

Green View

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



OVER 300 SIGN NHS PETITION

More than 300 people in Porthill, Kingsland and Frankwell signed our petition to keep both A&Es during a Green Party weekend of campaigning in September. Almost everyone was eager to sign, showing just how important this issue is. Afterwards Julian gave the petitions to *Shropshire Defend Our NHS*.



Some rumours have suggested that a decision has been made to close A&E in Telford - and to keep one in Shrewsbury - but we have been told the 'saved' A&E would not be able to cope with the extra demand. There would also be transfer of other departments from RSH to Telford to compensate. These could include cancer care services, implied in the hospital trusts' 'Future Fit' video.

While NHS bosses are trying to convince us that the problem is a shortage of consultants they had a different version for a Council scrutiny committee. Here they said that with a returning consultant and a bit of help from neighbouring trusts they could continue to safely staff A&E departments in Shrewsbury and in Telford. The real issue isn't staffing but money.

Any long term solution needs government to stump up more cash. Our MP, Daniel Kawczynski, should be working flat out on this to bring some of the 'Brexit gains' back to Shropshire. Our council also has a role as their Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee can block local health 'proposals'.

The decision on A&Es has been delayed again. Next time it will be considered with widespread changes to Shrewsbury's range of services. Our campaigning, together with *Shropshire Defend Our NHS*, will now focus on three issues:

1. Keeping two A&Es in the county
2. Keeping up the pressure on our MPs to fight for better funding in Shropshire
3. Getting a commitment from Shropshire Council that it will block plans for further cuts.

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

Cardboard collections return

It's good to see the doorstep cardboard collection back at last. There have been other changes to recycling collections too.

Both cardboard and paper now go in the new blue bag. Glass, plastics and tins can all go together in one box instead of having to be separated.



This includes metal and plastic bottle tops and lids.

There's also a small grey bin for food waste - but please remember if you have your own garden compost bin it's better to keep putting vegetable peelings, eggshells, tea leaves and coffee grounds into that.

If you have any questions you can phone Shropshire Council's recycling service on 0345 678 9007. Please let us know if you have any comments on the new service and how it's working.

Are you affected by the 'Late Night Economy'?

Shrewsbury could soon have a plan for our 'late night economy' - aiming for further development while reducing noise and other nuisances. We're blessed in Frankwell with an excellent range of pubs, restaurants, bars and a café - important as social spaces and for jobs. Let us know if you have a view.

Young people's working conditions survey launched

Over the summer Julian became aware that working conditions for young people in pubs, restaurants and shops in town are variable. Lots of our young people rely on this work, either as their main activity or whilst studying at college or university. Often shifts are long; 12 hours does not seem to be unusual.

Many employers look after these young workers well, and for the young people themselves these jobs offer a good experience. But it seems there are cases of young people not getting a fair deal when it comes to breaks, notice of shifts, 'trial' shifts and other issues.

Ella Holmes, a Young Green here in our Porthill ward, is carrying out research to see whether the problems are widespread. Ella is keen that as many young people as possible complete her survey. You can find it here:



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You are invited to...



An evening with singer songwriter **Robyn Hitchcock** Friday 28 October 7.30pm in the Morris Hall, Bellstone, Shrewsbury. £15. Tickets from *Left For Dead*, Wyle Cop.

Green Drinks are an informal get together for anyone with a greenish outlook! Next one Tuesday 8th November from 7.30pm in Old Post Office pub, Milk Street (and 2nd Tuesday every month).

If you missed her in July there's another chance to see and meet **Natalie Bennett**, former Green Party leader. Public talk on 28 November. Venue to be confirmed.

A special **Quiz Night** will be held in January. Keep a look out for details!

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How to save money - by not stuffing your larder

Earlier this month Porthill Greens hosted the second of our occasional discussion events in the community space by Woodfield Stores. We teamed up with Shrewsbury Food Hub to show a short, informative film on food waste (you can view it here <http://tinyurl.com/jaq4ltw>). Afterwards we had a lively discussion about the various motivations for reducing food waste, both locally and globally, and what we can do to minimise food waste when we buy.



If you would like to volunteer to deliver food for Shrewsbury Food Hub, or could help with their administration, or if your organisation or project would benefit from donations of food, please email sayhi@shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk.

It was nice to be able to welcome new people to the event. Please keep an eye on our Facebook / Twitter feeds to keep up to date with all our events.

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