



APRIL 2022

GREEN VIEW - RADBROOK

Including Oakfield Estate, Mytton Oak Road and Bowbrook Meadows

COUNCILLOR CHRIS LEMON AT THE RECENT COMMUNITY TEA

NO. 20 BUS SERVICE UNDER THREAT

Your councillors Chris Lemon and Julia Evans are doing everything they can to save this service, in response to the huge amount of concern from residents. As one told us – “it’s madness” that Radbrook should have no bus service. It is the largest ward in the town and is growing rapidly. The original proposal was to stop the service completely on 22 April, with very little notice. Please look out for the latest news on our [FACEBOOK PAGE, RADBROOK AREA GREENS](#).

We know from many conversations that this is causing immense distress and will lead to real hardship amongst those in our community who have no alternative transport. It will also undoubtedly adversely affect businesses on the 20 route.

OVER 100 PEOPLE CAME TO A MEETING on 6 April at Radbrook Community Centre, and signed the petition to keep the service. It’s clear that a bus service is needed for all manner of journeys and by people of all ages from pensioners to people at work and nursery children.



NEWS IN BRIEF



WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE has informed us via a freedom of information request that they will not try and renew their lease on the depot in Longden Road. The lease runs out in 2027. We are still however pushing for action on road safety as a current priority.



Flashing speed reminder signs are promised soon on Bank Farm Road. **THE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS FOR BANK FARM ROAD** have been ordered and should be installed soon. We would like to thank the Radbrook Road Safety group for their persistence in making sure these safety signs go up.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



DROP IN COUNCILLOR SURGERY:

EVERY TUESDAY (3rd May-12 July) 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Radbrook Community Centre, Calverton Way, Shrewsbury SY3 6DJ. **NO BOOKING NEEDED**



MAY LITTER PICK:

Sunday 22 MAY 10 a.m. meeting in the Radbrook Coop car park. All kit provided. 07964 895232. **ALL WELCOME!**



THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE HOLIDAY

2-5TH JUNE. Contact us if you have any questions about **ORGANISING STREET PARTIES**.



CROWMEOLE LANE SURVEY:

Please fill in the short online survey by **6 MAY** to support this scheme which makes it safer to walk or cycle to schools and RSH. **SCAN THE QA CODE HERE.**



LITTER PICK VOLUNTEERS

DO WE NEED TO MOW SO MUCH?

Most of us like our trimmed lawns whether in our gardens or public space. If we are not using all of that space for leisure then is there room for something else.

WHAT IF WE LEFT A FEW AREAS TO GROW? What flowers might then appear? What insects might these flowers attract? Not only would these areas benefit our local, struggling wildlife but might enrich our lives. Why not consider giving this a try?

Later in the year we will be hosting a talk on this subject at the Community Centre. Watch this space!



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR AND GREEN GROUP

ON SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Shropshire voted on its **NEW BUDGET** last month. The council is in trouble financially. This is mostly due to government, but there have also been some poor decisions at Shirehall in recent years.

Led by the Greens, for the first time in many years, alternative proposals were put to the vote. But the Conservative group rejected all ideas along party lines.

The Green group think we must do things differently. Open discussion of ideas at an earlier stage might improve the budget without a party-political bun fight. We will be making suggestions for a different way to make decisions in the coming months, based on good practice elsewhere.



MAYOR JULIAN DEAN

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Inflation, fuel cost increases and a national insurance rise are causing real hardship for many. Elsewhere Green led councils have increased support through council tax reductions, hardship funds and support for voluntary organisations that help. Shropshire Council should be doing more. No new help was in the budget, but **THE GREENS WON AN AGREEMENT** to set up a task force to look for ways to do better.

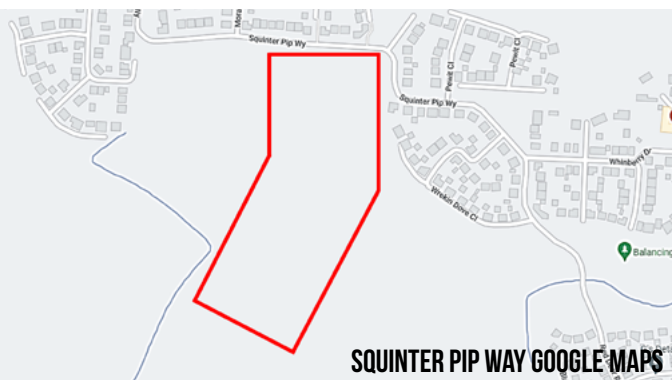
SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Proposals for the promised SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and primary schools on Bowbrook Meadows were published recently. The schools are very welcome, for local families and those across Shrewsbury. Your councillors Julia Evans and Chris Lemon were at a drop-in event organised by the developers and raised questions about traffic levels on Squinter Pip Way, as well as the poor design of the school buildings themselves.

Unbelievably in these days of a climate emergency **THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED TO BE ENERGY-EFFICIENT**. Your councillors will continue to raise this issue during the planning process, along with a request for good walking and cycling routes for pupils. We expect the proposals to go to a planning committee in July and for building to start in September. We'll keep you informed.



SCAN THE QR CODE HERE TO READ THE REPORT.



A HEDGE SAVED

We're delighted to say that Radbrook Community Centre and Shrewsbury Town Council, with help from Cllr Chris Lemon, have agreed on a plan to look after the rather neglected hedge alongside the Community Centre building. It can now be managed and enjoyed by people and wildlife.



GET IN TOUCH



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