

Climate, Sustainability & Biodiversity

Community Event

Wednesday 2nd November

7.30-9.30pm

Welshampton Parish Hall

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council is hosting a special event to gauge interest and gather ideas from as many people as possible regarding Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity.

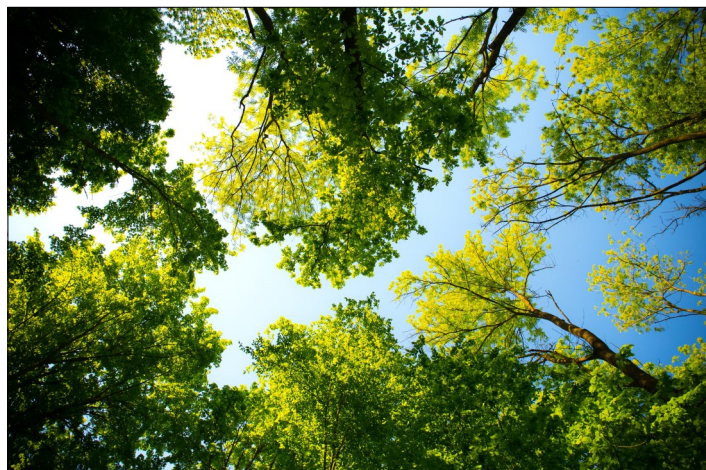
Please come along if you have ideas or expertise, or if you fancy joining a regular group of people to pursue projects in our area.

This initial informal event will offer an introduction to the types of projects going on elsewhere in Shropshire (Marches Energy Agency, Restoring Shropshire Verges and Shropshire Council) with representatives from these projects on hand to give overviews and answer any questions.

If this date/time isn't suitable but you would like to contribute or get involved, please do contact us through the email address or phone number below and we will be in touch.

Refreshments will be available, we look forward to welcoming you.

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Hello and welcome.... to our Autumn Parish Newsletter.

Since our last edition we have experienced the sad loss of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Rules governing the demise of a monarch meant the Parish Council could not meet in September as scheduled and council business was rearranged for our October meeting. Marking our respect I represented our parish at the official proclamation event made by the Mayor of Ellesmere. We also postponed the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Community Event we had originally arranged for the 19th of September, which became the day of Her Majesty's Funeral. This event has now been rescheduled as advertised on the front page. I do hope you will find this convenient and that all parishioners will try to support the Parish Council's initiative.

Finally may I add my personal expression of respect and gratitude to the Reverend Maureen Read for all she has done for the parish. I wish her a long and happy retirement.

Michael Dinsdale
Chair Person, Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council.

Thank you and our best wishes!

The rector of the two churches in our parish (St John the Evangelist at Colemere and St Michel and All Angels at Welshampton) Reverend Maureen Read is retiring from the clergy.

During her years in the parish Maureen has been enthusiastically involved in the community whilst preaching and ministering pastoral care at the four churches in the benefice. Maureen has supported many organisations and events, and our schoolchildren have benefitted from her teaching.

Maureen's husband John has also

been involved in the community including being a keen volunteer for Lyneal Trust.

Maureen and John are retiring to a new home on the Fylde in Lancashire to be closer to their family and the Parish Council thanks them both for their contribution to our community, whilst wishing them a long and happy retirement.

Community Grants

This year's grant scheme is now open! Applications must be submitted by 2 December. All applications will be considered on their individual merits.

Fibre Broadband Update

Residents will have noticed the increasing number of new telegraph poles in the parish. This is part of the Airband project to expand fibre broadband coverage.

The infrastructure stage of the project is nearly complete and is now close to testing stage.

Welshampton Methodists

Advent Sunday 27th November
10.30am- midday
FREE Advent Coffee morning.

Wednesday 21st December 6.30pm
sing Carols, enjoy refreshments.

Both events at the Parish Hall
All welcome!

Colemere

Parish Councillors recently raised concerns with Shropshire Council around maintenance and management of Colemere Heritage Site. As a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and also a UNESCO Ramsar site, its important and delicate ecological balance is something to be celebrated and protected.

