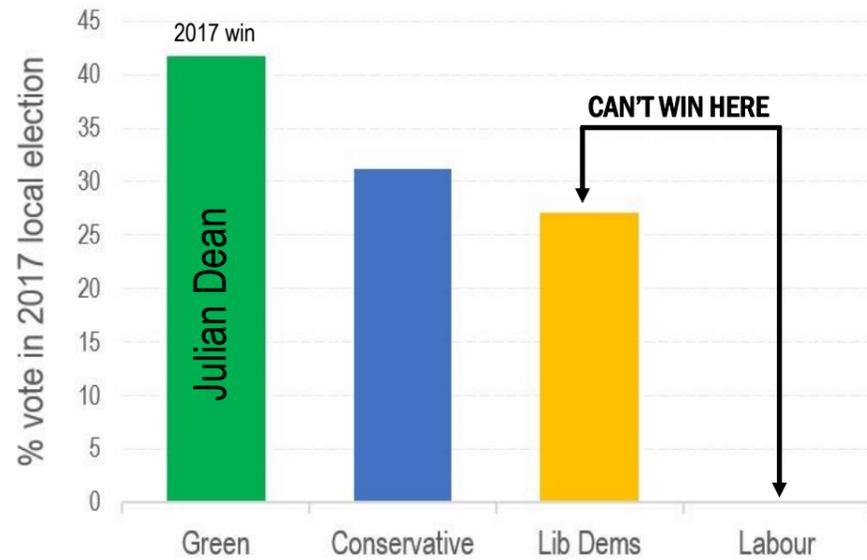


# IT'S BETWEEN JULIAN AND THE TORIES IN PORTHILL



On 6<sup>th</sup> May it's between Julian and the Tories here.

Don't be fooled by any 'creative' graphs from other parties – it's the numbers from that last local election in 2017 that count.

In 2017, almost half of our community voted to elect Julian as your representative on Shropshire and Shrewsbury Town Councils. We're asking you to re-elect Julian this May - a hard-working councillor who has been working for you week-in, week-out for more than five years.



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COUNCILLOR JULIAN DEAN

## WHAT ARE LOCAL PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT JULIAN?



"I've found Julian to be really responsive. For example when I contacted him about some difficulty we were having in our local community garden he visited several times to see the problem for himself and took action straight away. He's dealt with some tricky issues and in my experience is straight with people, and he gets out and about in the area

- Alexis, Darwin Street.

Julian gets on with it – he "walks the walk" and doesn't (like so many in politics!) merely "talk the talk!"

- Dr Simon Nightingale, Water Lane (Retired Consultant, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital)

"I've been impressed with the way that Julian has engaged with the Big Town Plan, especially by supporting better walking and cycling options.

It's clear that Julian understands the need to support local businesses to create vibrant communities"

- Nic Laurens, former Conservative Councillor and Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth.



## COMPUTERS FOR KIDS' RECYCLING SUCCESS

Over 40 computers refurbished for home schooling children! In January I began collecting second-hand laptops and tablets to recycle for home learning. After publicity on social media and Shropshire Radio many local people have generously donated their older devices. The 'GoToFixIt' team have prepared these and St George's School has distributed them to families who were struggling, often with parents and

children all needing to work from home.

So far over 40 devices have been brought back to life. I have secured funds from the Town Council for some spare parts. A big Thank You goes to both Mike from GoToFixIt and to those of you who donated. At the time of writing we are looking to expand the scheme for other uses.



Left: Julian distributing second-hand IT equipment to local children

## NEW DEPUTY MAYOR FOR SHREWSBURY!

### Julian elected Deputy Mayor

In December I was honoured to be elected Deputy Mayor of Shrewsbury. The role is to support the Mayor, now Cllr. Gwen Burgess, in her duties throughout her term. I was able to help with the launch of a leaflet for 'Share', a Shrewsbury charity that supports people affected by alcohol addiction.



Above: Deputy Mayor Julian at the launch of 'Share', a local charity to support people affected by alcohol addiction.

## LOCAL ELECTION: JULIAN IS RE-STANDING AS YOUR COUNCILLOR

I am pleased to announce that I will be asking for your vote to continue as your Councillor on May 6<sup>th</sup>. It has been an honour to work for our community and I am proud of a range of achievements, against a background of too little funding for local services. I've been backed by a brilliant local team of volunteers and I look forward to working alongside them during our campaign.



**REGISTER TO VOTE!** The whole of Shropshire has local elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May this year and I encourage everyone to ensure that you are registered to vote. The easiest way to do this is to go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) and enter your details and those for your household members.

