



# Green View Oswestry

from your Green Party Councillors on Oswestry Town Council: **Winter 19/20**



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## A Tree for Everybody.

Oswestry Town Council has set a target to plant **one tree for every inhabitant of Oswestry**. These 17,000 new trees will help us reduce the impacts of climate change and promote biodiversity. Planting this number is a huge challenge and we will need lots of help particularly from schools and neighbouring Parish Councils. If you are interested in helping, or have any ideas for planting projects, please get in touch.

## Preparing for the future.

Moving over to electric cars is an important part of protecting us from climate change. Currently electric cars are expensive with few places to re-charge. However, costs are falling and the Town Council is doing its bit by providing two charging points in the Central Car Park. The Council has also **reduced its own carbon emissions** by switching to green electricity.



## Come and join the Wombles!

Thanks to everyone who joined in our fabulous community litter pick on Wilfred Owen Green, where we collected over 12 bags of rubbish, a discarded trolley and a bicycle that went to the repair café. We'll be doing another one, and everyone is welcome to join us for an hour. We will meet at the Cambrian entrance at **2pm on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February**.

## Are our Local Health Services Good Enough?

The Health authority has spent a small fortune consulting on the location of A+E services, but this does nothing to improve services in Oswestry. When Shropshire's Director of Public Health was invited by one of your Green Councillors to come to Oswestry, she revealed the alarming statistic that people living in Shrewsbury have, on average **several more years of healthy life** than people in Oswestry. We need to know why this is and what we can do to improve things.



## Time to Spend a Penny or Two?

The Town Council took over the running of the toilets on Central Car-Park several years ago. We recently renovated the toilets in Cae Glas park and these are now looking very good. Some people say we need to upgrade these ones as well, but we don't want to waste money unnecessarily and these works will be quite expensive. So, if you have used these toilets **let us know what you think** of them.

## The Case of the Disappearing Bridge.

Back in March 2019 the Shropshire Star reported that money had been set aside for a footbridge as part of the £10M Mile End road improvements. However no footbridge was included in the plans they put out to consultation in the Autumn. We say that it simply won't be safe to get to the new employment park on the other side of the A5 by foot or by bicycle without a bridge or tunnel, so we are **continuing to lobby Shropshire Council** to deliver it.



## Fixing Fashion.

We are holding a public meeting in Hermon Chapel on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** and are delighted that Ros Hornbuckle a local tapestry weaver will be joining us to talk about how fashion can be more environmentally conscious. Please come and join us, we promise tea, cake, jovial company and an update on our Green activities in Oswestry.

## Your Views Matter!

We would love to hear your views on any of the issues mentioned in this newsletter, or indeed on your experience of living in Oswestry. You can simply call, or email, any of the Councillors below with your comments, questions or concerns. If you prefer you can also drop a letter off addressed to Barry Edwards in Hermon Chapel, Chapel Street, Oswestry.

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