

# Green View

## Porthill Ward edition

News and views from Julian Dean, Community Campaigner for Porthill, Frankwell & Kingsland



Julian Dean - your local campaigner

## Keep fighting to protect A&E services in Shrewsbury

Our recent community survey highlighted that 97% of you said you were “very concerned” about the future of A&E in Shrewsbury. Whilst the combined strength of Shropshire GPs and *Shropshire Defend Our NHS* had pressured the Clinical Commissioning Group to vote **against plans for only one Shropshire A&E**, partly due to worries that longer travel times will lead to unnecessary deaths, those behind ‘*Future Fit*’ have not given up. They have mounted a propaganda war with ‘artists impressions’ of a new single A&E centre accompanying a major article in the Chronicle.

*Future Fit* originally claimed to be about better local services so people would rely less on A&E, but those extra services are nowhere to be seen. Campaigning has already succeeded in putting *Future Fit* on the back foot and pushed our MP to ask for a rethink. **Julian says, “I support *Shropshire Defend Our NHS* and urge everyone concerned about this issue to link with them on social media or at [shropshiredefendournhs.org](http://shropshiredefendournhs.org) to back the campaign”.** Councillors need to know that it will never be forgotten or forgiven if they allow vital services, already under unacceptable pressure, to close.

## Will our green spaces survive the cuts to council services?

Shropshire Council plans to slash spending on a huge range of services, including upkeep of green spaces, one of the things people most love about this area. They want town councils to take over these services, likely at a reduced level, and to foot the bill. **This plan would also mean huge increases in the tax we pay for town services;** the ‘precept’.

However, the people who use and need these services, me and you, have yet again not been asked if we want these cuts. **We should be asked if we are happy to pay more to receive less.** Town and County Councillors have no mandate to cut services further whilst at the same time increasing local taxes. Julian says, “I believe that they should be leading a campaign against the cuts, but unfortunately Shrewsbury Town Council is planning to cooperate with these plans”.



Julian visiting the Frankwell Community Garden

### Other campaigns

Julian also supports the Keep the Pool in Town campaign and the newly-launched Shrewsbury Food Hub. Please go to [www.quarrypool.co.uk](http://www.quarrypool.co.uk) or [www.shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk) to find out more.

**Julian Dean - working for the community of Porthill, Frankwell & Kingsland throughout the year**

