages 18-19 we include the full timetable for the local bus service - following a couple of requests for the Bishops Castle leg to be included in addition to the Shrewsbury route. Previously we have only shown the route into town in order to save the second page for articles. If this extra information is useful to you, please retain it as we will return to a single page next time!

E-mail

We continue to deliver paper copies to every home in the district, but we can also send out copies by email. If you live out of our area (or would just like an electronic copy anyway) please let me know (see page 3 for details).

Christmas apologies

I should have advertised in the August edition for readers to send Christmas greetings for inclusion in this issue - but I forgot. I will try to remember next summer! Meanwhile, happy Christmas from (only) me.

David Young

Village Hall who's who

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Committee	Anne-Marie Fleming	Carl Fleming	Sharon Hammond	
	Caroline Harper	Tarrah Scott	Sue Parker	Justyna Jones

In event of emergency contact any of the trustees.

Village Hall events and bookings

Regular bookings:

Monday evenings:	Band practice (see page 16)
Friday afternoons:	Table tennis (see page 16)
2nd Thursday:	WI (see page 16)
Sundays:	Early morning exercise class (see advert page 20)

Advertising in the Snailbeach & District Village Hall Newsletter

Our annual rates (4 issues) for commercial adverts:

- Whole page £50
- Half page £25
- Quarter page £12

Please contact the editor on 01743 537081 or email: newsletter.svhall@gmail.com.

Booking Snailbeach Village Hall

The village hall trustees want to encourage local people of all ages with varied interests to make use of our village hall. In the last year the hall has been used for many activities such as birthday parties for locals from 2 years to 90 years old (including the Editor's wife's 70th), exercise classes, an overnight stay for a local Beaver group, church events, a base for D of E awards, regular band practice, the Stiperstones Fell Race and table tennis.

Currently we have regular weekly bookings on Monday evenings and Friday afternoons and monthly Thursday WI meetings. We would be delighted to have regular bookings at other times.

Hire charges (which vary according to the nature of the activity) are from £12 an hour, for example the charge for a child's party with use of the kitchen is £50; use of hall only for the day is £70.

For further details please contact e-mail SnailbeachVHbookings@gmail.com or phone me on 07815 733730.

Jo Jeays

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M.P. for South Shropshire

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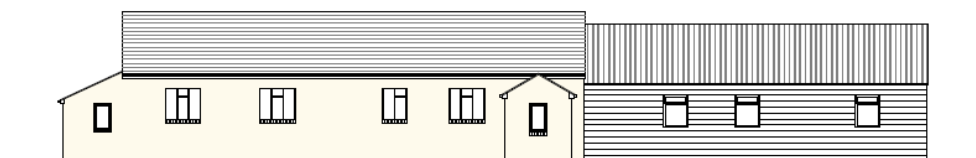
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Upcoming MP surgery:

