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# GREEN VIEW: PORTHILL, FRANKWELL & KINGSLAND

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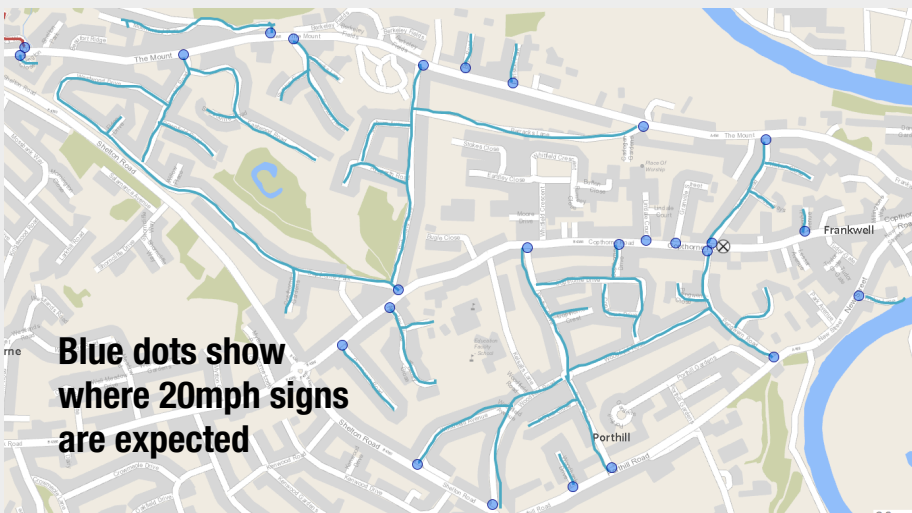
## PORTHILL 20MPH ZONE - WITH NEW CROSSINGS!

The wait is almost over. “Although there’s no fixed date yet, I’ve received an email confirming that **20mph signs will be put up on side roads** around the ‘triangle’ area, which was originally planned for the ‘Liveable Neighbourhood’. While there’s no agreement to lower speed limits for Copthorne Road and The Mount just yet, I’ve won

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Blue dots show where 20mph signs are expected

### RIVERSIDE PLANS



Plans for Smithfield Riverside are in ‘Shropshire Local’ at the Darwin Shopping Centre. Julian meets planners regularly, has supported the new park, and wants to see affordable homes in the area. Let him know what you think.

### SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES MOVE TO FRANKWELL

Shropshire Council is moving to Frankwell. Local businesses should benefit but Julian will be monitoring parking.



# BETTER SERVICES IN THE TOWN?



**Would you support an increase in the Town Council precept if you knew it was going on better upkeep of the town?**

At Shrewsbury Town Council a cross-party group is looking at how we protect, and even improve some services as Shropshire Council makes more cuts. Julian supported the decision to help out with CCTV, and believes more could be done by the Town Council to keep green and public areas clean and tidy. But this might mean an increase in the 'precept' – the small part of the council tax that goes to the Town Council. At £66.42 for a Band D home, the town's precept is much lower than for most other towns and parishes in Shropshire.

## PROTECTING KINGSLAND VALLEY

It's been a worrying time for people who care about Kingsland Valley, with yet more planning applications for new developments. Local residents have made strong objections, and so far, each application has been turned down. There isn't a long-term solution yet, but Julian continues to discuss with council staff and other organisations who could help.

**"With a new council leadership possible from next May, including Green Party Councillors, I hope nature and the environment will get more attention."**

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## PAVEMENTS ARE FOR PEOPLE

Some of our pavements can be difficult to use, especially if you have mobility problems. It's good news that Shropshire has updated its information for keeping hedges trimmed and dealing with dog fouling. However, with council budget cuts, enforcement is an issue. We can all help by reporting problems when we see them. For dog owners, please remember that bagged dog waste can go in any public litter bin, as Shropshire no longer installs special 'dog bins'.

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People asked to check if hedges are blocking pavements and cycle paths  
...ed topics: Highways, transport and environmental

A yellow poster titled 'Important information for dog walkers' from Shropshire Council. It features four illustrations with corresponding text: 1. A person walking a dog and disposing of waste in a bin. 2. A person walking a dog on a lead on a public highway. 3. A person walking a dog on a grassy area. 4. A person walking a dog in a fenced play area. Below the illustrations is text about a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and a website link for more information.

**Important information for dog walkers**

Shropshire Council

Bag your dog's poo, and place it in a bin or take it home.

Make sure your dog is on a lead on the public highway.

Ensure your dog is always under control.

Keep your dog out of fenced play or sports areas.

A public spaces protection order (PSPO) is now in place across the Shropshire Council area to help tackle the problem of dog fouling and bad behaviour. Under the PSPO the above can all be enforced and fixed penalty notices of £100 can be issued to dog walkers who allow a dog to foul pavements and public amenity spaces without clearing up afterwards.

For more information visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

You can report overgrown hedges, dog fouling and other street issues on FixMyStreet using this QR code