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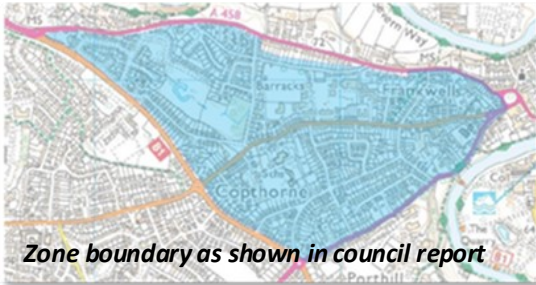
# GREEN VIEW - PORTHILL, FRANKWELL & KINGSLAND

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## 20MPH FOR PORTHILL ZONE

I'm very pleased that Shropshire Council has agreed to consult on a 20mph limit for the area between The Mount, Shelton Rd and Porthill Rd / New St, including Copthorne Rd. Separately to this we are also getting a crossing near Copthorne Keep and a second is being considered.

The zone will be clearly marked and will include 'light touch' changes to roads to slow drivers. We can expect to see reduced speeds and safer walking and cycling for all.



Zone boundary as shown in council report

If agreed, this 'study area' trial will run for 18th months. Evidence will be collected before a final decision whether to make this permanent. I

expect the consultation to be later this year. When it comes along please have your say, even if you did last time too!

I am proud that Porthill could be the pilot for a policy that could then go countywide. We won a safer future for New Street, but it was always important that more was done for neighbouring streets, particularly Copthorne Road. The schemes proposed in the Autumn would have reduced through traffic on some streets, but there were down sides too and opinion was split. But support for a reduced speed limit for the area was 85%!

## RESIDENT PARKING

People have asked me about resident only parking. It could make life easier for residents, reduce traffic and encourage people to walk, cycle or take the bus to town instead of parking, for free, just outside the 'loop'. There would need to be exceptions: local businesses need parking for customers, deliveries need access, carers and nurses need to be considered. A paid-for scheme also risks discriminating against those without off-street parking. *Let me know what you think.* Earlier this year I was promised a county-wide review of parking policies so this is something I plan to investigate further.

## PLAN TO MOVE GP SERVICES

Local NHS bosses are looking to move six existing GP practices in to a new 'hub'. This would include Claremont Bank and South Hermitage, the closest practices to this area. Mytton Oak and Radbrook Green will stay, but some of their services could be moved. It's been suggested that the hub would be in Meole Brace. Claremont Bank's website says they welcome this, but there is a real worry that services will be much harder to reach for many than they are now.

I am in touch with neighbouring councillors, and we have made plain that moving services further away from most people is not welcome. Rather than investing in existing practices near where people live, this looks like a cost-cutting exercise with no benefit to patients. There has been very limited opportunity to have your say, but letting your own GP know your concerns will be useful, and if you write to me I will make sure your views are passed on to all concerned.

## HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS

The cost-of-living crisis and the staggering rise in fuel bills is a huge worry for many. The government is providing some help, but people will still struggle. In Shropshire, further help is available from the partnership with the Marches Energy Agency. **You can also get advice on making your home more efficient to heat which can reduce your bills.** Search for 'Affordable Warmth Shropshire'.




There is a need for all homes to be properly insulated

and then converted to electric heating systems in the coming years so we can stop using fossil fuel for heating. I recently asked for Shropshire to set up a 'one stop shop' for householders to get advice on how to make homes fit for a carbon zero future, as is happening elsewhere.

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## FIX-MY-STREET

From potholes to broken streetlights, Fix My Street is now the place to go to report local problems. Reports are recorded there for all to see, and you can get updates on what has been done.

I have recently logged reports for Darwin Street (bin bag caught in overhead cables), Pengwern Road and near Porthill Bridge (broken drain covers) and New Street (street light not working) and the poor state of the pavement near St Georges church.

Unfortunately, using this website doesn't make the work happen any quicker! You can use the site without your details showing too. Or you can still report to me of course!

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After much pressing, 'H-bars' were recently painted to deter parking in front of residents' gates in Mountfields.



What do you think of the planters on New Street? I was pleased to see them finally arriving in April.

## STREET TREES

Would you 'chip in' for a tree in your street?

In recent years we have lost many trees in residential streets. Yet trees make our streets more attractive, cooler in the summer, and they provide much needed homes for wildlife.

Conservative-run Shropshire Council has so far refused to plant new trees where old ones have been lost and have failed to come up with a strategy for replacement. So how about a crowd-funded scheme? Let me know what you think. I recently asked managers to look in to adopting the 'Trees for Streets' sponsorship scheme. You can encourage them too!

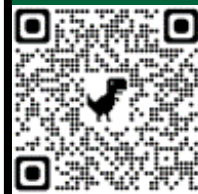
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