Friday 27th November - Bishops Castle

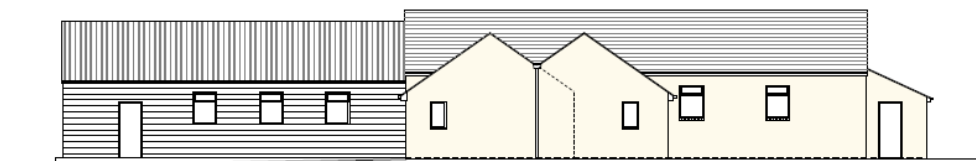




Proposed East Elevation - Scale 1:100



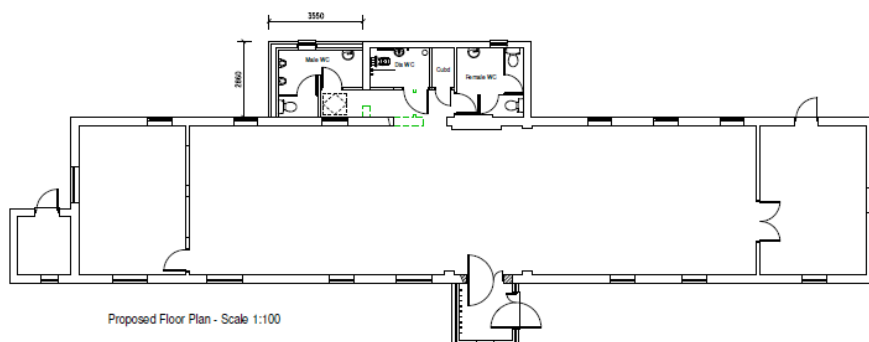
Proposed South Elevation - Scale 1:100



Proposed West Elevation - Scale 1:100



Proposed North Elevation - Scale 1:100



Proposed Floor Plan - Scale 1:100

Village Hall developments

The whole Village Hall committee work hard to secure funding and improve our facilities, and there is always something that needs doing! This year the Entertainments Committee has been trying out new events alongside our regular events to raise more funds and encourage more people to use and enjoy the hall.

Our current priority is making the village hall fully accessible to everyone. Improving the accessible toilets and porch is a big project, but we believe it is essential to ensure everyone can comfortably use the hall. This November we're

hosting a fantastic live music evening with The Ronnies, who will perform a fabulous mix of 1940s and 1950s classics, modern favourites with a vintage twist, and some festive Christmas songs! (see advert on front cover).

Funds raised on the evening will go towards this project. We hope to secure funding in 2027 to complete the work, but every pound raised helps bring us closer to making it happen.

With live music, a raffle and a bar, it promises to be a brilliant evening. We'd love your support and hope to see lots of you there!

Tarrah Scott



The Bog Visitor Centre C.I.C.

A big thank you to our local regular customers for their continuing support. The centre recorded 10,000 visitors during the 2026 season coming from all over the UK and around the world, leading to many interesting conversations between visitors and staff. During the summer months the Shuttle Bus service was better supported this year bringing walkers and regular local visitors from Church Stretton. Hopefully the shuttle will run again next year, but remember, use it or lose it.

Changes for the 2027 Season

Opening hours will be extended to 11am - 4.30pm,

Wednesday through to Sunday, with the centre continuing to be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will return to opening Bank Holiday Mondays.

The centre reopens for the 2027 season on Wednesday 17th March.

Art and Craft Courses

There are plans to run a series of these courses over the season on Tuesdays and perhaps even some evening sessions. There are a number of tutors covering a range of skills and materials including willow and fleece weaving.

Hiring the centre

Next season the centre will be available for groups to hire in the evenings and on Mondays and Tuesdays if there are no art and craft sessions. >>>



Extracts from the latest newsletters from M.P. Stuart Anderson

One issue which comes up time and again in conversations with constituents is our local public transport. So I have written directly to the Prime Minister urging him not to leave rural communities behind in any public transport reforms. As an area with many elderly residents, buses in particular are essential in South Shropshire. I regularly speak with constituents who are unable to drive and therefore depend on buses. Many younger residents also rely on buses to get to schools, colleges and jobs.

However the fact of the matter is that existing services are scarce, unreliable and expensive. Shropshire Council's core funding to support and improve the local bus network has fallen from £3.07 million to £2.86 million – a direct cut of £210,000. Meanwhile, the national conversation (not least from the Prime Minister himself) has been dominated by urban areas. I believe that buses are more important in rural areas than anywhere else, as there are often no alternative means of getting around. So I will be ensuring the new Prime Minister does not leave rural public transport behind.

In my role as the MP for South Shropshire, every day I receive emails, phone calls, letters, and messages relating to local health and social care. So I wanted to get a clearer picture of the situation to enable me to target my work where it matters most. Back in January I launched my 'Health and Social Care Survey' and I am pleased to say that it received 1,423 responses.

