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Berrington Parish Council

Berrington Parish Council consists of nine elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

Claire Wild (Chair); Richard Purslow (Vice-Chair); Richard Ward; Sue Mason; Lezley Picton; Claire Bonsey; Mark Howarth, Steve Hawksworth and Kate Fulton. Notice of Berrington Parish Council Meetings are posted on the notice boards in Cross Houses and Berrington. The Parish Council is keen to make the improvements you want, let us know what you think. Why not come along to one of our meetings. Guests are always welcome. If there is a local issue that concerns you then feel free to ask one of the Councillors for help in representing you in this matter.

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Atcham Parish Council consists of seven elected or co-opted Parish Councillors:

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Alastair Home-Roberts, Tamara Hayman-Bant.

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Attention All Dog Owners

Please clean up after your dog, particularly on the playing field where children may pick up harmful bacteria! Place the dog dirt in the bin provided.
Thank you.

News from your Shropshire Councillor
Councillor Claire Wild

Planning Matters

Salop Leisure
Salop Leisure have now submitted their planning application. Atcham Parish Council supported the application for two reasons, to support the increase in tourism and also to support local jobs that the development will create.

Land Opposite the Post Office and adjacent to Holcroft Way
Helen Howie from Berry's will be attending a special meeting of Berrington Parish Council on the 10th December, 7.30pm at the Chapel Community Centre to present the detailed site plans for phases 1 and 2 of the development. If you have any questions or comments to make before the plans are submitted to Shropshire Council then please come along so that Berry's can take on board any suggestions prior to submission. The plans can be found in the centre pages of this edition.

Community Speedwatch
The Community Speed watch is up and running. We would always welcome new volunteers but many thanks to those already taking part and making a difference. If you would like to join this team please contact david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk or tel: 01743 252 483 and we will arrange a meeting with the other volunteers.

The Big Conversation
Shropshire Council are about to launch The Big Conversation. This will give everyone the opportunity to have their say on what services are most important to them. You can find a detailed explanation of the Big Conversation on the following pages. I urge you to have your say.

My very best wishes to you and yours for the festive season and the New Year.

Claire

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS
If you are considering starting any clubs or associations in the area or have an idea for a project that would benefit our community please get in touch with the Community Action Officer team who would very much like to hear from you. Our Community Action Officer is David Fairclough. David can be contacted on 07582 004015 or 01743 252483.
Email: david.fairclough@shropshire.gov.uk

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POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION
Our Local Police Team is PC Dave Harte and CSO Jacqui Baldwin Tel: 0300 333 3000 ext 69008. There is also a team e-mail address: shrewsburyrsw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
You can always contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 if you wish to remain anonymous.

There are big challenges ahead – so we need a Big Conversation

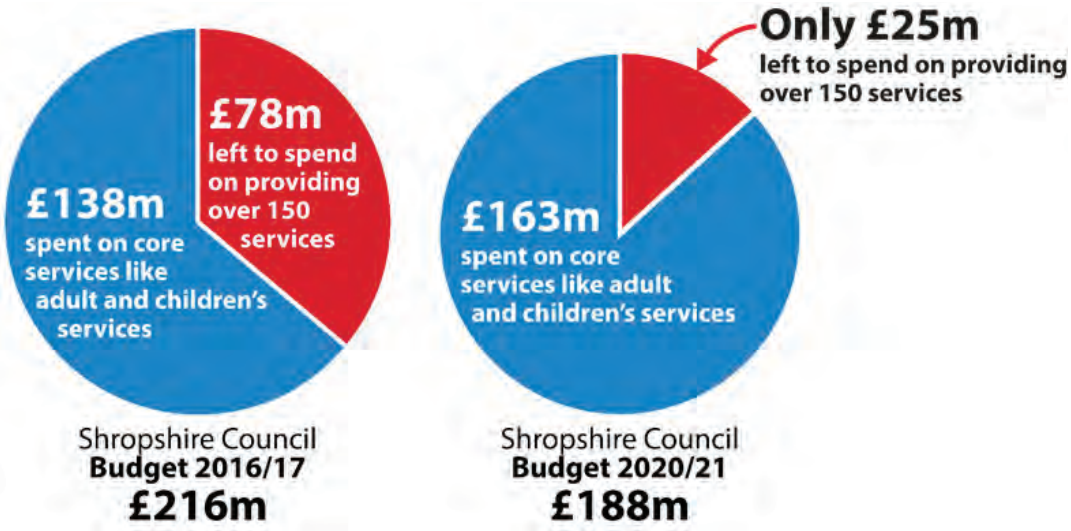
What is the Big Conversation?

Like all local authorities, we are faced with the need to make further substantial savings in the coming years.

Since 2009, £146m has been removed from our budget due to significant government cuts. By 2020/21 the Government's £44m revenue support grant – money that is paid to councils each year to help provide services – will end.

By the time this grant ends, it is estimated that we will be a further £77m worse off, due to the combination of inflationary increases in costs, particularly in adult social care, and further cuts in government grants.