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Shropshire Council Covid-19 Helpline: 0345 6789 028 | Mutual aid groups: 07309 720384 (Frankwell) / 07931 531919 (Cophorne)

# ROAD SAFETY SUCCESS - BASED ON YOUR VIEWS

Julian listened to your views on road safety issues locally. Here are some of the things he's been able to do to help make local streets safer:

- One way traffic in New Street allowing better pedestrian safety
- 20mph limits in neighbouring streets including a section of Copthorne Road
- Further measures to improve Copthorne Road expected
- Cycle lane between Copthorne Road and the Boat House



The pavement in the narrow part of New Street has been a danger for many years. It is used by residents, parents with buggies, children and visitors to the Quarry. Over the years, as cars have got bigger, the danger of being clipped by wing mirrors has increased. When I was first elected in 2017, I discovered plans for a one-way scheme had been drawn up but hadn't been followed through. I carried out a survey in the area which showed support for the scheme, so long as neighbouring streets were also considered. Working with residents I distributed '20's plenty' stickers for the area. Council staff agreed to try out the one-way scheme once disruption from the Copthorne Keep development had ended.

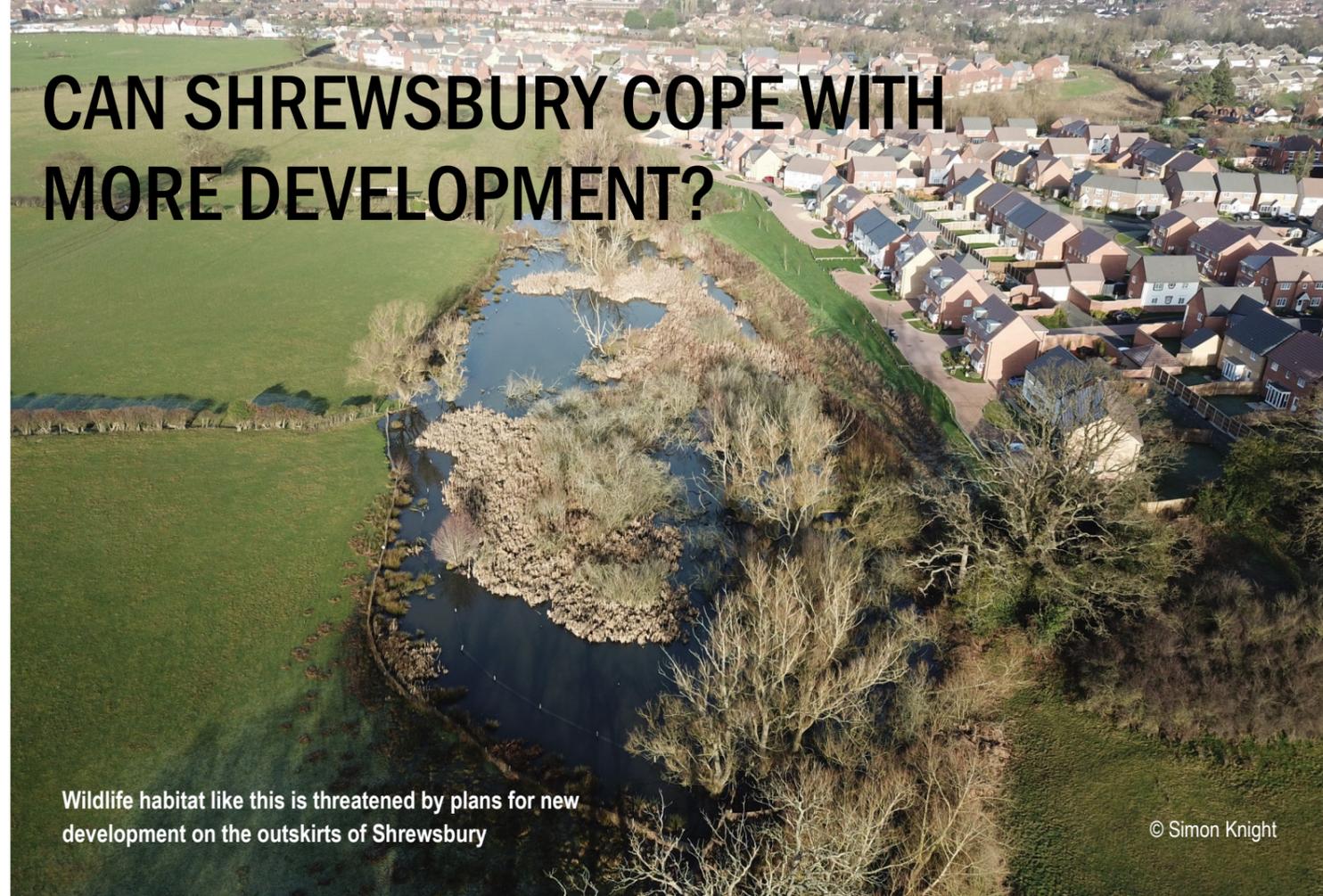


Julian and the one-way system on New St. He helped convince the Council to trial this during 2020.

Then Covid happened! It was sensible to bring in the scheme to support social distancing and run this as the trial. Together with council staff I put together a further consultation. Paper copies went to residents in local homes. People from the whole area could respond online. I am very pleased that 261 people took part. The final plan will be based on your responses.

No single scheme will stop all traffic problems, but I am especially pleased that a 20mph limit is planned for the first part of Copthorne Road as well as New Street, Pengwern Road and some other residential streets.