These responses varied hugely, but one clear trend emerged. Even though many residents were happy with the quality of our local health and social care services, an inability to access these services in the first place absolutely dominated the responses. For example 61.3% of respondents selected hospital waiting times as a top priority for improvement. This was followed by ambulance response times on 42.7% and GP access on 42.2%. Now that my survey has closed and my team has had time to analyse the results, I can get to work addressing the issues.

First I will ensure local health bodies are made aware of my constituents' views, as well as sharing the key concerns directly with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Then I will continue working locally and in Parliament to try and fix the problems which are having the biggest impact on South Shropshire residents. From reducing hospital waiting times to improving rural transport I am committed to listening, supporting and delivering for my constituents on health and social care.

Finally I would like to thank everybody who came along to my recent MP Coffee Morning in Worthen Village Hall. As I have said time and again, events like these are why I love being the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire. It was a real pleasure to spend the morning with the team in Worthen speaking with residents about a whole host of different issues. I hope to meet more constituents in the coming months as my MP Coffee Mornings continue making their way around South Shropshire.

Stuart Anderson
Member of Parliament for South Shropshire
Tel: 01746 555025

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"Access for All" Grant

It is hoped that the project to create a digital recreation of The Bog Mine circa 1888 can be completed through the DEFRA "Access for All" Grant which is administered through Shropshire National Landscape. In addition to the digital interpretation it is hoped to install information panels on the mine site.

Staffing The Bog

For the 2027 season the staff team needs to be increased. Usually staff work one or more shifts a week and after a number of voluntary hours they can choose to be paid at the minimum rate or continue as a volunteer. The current team of staff numbers 14.

Teenage age staff

Young people over 15 years have proved a real asset to the centre and have the opportunity of weekend and holiday shifts.

Jerry Hughes

The Bog Secretary: Lin Brown
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www.bogvisitorcentre.com





St Luke's church
(part of Minsterley Parish)
upcoming Sunday services

Remembrance Sunday
3.00pm 8th November



Christmas Day Communion
9.00am 25th December

There are services every Sunday in
Holy Trinity Church Minsterley.

For details please contact Rev Greg Smith (07902
794653 or email: rectorpontstip@gmail.com).

www.stiperstoneschurches.org.uk.

Lord's Hill Chapel

Sunday services:
10.30am and 3.00pm in the schoolroom building.

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting:
7.30pm in the schoolroom building.

For further details please contact
Stephen Ford (01743 588407)
stephenford323@hotmail.com

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts,
then there is no hurt, but only more love

- Mother Teresa

Joy is the serious business of heaven

- C S Lewis

Snailbeach Methodist Chapel

2.45pm Sunday services

Sunday 1st November led by Helen Pearson

Sunday 15th November led by Domini Lucas

We meet in the schoolroom adjacent to the chapel. All are welcome. See the chapel notice board for details of later dates.

Our annual carol service will be held in the Schoolroom, on Sunday 20th December at 2:45pm - all welcome; light refreshments to follow.

There is a joint Remembrance Day service at All Saints Worthen at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th November; again, all are welcome to that service.

For further information please contact

Sue Priddey (01743 790913)



Rea Valley Transport Scheme

The scheme enables you to access medical appointments including Shrewsbury, Telford and Oswestry hospitals. We undertake whenever we can to get people to opticians, dental and other wellbeing appointments.

Our drivers are all volunteers, but they are not medical professionals. Your driver will collect you and take you in good time for your appointment. To request transport, please contact our administrator, Emma, at reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com or call 07468 115939. Please give us a week's notice.



Supporting those in food crisis within the Rea Valley Community

To access the Foodbank, or find out more, call Rev Greg Smith (07902 794653) or email: reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com.

You can also be referred by a GP, school, nursery, social/health worker, etc. See website: <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/>.



**Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape**

Grants to support community action for nature and people in Shropshire Hills

The Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund is open for applications. The funding is for projects to start in April 2027. Projects must meet one, or both, of the Fund's priorities which are:

- Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, landscape, wildlife or heritage of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.
- Educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the area and its conservation, especially involving young people.

