



Green View

Frankwell, Porthill & Kingsland news
from Julian Dean
your community campaigner



Action on future of Barracks

Julian and his team have been knocking on doors around Copthorne Barracks where the MoD is proposing hundreds of new homes. We called on 250 local households and received 170 written responses, so clearly you share our concerns. Thank you for all your responses.

The vast majority of surveyed residents support the principle of building new homes on the site, particularly affordable homes - but there may be as few as 6 of these under the plan.

However residents want the site to benefit the whole community, and they don't want it to put extra pressure on existing amenities and services. Top



suggestions were for playing fields, green space and children's play areas, recognising that the existing playing fields had been a valuable community resource; and for new amenities that will benefit the local community - a GP surgery, community centre, allotments.

For these things to happen the MoD must not view this publicly owned site as a cash cow. **Julian has written** to MP Daniel Kawczynski pressing him to use his influence with the Defence Secretary to have the site used for the good of the community, not to maximise profit.

The second set of concerns you raised were to do with local infrastructure. In particular you were worried about provision of enough school places, and traffic, parking and road safety for cyclists and pedestrians. The current plan estimates an extra 31 primary and 25 secondary school aged children, but there is already a lack of local infant and junior school places. **Julian will be asking** Shropshire Council how they plan to address this.

Solving the traffic issues will need careful planning. The current situation is already bad, and getting worse as other developments add to it. We will look at how best to take forward these concerns and will report back soon. Meanwhile, residents might wish to consider starting a **community speed watch scheme**. Please contact Julian if you're interested.

NHS Update

The decision to close one of the county's A&E centres has been delayed once again. It is now clear that hardly anyone believes Future Fit can work.

The original plan relied on a range of closer-to-home services to reduce pressure on A&E, but virtually no money is earmarked for this. In fact the 'Sustainability and Transformation' plan, which includes Future Fit, contains about £150 million a year NHS cuts and the loss of a staggering 2000 jobs.

Yet our MP Daniel Kawczynski, is actually pressing the Health Secretary to close Telford's A&E, bringing more pressure on Shrewsbury, and shift 'planned care' away from Shrewsbury to Telford, meaning more travelling for Shrewsbury residents. *continued*

Some of what you told us

"Schools are major concern for us. We have moved into the area and could not even look around Woodfield because they were over-subscribed"

"A huge new development without consideration of schools, GPs, shops, car parking will not be welcomed"

"There is no community centre or playground in Copthorne and these should be incorporated"

94% agree that having more residents locally strengthens the case for keeping the Quarry pool

93% want better cycle-friendly access to the town centre to avoid the dangers of Copthorne Road

77% in favour of affordable housing

You can read the full results at



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He alleges clinicians rejected this plan because of 'blackmail and intimidation' by Telford Councillors. Well, I was at the decisive meeting; it was clear that the views of Telford Councillors were shared by many clinicians who could see that the plan didn't meet even their own criteria set just a few months back. As I have said in a letter to the Chronicle 'his call on the Health Secretary to force through the closure of one A&E is like a call for an immediate execution to prevent a proper appeal.'

Our MPs, councillors and clinicians should be working together to demand the funding needed to make both hospitals, and other NHS services in the county, properly sustainable. Then pressure on the Health Secretary might actually do some good.

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You are invited to...



Get your friends together, or turn up to join a team!
Thursday 19th January at 8pm in the Bricklayers Arms, Cophthorne Road.
Not to be missed!!

also...

Green Drinks are an informal get together for anyone with an interest in green ideas, political or not. Next one Tuesday 10th January from 7.30pm in Old Post Office pub, Milk Street (and then 14th Feb).

Repair Café will be open on Saturday 4th February from 12pm to 3pm in Participate, Riverside mall (by Wilko's). See article below.

Natalie outlines challenges, and solutions, to UK's food supply

A public meeting in Shrewsbury chaired by Julian Dean brought together people from different standpoints to find solutions to what is becoming one of Britain's biggest challenges. Natalie Bennett of the Green Party, and invited representatives from the NFU, Harper Adams University and Shrewsbury Food Hub, found common ground in the need for agriculture to adopt new ways of farming to protect and improve soil quality. This would also reduce water run off, pollution and flooding downstream in places like Shrewsbury.

Julian said, 'For us as consumers of food the message

was quite stark. Just 4 out of every 9 tonnes of food grown reaches us the consumer. The remainder is lost on the farm or in transit, while the supermarket model of fully stocked shelves and cosmetically perfect produce also results in food being rejected or thrown away. There is universal agreement that we can change this.'



Do you have something needing fixing? Try the Repair Café

In October we updated you about the Shrewsbury Food Hub project which distributes surplus supermarket food. This month we highlight another creative local service.

'If you can carry it, we will try and fix it' is the Repair Café motto!

If you want something fixing, just bring it along and we will do our best to fix it. There is no charge, but we ask for donations to cover our costs. We will have fixers on hand to mend an old, loved jumper or skirt - Jools and Sue will be on hand with their sewing machines and felt-making kit. We will also have fixers to mend small electric items such as torches, radios, lamps etc and fixers for mechanical items like bikes, and furniture or ornaments for example. The café part is where we offer drinks, food and a place to sit and chat for a while. Details above.

If you are a fixer and would like to have a go at mending things, please contact Liz Evans on 07983 098365.



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