

## PORTHILL & COPTHORNE LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS LATEST

It was great to see a huge response to the proposals for improved walking and cycling safety in the area. We met around 200 people at the walkabouts and drop-ins, and received 1000 written and online responses. Many comments were about Copthorne Road. There were also lots of useful suggestions. Meanwhile traffic information has been updated (you may have seen the traffic counters in the local streets). So new proposals are in the pipeline.



A group from one of the 'walkabouts' looking at the liveable neighbourhood suggestions

I expect to see 'lighter touch' plans including reduced speed limits across the area but still improving walking and cycling safety: there was overwhelming support for 20mph limits.

#### The school run

A key to safer streets in the area is to consider school journeys. The council has funds to help develop safe and healthy options. Volunteers at Shropshire Cycle Hub are offering help too. I hope to see school leaders, parents, volunteers and council staff working together on this very soon. The council has also approached the cadets about their parking space. Are you a parent of a cadet? Please get in touch to hear more or help out.

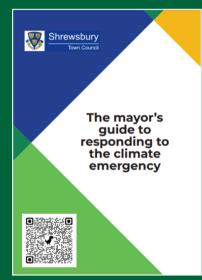
#### **New Street**

Responses to the New Street scheme showed concern about traffic using other roads instead so that impact needs measuring. Whilst this work is done and final decisions are made there is still a plan to introduce planters in place of the cones in the New Year. I will continue to put the case for pedestrian safety, with other measures to reduce the impact of traffic elsewhere.

# **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**WHAT NEXT FOR SHROPSHIRE?

COP26 international climate conference has been and gone, but the world is still not on track to limit global heating to safe levels. This strengthens the case for local action.

20 Green Party parish, town and Shropshire councillors wrote to Shropshire's leaders and MPs about this just before



COP and I have followed this up, pointing to the detail in some of the Glasgow agreements which reinforce the need for councils and communities to work together.

I have also published my Mayor's Guide to the Climate Emergency which you can read on the town council website. Use the QR code above to find it.

## **WINTER CARE**

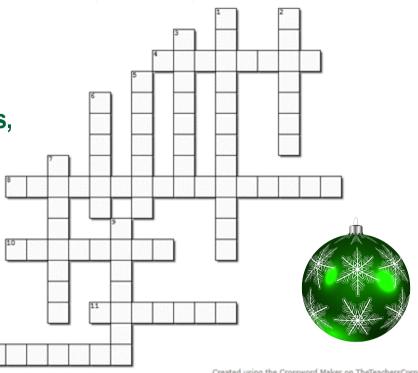
Once again this winter I have been pushing for better care for pedestrians. We have had icy conditions around the schools and on the footbridges and some broken lights. I have reported these, and called for Shropshire Council to make better use of the offer of help from the Town Council. Volunteers can help too – if you'd like to be part of a WhatsApp group for this let me know.





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all residents in Mountfields, Frankwell, Porthill, Copthorne, Kingsland and the

**Longden Road** 



#### Across

- 4. Quarry bronze (8)
- 8. Welsh Bridge Instruction (5,2,8)
- 10. Gone to earth off Longden Road (4,4)
- 11. 60s hairdo crosses brook (6)
- 12. South East London borough courting locally (7)

#### Down

- Surgeon's rural idol (6,5)
- 2. A hearty meal; a building finally getting some TLC
- 3. Name of local celtic settlement (8)
- Local river goddess (7)
- 6. Evolved on The Mount! (6)
- Ancient Roman port, local low-packaging outlet. (8)
- 9. Road shares name with two assassination victims



## **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

As Mayor I was honoured to lay wreaths during remembrance week, including at the service in Longden Road Cemetery, which was attended by children from Meole Brace, the Priory and Coleham schools.

Later in the month I got to switch on the Christmas lights!



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