Grants of £500 – £2,000 are awarded and make a real difference in converting great ideas into community action for nature and people. This year the Fund is supporting 12 projects. These include heathland restoration on Whinberry Hill, restoring verges as valuable wildlife corridors across six parishes, monitoring harvest mice and water vole in the Stretton area, and engaging people, young and old, helping them to connect with and learn about nature on their doorstep.

We can help to shape your project idea and support your application. The Nature Recovery Workbook (which supports the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy) can help you identify actions that could be turned into a community project. It was created with Town and Parish Councils in mind and sets out how we can all do something to help nature in the belief that many small actions add up to a big outcome.

Further information about the Fund and how to apply is on Shropshire Hills National Landscape website (www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk). There is a link from the home page of the website to information about the Conservation Fund, how to apply and details about the current and past projects that have been awarded a grant.

Your first step is to complete the short online project idea form, which is on the website. This gives us a chance to understand your project idea and we can get in touch with you to talk about it. We will then recommend whether your project should progress to full application. The deadline to make an expression of interest to the Fund is 13th February 2027.

The Conservation Fund is administered by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. For more information contact me by telephone or email stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk.

Stephanie Hayes
Promotions Officer

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www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk

The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is spilled coffee.

About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age.

An apology is the best way to have the last word.

It was Dad's turn to read Jamie a bedtime story. After 20 minutes, Mum called up the stairs, "Is he asleep?" Jamie called softly back, "Yes, finally."

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Official journey planning app of  **Shropshire Council**

Shropshire Council has partnered with Citymapper to provide a new official journey planning app, helping residents and visitors plan journeys more easily.

Launched in August, Citymapper makes it easier to plan journeys across the county by bringing together buses, trains, walking and cycling in a single free app.

The app provides real-time journey information, service alerts and step-by-step directions, helping people travel with confidence and make informed choices.

Further information about Citymapper can be found on the Council's new Citymapper webpage, and the free app is available to download via the Apple App store and Google Play Store. An online journey planner is also available for those who prefer not to use a mobile app. We have also created a step-by-step guide on how to download and use the app – for those that would like to try but are not sure how.

Kind regards,

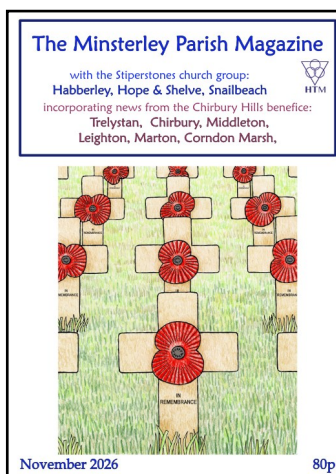
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The Minsterley Parish Magazine includes local news and events and is published each month. It is available for 80p, or an annual subscription of £9.

Snailbeach is within the parish bounds of the Stiperstones church group.

To find out more, or to subscribe, contact the editor on 01743 537081 or email:

MinsterleyParishMagazine@gmail.com.



The Minsterley Parish Magazine

with the Stiperstones church group:
 Habberley, Hope & Shelve, Snailbeach

incorporating news from the Chirbury Hills benefice:
 Trelystan, Chirbury, Middleton,
 Leighton, Marton, Corndon Marsh.

November 2026 80p



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 Saturdays 9.30am to noon

Old Station Yard
 Station Road, Pontesbury

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The Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association Christmas meal will take place at The Lowfield Inn, Marton on December 2nd at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

If you would like to join us, a copy of the menu with cost and booking details is available to view in the display cabinet at the Trading Post, Station Road.