# CAN SHREWSBURY COPE WITH MORE DEVELOPMENT?



Wildlife habitat like this is threatened by plans for new development on the outskirts of Shrewsbury

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Shropshire Council will soon vote on a the new 'Local Plan'. This will decide where further housing development can go. I believe it includes far too many new edge-of-town developments. The rules for new homes on energy, transport and green space are not tough enough. In 2019 I worked with others to put forward many ideas for a better plan. Most of these recommendations were rejected and I will therefore be opposing the final plan. Sadly, I was alone in voting against it in the Town Council in February.

We do need affordable homes, but there is space within the town for enough with access to shops, trains and services which will not need car journeys. The 'Big Town Plan' has good ideas for this, and I will continue to support many of its suggestions.

## EXTRA CROSSING ON COPTHORNE ROAD?

Looking ahead, I am pushing for an extra crossing on Copthorne Road (this is being considered) and I am working with others to cut through-traffic in the town centre. This will mean less traffic in the whole Copthorne Road area.



Julian is pushing for an extra pedestrian crossing on busy Copthorne Rd

## PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION!

20mph limits make streets safer and more welcoming for all. More people will choose to walk, cycle and scooter, improving health and our environment. Bolton & Brighton, Wigan & Westminster - *and the whole of Wales* - have adopted '20's plenty' - 20mph default limits in residential streets. So far Shropshire has 20mph limits in some villages, outside some schools and in some town centre streets only. Come on Shropshire Council, we are ready for 20! We call on Shropshire Council to replace 30mph with 20mph as the default limit in residential streets.

Visit [bit.ly/Shrop20](http://bit.ly/Shrop20) to find out more or add your signature.



## WORKING HARD FOR YOU

THREE YEARS AGO...SPRING 2018

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT PENGROVE**  
Good News: A dropped kerb and new bicycle gate have been put in place at Pengrove. This will allow mobility scooters and prams to get on to the riverside path.

After a resident contacted me I arranged for these improvements to be made, with financial help from the Inclusively Fit Project as well as Shropshire Council. I will now be seeking funding to improve the whole path as it still has many hazards for mobility scooter users and those with pushchairs.

**ICY PAVEMENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED, SAYS JULIAN**  
Clearing the roads for traffic is important, but pedestrians have rights too. Pavements should have been cleared.

Many of you were rightly concerned that pavements were not safe during the recent icy and snowy weather. There were many accidents and injuries. Even the main highways and pavements around the town were hazardous.

**COPTHORNE BARRACKS: REPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS' FORUM**  
In December I held an open meeting for Porthill residents about the proposed Barracks redevelopment. Thanks to everyone who came and shared their thoughts.

**BEFORE**  
Access to the riverside path was very difficult for mobility scooters and pushchairs.

TWO YEARS AGO...SPRING 2019

**BIG TOWN WALK - 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
I am excited to have helped organise Shrewsbury's first Big Town Walks event. These give residents a way to discover new green areas around town. We have four walking routes ready this year and hope to have more in the future.

To find out about the routes and when the 18th May take a look at the Facebook page 'Town Walks Shrewsbury' or pick up a leaflet from shops.

**ROAD SAFETY**  
If you want a '20's Plenty' or 'Slow Down' sticker for your bin please let me know. Many are now on bins, especially on Longdon Road (see photo left) and around Frankwell Island.

**BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS... FURTHER**  
We had a group of children kindly give up their old toys and books, starting from the Bricklayers Arms.

Hedges: I have been contacted recently about a few garden hedges. With longer growing seasons due to climate change there is more risk that hedges will make it difficult for people passing by on pavements. Please be mindful of this by keeping hedges under control.

Package: I bring in much of our area. We can all help by parking thoughtfully, and reminding others, politely, that pedestrians shouldn't be forced into the road, and that streets need to be clear for emergency vehicles.

ONE YEAR AGO...SPRING 2020

**JULIAN HELPS PLANT 2000 TREES IN SHREWSBURY**  
In early February Julian and other local residents went over to Morkmoor Recreation Ground to help Shrewsbury Town Council plant 2000 trees.

Julian said, "we know that trees can make a big difference in improving air quality, preventing flash flooding and capturing CO<sub>2</sub> - the main source of global heating. Unfortunately we have lost some roadside trees in recent years, which can make a special contribution in reducing air pollution."

Please get in touch to suggest good locations for roadside trees!

**NOT GIVING UP ON BETTER ROAD SAFETY FOR THE MOUNT**  
I am continuing to campaign for a 'Activated Sign' and a 20mph limit in the area.

**ACTION ON CLIMATE CHAOS**  
Since becoming your councillor Julian has pushed for action on the climate emergency in Shrewsbury and Shropshire. He has now been given a role to support Green Party councillors across the country on this.

Wild fire on Saddleworth Moor. Not only Australia is suffering from climate change, but so are we.

The Green Party is campaigning for better Government support for councils on climate action. A lot can be achieved locally but Government policy and lack of money stand in the way. We also plan to make the most of the national Clean Air Day this summer, highlighting the importance of clean transport.

To report any incidents ring the police on 101. We have provided '20's Plenty' stickers for anyone who wanted them.