



BIG TOWN PLAN?

Shropshire Council has lots of plans for Shrewsbury: new homes, redeveloped shopping centres. I am chairing a group called 'Shrewsbury Growing Forward' that is giving an extra voice to the community and to groups who have concerns or ideas for the future of the town.

My priorities are:

- Better walking, cycling and public transport routes to reduce congestion and improve air quality.
- Better planning policy to protect and create the green spaces which support nature and healthy living.
- Better building design to make homes warmer and cheaper to run *and* help combat climate change.
- New affordable homes in the town; to save the green belt, provide for young families and reduce impact on roads.

Some of these priorities are in the Big Town Plan, but making sure these are actually what happens will need pressure from the town as well as from it's councillors. Please get in touch if you have thoughts on this.

It's also great news that we will get an improved swimming centre in the Quarry. Congratulations to everyone who has campaigned for this.

BREXIT MESSAGE

I would like to say to all EU nationals living in the area; whatever happens in the coming months, you are now - and will continue to be - part of our community. Julian.

Doresc să folosesc această oportunitate ca să comunic tuturor cetățenilor din UE care locuiesc in aceasta zonă: indiferent ce se va întâmpla în lunile ce urmează, sunteți, și veți rămâne, parte a comunității noastre. Julian.

Chciałbym skorzystać z okazji, aby powiedzieć wszystkim obywatelom ue mieszkającym w okolicy; cokolwiek się stanie w nadchodzących miesiącach, jesteście i dalej będziecie częścią naszej społeczności. Julian.

FRANKWELL FALLEN



Thank you to all who took part in the remembrance event at Frankwell Roundabout.

This was a great coming together of the community. The research and posters produced by members of St Georges Church, one for each casualty, really brought home the scale of loss for the local area. The gathering at the roundabout, organised by a group that brought together churchgoers, peace campaigners and others, was a dramatic and fitting way to mark the centenary.

WALKING FESTIVAL

My Big Town Walk is on!

Last year I suggested to senior Council staff that we should have an annual Big Town Walk. This would encourage both exercise and improvements to some of the routes around the town, as well as celebrating the lesser known green areas.

This idea is now developing and I hope to be able to confirm a date for the first walking festival very soon. It looks like you will have a choice of five routes, all designed to last about two hours. **Do you know a community group who would like to help manage part of the route and celebrate their local area? Please get in touch!**





REBELLING AGAINST EXTINCTION

Recently Julian marched with Extinction Rebellion Shrewsbury. This

group is part of a growing international movement of people who have come together to tell the truth about the environmental crisis we are facing.

Over 200 people marched from the library to the market square, calling on Shrewsbury Town Council and Shropshire Council to declare a Climate Emergency and do more to tackle the issue. In December Julian tabled a climate change motion to Shropshire Council which was unanimously supported. Shropshire Council agreed to:

- Lobby Central Government to come forward with proposals for local climate change measures.
- Create a new lead on the Shropshire Cabinet to act on the environment.
- Form a 'Task and Finish' group of councillors to develop an Action Plan to reduce carbon emissions.

This is a good starting point, but more could and should be done by local and national leaders to tackle this crisis which is threatening our children's future.



Julian and Radbrook campaigner Julia Evans at the climate march on 16th Feb.



JOHN NEWNHAM

We are sad to announce the passing of John Newnham, one of this area's most passionate campaigners. Some of you may have known him as a leading member of the local Rambler's Association. John was the Green Party candidate for Radbrook in the last local elections in May 2017. He will be much missed by us all.

PORTHILL & FRANKWELL LITTER PICK!

Join Julian and other local residents and help clean up your local area. Equipment provided.

MEET AT THE BRICKLAYERS, 1PM, SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

SURGERIES

Don't forget, you have the opportunity to chat with Julian about any issues you think he may be able to help with. He holds a surgery at Woodfield Stores on Woodfield Road on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next ones are 26th March and 23rd April.

PUB QUIZ! ALL WELCOME. MARCH 20TH, 7.30PM, THE WHEATSHEAF, FRANKWELL.

£2pp. Funds will go to Green Party campaigns in Shrewsbury

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My Facebook page has been revised to make it easier for you to find, and so you can message me this way if you want too. It is now called 'Councillor Julian Dean, Porthill Ward'. I'll be updating it regularly, so please take a look!