Menu selection and payment is required, at the latest, by November 22nd

The Trading Post is now closed, re-opening in February 2027
 Details of our range of seed potatoes will be made available in January 2027

Thank you for your support during the year

PONTESBURY MONDAY NIGHT BADMINTON CLUB



Every Monday - 7pm – 9pm
£35 per term
 Sports Hall, Mary Webb School Pontesbury
 SY5 0TG

A fun social club, a small amount of Badminton experience required.
 Members must be aged 18 or over.

Please come and join us to play on a Monday evening

Any questions please contact pontesburymnbc@aol.com



Festive Friends 2026

Date: 25th December 2026

Time: 11.30am to 3.00pm

Venue: Norbury Village Hall

Contact Linda on 01588 630409

If you are on your own or caring for someone, why not all join us for Christmas lunch in Norbury!

Let Linda know if you need transport to the venue.

Arrive at 11.30am for drinks and mince pies.

Enjoy a two-course lunch.

Relax and enjoy some light entertainment & have a chat to your companions.

Whatever your age, you are welcome.

Suggested donation of £7 each to help cover outgoings!

Devil's Chair book group



The Devil's Chair book group has been meeting since the beginning of the year, with the aims including introducing members to new authors, discussing authors whose books we love and hopefully prizing me away from crime fiction!

The group is neither highbrow nor a commercial enterprise. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at The Stiperstones pub and would welcome new members; just turn up at 7pm. The next meetings are Tuesday 27th October then Tuesday 24th November. We have no December meeting but meet again on 26th January.

We have a list of books we've chosen from the group's suggestions to see us through the next year, November's book is "Our Evenings" by Alan Hollinghurst. We chose books that are available at modest cost second-hand or from the library rather than the very recently published; we also include an occasional classic.

Jo Jeays

TIN SOLDIERS

The Good Old New Favourites Concert

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Pontesbury Public Hall

8 pm Saturday 21st November 2026

**Tickets £10 Available From Hignetts
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BYO – Drinks & Food

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OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome



Wednesday

18 November 2026



Time

2.00 PM



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Heather's Report

August

Potholes are now being filled at a rate of 750-1000 a week (depending on the heat!). Please keep on reporting them on 'Fix My Street' so that we can get as many done before the autumn/winter.

The pool opening celebration event at SpArC is taking place on 4th September.

As we go to press, the road surface on Lower Lane in Chirbury is being repaired. Temporary fills will be followed up by permanent fills, drainage works and top dressing later.

The landslip on the A490. The land alongside the road is now in the final stages of purchase and the new road will be moved away from the unstable bank. Hedges will be removed pending the starting of the works.

September

An improved bus service from Montgomery to Shrewsbury is now in operation. The timetable for the 558 bus (Shrewsbury - Westbury - Worthen - Marton - Chirbury - Montgomery) has 5 buses a day instead of 4, at times more convenient for those going to work and college. The route will use the new 'Hotspur' buses. The tender for the 552 and 553 buses is not up for renewal and these services will run as normal.

As it is proposed to reduce the speed limit from 60mph outside Norbury school, the law requires a consultation be held. The new limit will then be installed if approved by residents. Some more parking has already been provided on the school site. This consultation is only open until the 2nd October. If you wish to make any comments on these proposals, please email traffic.engineering@shropshire.gov.uk.

Long Mountain School, Worthen - new limit is being installed as we go to press.

Chirbury - The power company have finally connected the signs and hopefully the limit should have gone live by the time you read this.

Road Repairs

The road surface on Lower Lane in Chirbury will be repaired. Some temporary fills have been done and these will be followed by permanent fills, drainage works and top dressing.

Work to repair the landslip on Walton Hill

near Brockton commenced on 7th September following on the resurfacing of the adjacent road up Hampton Beech road earlier this year.

The landslip on the A490 - the land alongside the road is now in the final stages of purchase and the new road will be moved away from the unstable bank. Hedges will be removed pending the starting of the works.

Hardcore has been supplied to residents living on the Pennerley BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic) to help them fill sections that have eroded.