A productive meeting was held between several Parish Councillors and Shropshire Council officers, where protection of the whole site was discussed: including the diverse meadows surrounding the mere. Shropshire Council reported that accessibility progress will be made in October to extend the boardwalk further and to improve the footpaths. Funding for the protection and maintenance of the site is extremely limited, and it was agreed that Shropshire Council would investigate the possibility of external funding, and potentially car park charges (for visitors from outside the local area) to raise finances for much needed signage and fencing.

We discussed the need for much better signage around the whole site, and the need for education of visitors to ensure that dogs are kept on leads, that litter and dog fouling bins are utilised, and precious nesting sites protected. Suggestions were made to engage local schools and Duke of Edinburgh students in educational visits and programmes.

Concerns were raised around overflow from the canal into Colemere, and how measures might be implemented to prevent any ecological damage occurring from excessive overflow. Shropshire Council shared that an investigation into a possible rare European eel population is something that they would like to undertake.

Follow up meetings will be arranged, and focus will be on progressing funding, signage and education initially.



Welshampton Church of England Primary School

In September 2021, I was appointed as the new headteacher of Welshampton Church of England Primary School. When appointed, I was determined to keep everything that makes this wonderful small rural school so special but was determined to enhance the education of the children from our local community and surrounding areas.

With the fantastic support of staff, throughout last year, we worked hard on updating and developing the curriculum whilst looking deeper into the values and vision of our school and what we wanted it to be moving forwards. A great deal of work was completed and continues to be done in order to offer those who attend the best possible education.

The three pillars which must work in unison to support our children are the staff, parents and community and with this in mind, the school is keen to continue developing links with the local community and seeing the school as a source of pride for those who live locally.

Anchored in the Christian faith, we have a school to be proud of and a vision for the future which is exciting and inspiring.

***Growing together in strength, love and wisdom, we shine.
"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16***

'Let your light shine' encapsulates the school's commitment to provide an enriching education which is deep and broad. Pupils will be equipped for life in all its fullness through our Christian values of strength, love and wisdom.

Learning will be a journey of fun and adventure, broadening the horizons of our pupils and inspiring them to be the best they can be. Within a nurturing environment, we will support our pupils to give them the strength to flourish as confident, resilient and independent members of society.

Christian character illuminates all aspects of school life, where everyone is understood and valued. At the heart of our safe and inclusive schools, pupils will be kind, patient and respectful - developing a love of one another, a love of learning and a love of life itself.

The aspirational curriculum will foster curious and creative thinkers, who will be encouraged to maximise every opportunity and be proud of their achievements. Pupils will find joy in seeking knowledge and learning new skills, as they grow together on their journey through childhood.

Our school is forward-thinking and outward-looking. We will continuously improve and evolve together, in order to inspire pupils who leave our schools feeling excited and ready for the future.

If you are interested in learning more about the school, please visit our website www.welshamptonceprimary.co.uk or contact Mrs Hordern in the office on admin@welshampton.shropshire.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

Mr Ben Crompton
Executive Headteacher



Worried about rising energy bills? You are not alone

You are not alone if the energy price cap increase announcement on 1 October has left you worried about paying your bills this winter.

Working together with local charities, Shropshire Council and key organisations across the county are supporting residents through these challenging times. In partnership with Marches Energy Agency, Shropshire Council's team Keep Shropshire Warm, is offering free home MOTs to help people save money on their bills this winter.

As part of the energy MOT, one of the friendly Keep Shropshire Warm advisors will inspect your home for any 'major faults' and 'advisories', check your energy usage and offer solutions before the colder months arrive.

They will also fit free, low-cost energy saving measures and answer any questions you have – big or small.

You will then receive a copy of your MOT with suggestions of what to do next. To book a free home energy MOT, call 0800 112 3743.

Visit the cost of living help page – shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help

More information

The cost of living advice and support is a partnership between Shropshire Council, Citizens Advice Shropshire, Marches Energy Agency, Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance, Age UK and Shropshire Mental Health Support.

Keep Shropshire Warm is a partnership between Shropshire Council and Marches Energy Agency. The scheme provides free and impartial energy advice to local residents through an advice line, home visits and community events, as well as funding for energy efficiency measures.

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

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Chris Symes
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Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and start at 7pm. The public may attend and speak in the public session.

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For non - emergencies

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