Our predicted budget for **2020/21** is estimated to be **£188m**, of which **£163m (87%)** would be spent on the core services such as adult's and children's social care and safeguarding, domestic waste disposal, concessionary travel and school transport.



This will leave just **13%** (£25m) left to spend on the remaining 150 plus services we currently provide to the people of Shropshire.

This makes things difficult…

Over the recent years, we made a commitment to continue to provide services in light of government cuts, but faced with the need to make further substantial savings in the coming years, we've been put in a very difficult position.

As there will be considerably less money, we will not be able to deliver the same services as we do now and will need to prioritise how our budget is spent.

How can you help?

With this in mind, we need a **Big Conversation** with Shropshire people to talk about what they feel are the solutions to the financial challenges we face.
We know the services we provide are important to people. As part of this Big Conversation we want people to tell us their views on the services they value, the services they don't and the services they and their community may consider to deliver themselves.

This is where you come in – you can help us to raise awareness of the financial challenges we face and how people can get involved and have their say. It may be that you can help us to hand out our soon-to-be launched paper survey, let people know how to fill the survey in online or hold public meetings in your area.

The Big Conversation will continue over the next five years.

How can people get involved?

People can complete the survey on line www.shropshire.gov.uk/bigconversation and paper copies will be made available at libraries and customer service points. People can also print them when they access the survey, or they can print them for others. Alternatively people can call us on **0345 678 9077** and request one.

What are we doing in the meantime?

In the meantime, we will continue to look at ways to raise income, redesign services and work with local communities who are willing to run services themselves.
We've also compiled an A to Z list of services, to give people an idea of the 150 plus services we provide. There is also a frequently asked questions section which provides further detail about the Big Conversation.

People's views are important to us

People's views are really important to helping us prioritise our future budget. They will become part of the feedback councillors will get before they make any decisions about our future budget, and what services we will provide in the years ahead.
So please encourage people in your area to take some time to read the information on our webpages.

Want to find out more?

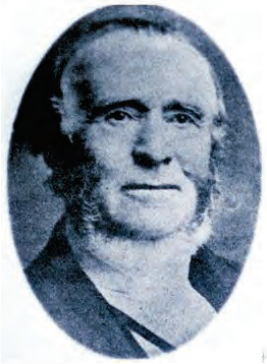
Visit: www.shropshire.gov.uk/bigconversation
Email: **BigConversation@shropshire.gov.uk** or call our Customer Services Centre
Call: **0345 678 9077** during office hours (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

SHROPSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 15th December 2015, 7.15pm

Ruth Wilford

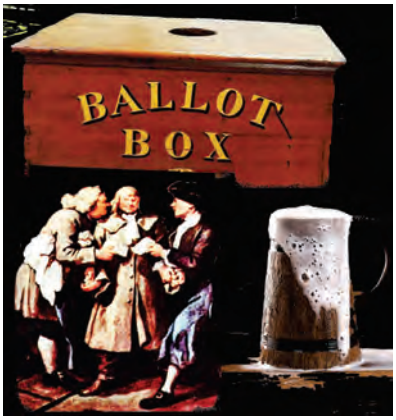
"Shropshire Marstons Fly the nest"



Tuesday 19th January 2016, 7.15pm

Keith Hudson

"Beer, Ballots and Bribers"



Family History help will also be available.

Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury SY5 6JH

Why not visit our website www.sfhs.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM A CONCERNED CROSS HOUSES RESIDENT

What is the matter with the people in this village? We are in a lovely rural area and have access to beautiful countryside for walking. Unfortunately, we are not able to enjoy our walks to the full, taking in the wonderful views, because of the thoughtless people who leave dog mess everywhere. Whether it is streets or fields they don't care; as long as they don't have to pick it up blow everyone else; they don't care that we have to return from our walks carrying not only our own poop bags but their dog's mess on our shoes and clothes. Why should we have to spend time cleaning ourselves up when we get home because of their idleness? And it seems to me that their dogs are not properly fed anyway as it is often the messiest waste from dogs with upset stomachs.

It is not a pleasant task but caring dog owners, who also care about the health and pleasure of others just get on with it and dispose of it sensibly.

And as for people who think taking their dogs for a walk means driving to a field gate and letting them out of the car and as soon as they have done their business driving off with them, words fail me, especially when it is the kiddies playing field, there is a bin in the playing field but these people can't take the trouble to take the few steps needed to use it. The areas around field gates are like minefields.

Just think, if ten dogs go round a field every day in ten days that's 100 piles of dog mess, most people do pick up but there is a significant few who don't and with their thoughtlessness they spoil the whole area for everyone else.

There is a law about dog fouling which seems very difficult to implement but the wardens or police should be able to stop anyone walking a dog and if they do not have poop bags on them fine them on the spot as they obviously have no intention of cleaning up.

This is a disgusting situation and potentially harmful and we should not have to put up with it. These people are disgusting.

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