New Homes

Building of the affordable housing scheme in Marton has been completed. Six of the properties are available to part buy. If you are interested then contact: sales@connexus-group.co.uk. Having a local connection would be an advantage.

Road Closures

Severn Trent have been up to their old tricks again and closing roads without telling anyone! The usual reason is that it's an emergency. Sometimes that's true, sometimes it isn't. Contact me if this happens in your area. They tried this in Crows Nest the other week, but I got our highways inspectors to get them to complete their task rapidly and not leave the road closed over the weekend!

October

Park and Ride

Shropshire Council will keep Meole Brace Park & Ride running beyond 1st November, after identifying funding for a temporary extension to the service. The original proposal to suspend the service followed a cut by the Labour government of approximately £200,000 in bus revenue funding compared with previous years, alongside rising costs for bus operators. Faced with those pressures, the council had to prioritise protecting important inter-community bus connections, particularly for residents without access to a car who rely on them to get to work, education and essential services.

This was not an easy decision and we continued to work on saving this service knowing there were strong concerns from residents, businesses and visitors. A review of additional income generated following changes to parking charges in November 2025 has now identified sufficient funding for a short-term extension of Meole Park & Ride. The extension will give the council more time to develop a sustainable long-term plan for Park & Ride in Shrewsbury.

Telegraph poles & poor service by utility companies

A few weeks ago a driver hit a telegraph pole outside Chirbury School severing all phone and internet connection, severely impacting on the childrens' education. Initially Openreach suggested it would take weeks to replace the pole. After a great deal of pressure from me I eventually got them to fix the pole pretty quickly.

Unfortunately, some utility companies have a poor reputation in rural areas like ours for addressing problems like this, often leaving vulnerable people unconnected. If you are having problems then contact me.

Grit Bins

The Council is starting to fill grit bins in advance of the cold weather. If yours needs to be refilled then drop me a line and put it on 'Fix my street'. Each grit bin should have a serial number.

New Bus Service!

Shropshire Council, working with Powys Council, has established a new bus service (X81) using money largely from the Welsh Government. It will run four times a day and connect the station at Newtown with Craven Arms station and will run through Chirbury, Bishop's Castle and Clun.

STOP PRESS 15th October

We're very pleased to confirm that Meole Brace Park and Ride is to continue for a further three years. Funding from parking has increased and this will fund this and the other services mentioned here.

From 1st November, buses from Meole Brace will operate every 20 minutes, Monday to Saturday, with the first bus into town at 7.20am and the last bus leaving the town at approx. 6.20pm.

Oxon and Harlescott park and ride

From 1st November buses from Harlescott and Oxon will continue to run every 12 minutes between 8am and 5pm. There will be a new evening service from Oxon and Harlescott every 20 minutes from 5pm to around 10pm, Monday to Saturday. All Park and Ride services will be operated by Hotspur Buses from 1 November.

Retaining Meole Brace Park and Ride means we'll continue providing Park and Ride access from the south of Shrewsbury, while taking a longer-term look at how the town's overall Park and Ride network should operate in future.

Heather Kidd

Shropshire Councillor for
Chirbury & Worthen Division

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The Stiperstones Inn Upcoming Events 2026

Knitter Natter
10am Every Tuesday!



Big Money Bingo
7.30pm Monday 5th October

Pub Quiz
8.00pm Monday 26th October

Big Money Bingo
7.30pm Monday 2nd November

Pub Quiz
8.00pm Monday 30th November

Christmas Quiz Night
8.00pm Monday 15th December

Family Christmas Bingo
6.30pm Monday 22nd December

Christmas Eve Carol Service
Singing starts at 8.00pm

Christmas Day
Open for drinks 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Boxing Day Dash & Dawdle
Registration from 10.00am
Race starts 11.00am

New Year's Eve Quiz
10.00pm - Tickets £22.50

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE
16th July 2026 – 15th October 2026

