



BISHOP'S CASTLE



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The Mayor Grant Perry

walls of silence from Companies, Council's and those in positions of responsibility have been deafening.

No one would have believed 12 months ago that we would still be talking about Covid Lockdowns and restrictions as we approach the spring and Summer Seasons. The last year has certainly taken its toll on everyone and has surely affected each and every one of us in some way. Many have lost loved ones, jobs have been affected, mental health has been an issue and simple pleasures have been denied. At the same time many organisations have tried to hide behind the Pandemic as an excuse and the

We as a Town Council have now been meeting via Zoom for a year and I like many others have been suffering from Zoom fatigue so the sooner we get back to meeting in person the better, although when that will be is still anybody's guess. We have also progressed a few projects over the last year but nothing is being achieved as speedily as it should and whilst the wheels of local Government have always moved slowly they now appear to have reached a new even slower speed! Please continue to highlight your concerns to us in the usual manner or perhaps even join us as a Councillor.

With this newsletter once again being available door to door we thank our team of distributors for delivering them and I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to complete the questionnaires enclosed on Traffic, Community Thrive and "Going Wild in Bishop's Castle" and to help us with the challenges ahead on the road to recovery. Please continue to support the community and local business in any way you can and hopefully the road will be clear ahead of us in the summer.

BISHOP'S CASTLE FAERIE TRAIL

Bishop's Castle has a number of Trails mainly aimed at adults, the Town Trail, Heritage Trail, Real Ale Trail, and Old Pubs Trail. A new Elephant Trail is appearing around town. The new Faerie Trail, which is planned to open by Spring Bank Holiday 2021 is the first trail aimed specifically at children.

It is being developed to promote exercise, provide adventure and an appreciation of the natural environment through map interpretation, route finding, decision making and observation skills.

The Trail is to be situated in a woodland area on the Wintles hillside using a public footpath and a permissive path. courtesy of the Wintles Management Limited

Substantial funding from the Bishop's Castle Town Council, the Bishop's Castle Tourism Company and Connexus Housing Association is being used to develop the trail, to run workshops , and work with Bishop's Castle Primary School once Covid restrictions have been relaxed.

Two renowned artists, Sarah Gillard and Hereward Gabriel, have been engaged to carry out this work.

Faerie Trail packs will be available for purchase from the Tourist Information desk at the Town Hall for £1.50.

Glynn Roberts



Spring Book Sale
Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th
& Sunday 25th April
10am - 4pm

Craft Fair
Saturday 22nd May
10am - 4pm

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Full Council meetings take place usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month:

All meetings are held in the Town Hall and commence at 7.30pm. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

There is a specific point in each agenda that members of the public may speak. Should you have an issue you would like to bring to the Council's attention or something you would like to discuss, please let the Clerk know beforehand that you would like to speak and the subject matter so that we can prepare.

Cut off dates for the News letter

If you wish any article to appear in the Newsletter these are the cut off dates for the inclusion in the following month's Newsletter.

22nd May 2021

23rd July 2021

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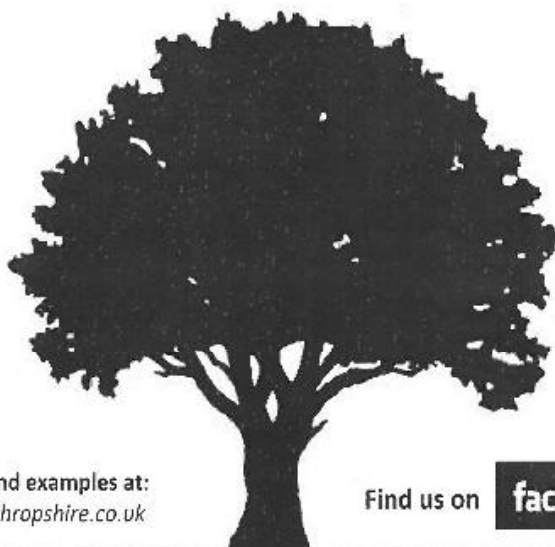
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Bits and pieces

(including a summary of key stories from the Covid restricted Jan/
Feb issue)

Bishop's Castle Business Park gets go ahead with £4.3million funding.

Funding of £4.3 million has been secured to expand the Bishop's Castle Business Park by 50,000 square feet. This is great news for local businesses wishing to expand and for new ones wishing to secure modern purpose built business accommodation. Local businesses and traders interested in new business premises, either on the park or elsewhere in Bishop's Castle, are asked to register their interest with Rob McKay at Enterprise House. Rob can be contacted on 01588 638038 or by email info@enterprisehouse.org.uk

Planning permission has already been approved enabling work to begin in the Spring, with a planned opening date of Spring 2022. Site clearance has already started. The development will consist of two 15,000sq ft units and two 10,000sq ft units, one of which will be split into five starter units, giving new businesses the chance to take up premises.

Michaelmas Fair – Saturday 18th September 2021

The date of Saturday 18th September has been provisionally fixed for the 2021 Michaelmas Fair. It will be the 25th anniversary and in these still uncertain times the objective is to keep it manageable and local. An AGM, watch the Bishop's Castle Facebook page for further details, will be held around Easter time.

Help is always needed and if anyone is interested in taking over any of the organising roles – chair, treasurer, contracts, stalls, etc, etc please contact Keith Whiddon on 07971 661615 or keith.whiddon@btinternet.com It is less onerous than it may appear, as there is a good support team, and this is a great chance to be at the heart of this wonderful event! Likewise, if anyone who might be willing to join the committee, or act as a steward please contact us.

