



NOVEMBER 2022

GREEN VIEW - PORTHILL, FRANKWELL & KINGSLAND

COUNCILLOR JULIAN DEAN

GP HUB CHALLENGED



Plans to move six GP surgeries to a 'hub' near the football ground were challenged by residents and town councillors at a public meeting in October.

The case for better facilities was strongly put by GPs, but councillors made clear that this doesn't have to mean a single hub that will be harder to reach for many. My colleague Kate Halliday from Belle Vue has written to NHS England to challenge the idea that the money for hub, said to be between £40m and £60m, has to be on a 'take it or leave it basis'.

I called for local health leaders to take stand on behalf of local people and tell NHS England that **we need better services closer to where people live**. I pointed out that the new Tannery building, home to the Riverside Medical Practice, cost around £10m, so there should be funds for work in several locations. Councillors from across the area of Shrewsbury affected by the plans are united in pushing for a better deal for residents, and we will continue to voice your concerns.

Right: I joined Cllr. Halliday from Belle Vue in delivering letters to local GPs to query the plan.



PROTECTING NATURE

We know that the natural world is in crisis. Nature organisations like the RSPB have been campaigning to get the government to U-turn on plans widely seen as an 'attack on nature', including 'Investment Zones' with lower environmental protections. **I wrote to Lezley Picton, Shropshire Council leader, about this** and am glad to report that she has decided against applying for a zone. I have organised a Council discussion for early next year to look at how we can have an effective Local Nature Recovery Strategy. If you want to be involved get in touch, or join Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Save the Kingsland Rad Valley



Local people were relieved when a planning appeal for development in the Rad valley was refused earlier in the year.

GREENS IN SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Several Green proposals have won backing in recent months. Last year we called for a 'Waste Reduction Strategy' to help us all produce less waste. Conservative councillors opposed this, but have now come round and work has started. Hopefully the Council will listen to the expertise we have in the community, which includes some Porthill residents working in this field!

We also called for a board to oversee work towards Carbon Net Zero. This has now been set up, with representatives from Zero Carbon Shropshire, from the business community and from all parties in the council.

Right: Top priority for waste reduction is to prevent waste in the first place!



COST OF LIVING CRISIS

If you or someone you know is worried about money or is struggling right now, **you are not alone**.

There may be **simple steps** you can take to cut costs or maximise your income. If you are getting into debt or your mental health is suffering, **don't wait to get help**.

Visit Shropshire Council's **cost of living help page** for information on what support is available. This also has links for help with energy efficiency.

There is help available if you are worried about rising living costs



www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help



PORTHILL 20mph ZONE UPDATE

The 20mph zone for Porthill is getting closer! A consultation is taking place in November and so long as responses continue to show support I would hope to see work start to implement this in the Spring. This should include very clear 'gateways' into the zone, surface markings and some measures to slow traffic. There are no plans for humps or chicanes.



The proposed zone has now grown to include more of The Mount and Frankwell, so it joins up with the 20mph limit on Welsh Bridge.

KINGSLAND ROAD SAFETY

Residents are concerned at the traffic on Kingsland Road. Large vehicles continue to use this route, sometimes as a short cut. The narrow exit to Longden Road is a hazard. The blurred picture shows vehicles mounting the pavement to pass each other. **I continue to push for 20mph in all residential streets** like this and am asking Council staff to ensure this road doesn't appear as a short cut on SatNavs or Google Maps.



REFRESHED ROAD MARKINGS

Following my requests I was glad to see this refresh of markings on Frankwell Roundabout, as the junction at the bottom corner had become very worn.

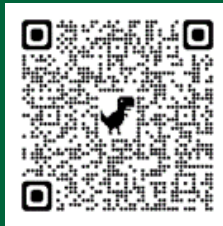
I've pressed for this elsewhere too, especially the zebra crossings on Porthill Road.

Right: Julian with the repainted road markings near Frankwell roundabout



COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING

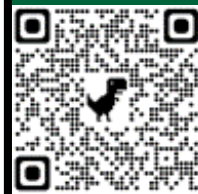
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