CRIME	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article		Black Marsh	
Outraging public decency		The Bog	Enquiries ongoing to identify suspect
Public order		The Bog	Linked to the above
Assault		Hope	Suspect arrested
Criminal damage	Damage caused to a generator and glue put in lock of a tractor	The Knolls	Victim challenged two trespassers prior to discovery of the damage
Harassment		Bentlawnt	
Malicious communications		Worthen	
Attempt damage to a vehicle		Worthen	Suspect identified
Attempt burglary (outbuilding)	Attempts made to enter garage causing damage; fabric with a gingham pattern left at scene	Snailbeach	Occurred during the day 3 rd August
Public order		Snailbeach	
Criminal damage and attempted theft	White Citroen Berlingo LJ15WPE enters a yard and occupants attempt to take scrap metal; when challenged they sped off and ran over a bollard	Snailbeach	Occurred 09:45 31 st July. Vehicle has no documents. Possibly linked to the below
Attempt burglary	Two males attempting to enter outbuildings; when disturbed they made off in a white van	Cock Inn, Brockton	Occurred 05:35 28 th July
Assault (no injury) and criminal damage		Snailbeach	
Assault		Pennerley	
Harassment		Stiperstones	Suspect identified
Suspicious vehicle	3 persons in a white Ford Transit drive onto properties and attempt to take scrap metal without permission	Snailbeach and Plox Green area	Marker added to vehicle
Blackmail		Hemford	
Importation of controlled substance			
Theft	Walking poles stolen from outside a property	Meadowtown	
Harassment		Blackmarsh	Suspect identified

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Wednesday 30th September @ Stiperton School

Thursday 17th December @ Norbury Village Hall

Wednesday 24th February @ Stiperton School

Friday 12th March @ Norbury Village Hall

**Brew on the
Border Café**



Our Year 6 pupils from Chirbury School will be hosting their own cafés, on the following dates:

Thursday 15th October @ Chirbury Village Hall

Thursday 14th January @ Chirbury Village Hall

Wednesday 17th March @ Chirbury Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME! 11am-2pm

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For more information please contact me on SnailbeachTT@gmail.com.

Andrew Maher

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Snailbeach mine visitor centre



Open days have finished for 2026 and resume at Easter subject to volunteers being available. Updates are provided on the mine's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.shropshiremines.org.uk>.

Shropshire Mines Trust is looking for new members, and further details can be found at www.shropshiremines.org.uk. Work parties are held at Snailbeach mine most Thursday afternoons.

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Snailbeach WI

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We meet in Snailbeach Village Hall, SY5 0NX,
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For more information contact Sue:

tel: 07375 463536

e-mail: suexjohnson@gmail.com



The WI is a member organisation where visitors who are thinking of joining are more than welcome, but the meetings are generally not open for anyone to attend.

- 12th November Christmas floristry -
swags and table decorations
- 10th December Hidden stories - the life and
songs of a 21c balladeer with
festive finale

Stiperstones Brass Band

Stiperstones Brass Band continues to rehearse on Monday evenings during term times at the village hall. The training band begins at 7.30pm and the main band at 8.00pm and we welcome novice or experienced brass players, we also have a vacancy for a percussionist. We have the following Christmas engagements:

Sunday 13th December at 5.30 p.m.
Bishops Castle Church Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December (time to be confirmed)
Carols in Minsterley Church

Thursday 24th December from 6.00p.m. - 6.30p.m.
School Green, Pontesbury - carol singing outside.

Julian Bromhead

The Mobile library

We have the benefit of the mobile library every fortnight. To contact the service visit: www.Shropshire.gov.uk/libraries or ring 01743 255024.

Sadly the library no longer stops at Snailbeach Village Hall.

The library stops at:

Stiperstones Inn	2.05 - 2.30pm
Tankerville Pottery	2.35 - 2.55pm

Scheduled Wednesdays are:

11th, 25th	November
9th	December
6th, 20th	January 2027

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