

Green View Oswestry Winter 2021

From: Shropshire Councillors Mike Isherwood and Duncan Kerr and the 10 other Green Party Town Councillors.



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Free Weekend Parking and Bus Travel as well!



As Town Councillors we have decided not only to offer free weekend parking in the lead-up to Christmas but to also fund free bus rides on the round town Saturday bus service. This way everybody can benefit whether they own a car or not.



Funding for our Vision to Reconnect the Railway Line.

It's just a start but the town has received £50,000 from the Government to start planning our reconnection to the mainline rail station at Gobowen. We have even got the support of the Transport Minister. This is the first time Government money has flowed into the town for this important and sustainable link.



A Better Town Centre.

Shropshire and Oswestry Town Councils along with the Oswestry Bid has secured funding to restore several of the town shop fronts and give some of our alleyways a much needed make-over so shoppers can feel safe. We have also secured permanent improvements to Church St so those awful plastic bollards will shortly be banished.

As part of our drive to reduce carbon emissions solar panels have been installed on the market hall roof.



More for Families.

It's been a tough time for families, and with prices rising we want to provide some affordable activities and facilities for them. Cae Glas park is the perfect place for this and we are hoping to make it even better by building a splash park and holding a family friendly music festival.



Fancy a Ride on a Rickshaw?

A new cycle rickshaw service is starting in Oswestry in the New Year, offering you a free and environmentally friendly way of getting round the town. Look out for details of how to book a rickshaw in the local press.

Taxi Please!

Whether you are able-bodied or use a wheelchair it is getting very hard to book a taxi in the town. We have discussed this at the Town Council and will be raising it with Shropshire Council who adopted a new licencing policy just before Covid hit in 2019. We are asking them to ensure that this policy has not led to a reduction in the number of taxis and seeing whether we can take any action to improve the situation.



A Cut too Far?

The West Midlands Ambulance service have recently closed their station in Oswestry claiming it will improve efficiency. However when they attended the public meeting we called at the Wynnstay we remained unconvinced. We don't have the power to stop them but we have demanded they share with us the response times for the SY10 and SY11 postcodes so we can hold them to account.



Making a stand.

It is a sad fact that in the UK two women are killed every week as a result of domestic abuse. The good news is that we can all play a part in helping victims and challenging the attitudes that enable it to continue. That's why the White Ribbon Campaign exists and we are delighted that the Town Council has already become accredited, and Shropshire Council is working to achieve accreditation.



Many Ways to Contact Us.

Contact details for all Green Party Councillors are on www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk Shropshire Councillors Mike Isherwood and Duncan Kerr run a surgery at 10.00 on the first Saturday of the month in the library. You can either turn-up or book a slot at the desk. If you can't make the surgeries you can call Duncan Kerr on 07522116609 or Mike on 07584655864 or find them on twitter. Please comment on these articles by emailing duncan.kerr@oswestry-tc.gov.uk.