

NEW SCHOOLS UPDATE

We have been campaigning for a clearer picture on school places in our area and Shropshire Council has at last given some news about the promised primary school in Bowbrook Meadows; something many families have been waiting for. It will be a Free School, run by a local multi-academy trust called The 3 -18 Education Trust who also manage The Priory School and Coleham Primary School.

There are also plans for another school on the same site with 120 places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Initial plans have been drawn up showing the location of the two schools as well as possible secondary school next to them on the south side of Squinter Pip Way. The plans also show new roads linking to future developments and accessed from the A488 Hanwood Road.

Until those are built it looks as though the access will be from Squinter Pip Way. This is something we know many residents are concerned about as an area where issues have already been raised on road safety and we share these concerns. Good walking and cycling routes to the schools from all the nearby developments must also be a priority.

We will be looking carefully at the planning applications and putting your concerns to the Council.

If you have concerns or want to help us comment on the plans please contact us.

GREEN CAMPAIGNERS TAKING ACTION!

Being able to cycle and walk safely around our area is vital for the health of our community and the environment. At this time of year especially, pavements and pathways need to be kept safe and clear but an issue on the Roman Road cycleway was reported to us last month along with these photos.



Julia reported this to the Town Council and we're pleased that their response was fast and efficient with this fantastic result. Thanks to the team.



Please email or call and let us know of any problems in your area that we can help with.

SUPPORT IS STILL AVAILABLE

We're doing a fantastic job of supporting each other in our area. If you need help with shopping or other collections etc., please contact Radbrook Mutual Aid – radbrookmutualaid@gmail.com or call one of us and we'll put you in touch. More help is also available from www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus where there is advice including on healthcare, vaccinations, keeping your business running and financial support.

GREEN PARTY COUNCILLOR JULIAN DEAN ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY

Julian became Shrewsbury's first Green councillor when he was elected in our next-door ward of Porthill in 2017. Julian shows what Green politics is all about, working collaboratively with other parties to take local action including on road safety improvements, urgent action on climate and safer streets in icy conditions.

Recently Julian has:

Worked with local charity FIX I.T. to provide refurbished laptops and tablets to help children with their learning while the schools are closed. Many families don't have enough devices for



their children, especially with parents working at home. This project will also help our schools who are working so hard to support children's learning. If you're on Facebook you can find out more at @CllrJDean. Please get in touch with us if you'd be interested in a similar scheme for Radbrook.

Pushed for Shropshire Council's new housebuilding company Cornovii to commit to building all its houses to zero carbon standards. To act on climate change we need to make our homes

more energy efficient and it's cheaper and easier to include this during the build rather than do it later. Shropshire Council hasn't included its own housebuilding in its climate strategy, even though energy from buildings is top of its list of actions. It has also failed to commit to climate action in the Local Plan even though it had thousands of public responses asking for this.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

The whole of Shropshire has elections for Shropshire Council and town councils on 6 May this year and we encourage everyone to make sure that you are registered to vote. The easiest way to do this is to go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and enter the details for you and your household members.

We know that even with the progress on vaccines, some people will feel unsure about going to a polling station this year; anyone can register to vote by post. You can do this at www.gov.uk/government/

publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote. Remember, you will still be able to make the decision to hand your postal vote into a polling station if you decide you want to when polling day comes.



DON'T LOSE IT

LITTER PICK REPORT- RADBROOK FIELDS

There was an excellent turnout for our latest litter pick around Radbrook Fields a couple of weeks before Christmas. An 'all ages' group braved the elements and thoroughly enjoyed covering the parts of the Fields we were all familiar with, along with the opportunity to explore some of the lesser visited corners, all whilst filling several bags full of rubbish. The hard work that the amazing Friends of Radbrook Fields group put in to protecting this area from development was very much appreciated - and the many muddy footprints visible

proves that a great number of other people appreciate them too!



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