

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN NEWS UPDATE

Angela Warren set up the RADBROOK ROAD SAFETY GROUP in September, after her son was hit by a car and knocked off his bike. Luckily his injuries were not life threatening; but many other families have similar stories including "near misses". The group's aim is to make travel on our roads safer for everybody, especially children going to and from our three schools.

The group's first meeting at the Community Centre in November was attended by local councillors, the portfolio holder for Highways at Shropshire Council Dean Carroll, representatives from all of our schools, Police Community Support Officers and local MP Daniel Kawczynski.

Residents talked passionately about their urgent concerns including speeding traffic on Bank Farm Road, more frequent 'blue light' ambulance journeys from the Longden Road depot, and the need to make it safer for cycling.

Following that meeting Police Superintendent Stuart Bill visited the area with Angela, Katie and Cllr Chris Lemon, and agreed in particular that the case for redesigning the Bank Farm Road/Longden Road junction was "compelling".

Shropshire Council's Active Travel Manager has said it will be identified as a 'problem junction' in the promised Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), hopefully meaning it will become a higher priority for the Council. Another traffic survey has been carried out.

Shropshire Council has promised to find money and work on solutions for Bank Farm Road. Your councillors Chris and Julia will do their best to make sure that happens and will support the Road Safety group in every way they can - it's amazing what can be achieved when the community all come together.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



ROAD SAFETY MEETING Friday 21 January, 7pm Community Centre, Bank Farm Road

ALL WELCOME!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE: Where would you like to see this planted? Please send us suggestions for a public space where this special tree can be enjoyed by all in the years ahead.



NEW YEAR LITTER PICK Sunday 13 February 10 am Squinter Pip Way SY3 5BS All kit provided - 07964 895232 **ALL WELCOME!**



OAKFIELD ESTATE: Good news, work has been done on the bumpy pavements that make it difficult for wheelchair and pushchair users. Please let us know what you think.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERING

"It has been both educational and exciting VOLUNTEERING for the Radbrook Greens. I helped one of the Green Party team take several samples of the water in the Darwin's Walk Pond, which was sent off to be assessed for the presence of Great Crested Newts (a protected species). It came back positive! It was extremely rewarding to be part of that discovery.

I also enjoyed participating in a moth survey. We used a bright light to attract the moths in the area and I learnt a lot about the different species.

Overall, I felt very welcome amongst the Radbrook Greens and I am glad I chose to carry out my volunteering with them".



THE ESTATE THAT BARRATT AND **BOVIS FORGOT**

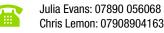
In 2014, planning was approved for BOWBROOK MEADOWS AND DARWIN'S WALK. Today in 2022, nearly 8 years later and over a year since the last house was occupied, the estate is still awaiting completion. Soon after I was elected I walked through Squinter Pip Way and took photos of the lumpy, rough roads and pavements, the builders' toilet and left over equipment opposite Meadowbout Way and

the overgrown wasteland where wildlife-friendly landscaping had been promised.

Since August last year progress has been made but it is very painfully slow. One resident wrote to the Bovis Chief Executive and I have chased managers at Barratt, who did write apologising **COUNCILLOR JULIA EVANS** for the delay in completion. The hopefully good news now, is that a company should be appointed soon to do the landscaping. This saga has caused misery for many residents and in one case, an accident. This has been a point of discussion on social media several times (and thank you to a resident for the title of this piece).

After further emails and different managers at Barratt each time, I wrote to the Shropshire Star. I then reported, with advice from a council Enforcement Officer (with thanks), both developers to the Planning Enforcement Team and I hope this may result in a Completion Notice. Meanwhile I have asked for a figure for the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contribution from the developers and will be asking residents what they would like to see this spent on – CIL funds are usually spent on such things as bins and salt bins, once Shropshire Council takes over responsibility.

GET IN TOUCH





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CLIMATE EMERGENCY MESSAGE

FROM THE MAYOR

"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



MAYOR JULIAN DEAN

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.



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