Welsh Street Housing

The controversial Welsh Street Housing site, following local representation, has been removed from the Draft Shropshire Local Plan. Bishop's Castle now has the opportunity to decide for itself where further housing should be sited. There will be an opportunity for public consultation when a proposed site has been identified.

The Old Square Enhancement

The Town Council is consulting with the residents of the Old Square to draw up a draft plan for the enhancement of this area.

The draft plan for the enhancement scheme will then be made public and further comments invited from the wider community. Details will be given in the Newsletter.

When the enhancement plan has been agreed, applications will be made for grant aid to implement the proposals.

Bishop's Castle Churchyard begins to reveal its newly conserved Georgian tombs

In Bishop's Castle churchyard the National Lottery Heritage Funded 'Georgians in Stone Project' is well under way with the conservation of twelve Georgian listed (Grade II) tombs nearing completion and interpretive notice board and leaflets soon to become available. The Project, which is being managed by Caring for God's Acre for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St John the Baptist church will support tourism in the town and explain the new 'Georgian Churchyard Trail' to visitors and residents

One of the most notable memorials to be conserved commemorates an African, inscribed with the words: "Here lieth the Body of I. D. / A Native of Africa / who died in this Town / Sept 9th 1801 / God hath made of one Blood, all nations of Men/ Acts Ch.17 ver. 26." It seems likely that 'I. D.' came to Bishop's Castle at least initially, as a servant. The biblical quotation is one used by abolitionists, and its levelling sentiments suggest that the person(s) responsible for erecting the memorial were sympathetic to the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

Volunteers from Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre have researched the lives of the men and women commemorated by the tombs. Thanks are also due to Conservators Sue Ryder and Kieran Elliott, The Elliott Ryder Conservation The FE Cleary Fund, Bishop's Castle Town Council and many other supporters and helpers.

Bishop's Castle Befriending Circle

The BC Befriending Circle (BCBC) has been formed to address some of the issues of loneliness and anxiety which the pandemic has highlighted.

Whilst many of us are part of an informal network of friends, neighbours, relatives and acquaintances, some people have many fewer connections and may come to the attention of the NHS primary care service because this has become a problem for them. Rather than medicalise what is essentially a social need, a telephone-based befriending group provides an appropriately trained and supported community alternative.

With the encouragement and support of Hands Together Ludlow, BCBC has gone through an accreditation process with Shropshire Council which means the Social Prescriber at BC Medical practice is able to refer patients to them. All volunteers are required to follow a training programme before becoming a befriender, which ensures that all involved – those referred and their befrienders - are properly supported. Valerie Woodmansey is co-ordinating BCBC and would be happy to talk about the scheme with anyone who would like to know more about what's involved. Valerie can be contacted at valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com or on 07986 237 683

County lines – top issue for our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

The police's SNT unit is still listing as a priority the threat, harm and risk to the community of 'County Lines'. This network supplies drugs from urban areas into market towns like Bishop's Castle using dedicated mobile phone lines and exploiting vulnerable children and adults to traffic drugs and money. The SNT works with residents to identify

vulnerable locations where drug dealers may try to set up a criminal enterprise and, when identified, works towards removing them.

Other key community issues are seen as Child Protection, Domestic Abuse and Acquisition Crimes – ranging from shop lifting to domestic burglary.

If you want to contact the police the number to call is 101 if not urgent – and still 999 for emergencies.

Night flying training during April

No. 1 Flying Training School, based at RAF Shawbury, will be conducting essential night flying training from Monday 15th March 2021, for approximately six weeks. Crews will operate throughout Low Flying Area 9, which covers Shropshire and the borders of adjacent counties. Night flying is an essential skill needed for front-line operations, enabling aircrew to operate in the dark. A weekly night flying update can be found on website <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/> In addition, a video is available via our Facebook and Twitter sites. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RAFShawbury/posts/5544899248861062> Twitter: https://twitter.com/RAF_Shawbury/status/1371433719886667776



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Hope for the future of Bishops Castle!

Local resident and activist Hope Robson can't wait to get started on a project bringing the old Stars Newsagents back to life in the centre of Bishops Castle. She will be there on the day the front door is unlocked for the first time since August 2015.

"I've come to help take old posters off the windows and begin to get the place tidied up. The upstairs will be flats, and we plan to create a Community Hub called Bishops Castle Thrive in the former newsagents, where people can make new contacts, ask for help, or find out about volunteering".

"It will be like having our very own Tardis! Because once you step through the door, its scope is enormous. We can point you to the food bank, suggest ideas for getting work, tell you where to learn a new skill or just welcome you to have a chat".

The building at 70 Church Street has been brought into community ownership by the Bishop's Castle & District Community Land Trust, (the Trust), forming part of a larger scheme that as well as accommodating Bishops Castle Thrive, will seek to provide a permanent base for the food bank in another empty building in the centre of the town.

70 Church Street has been part of the street scene in Bishops Castle for over 200 years. It appears on an 1809 map surveying tenants of Powis Estate, and on another dated 1848. In 1891 the census shows that a certain John Cadwalladers ran his butchers shop from there, and in 1904 another butcher bought it for £462! More recently Bishops Castle residents have fond memories of it being a newsagents and an excellent book shop.

Like many communities across Shropshire, Bishops Castle has been hit hard by Covid 19 and the resulting lock downs. But as the restrictions start to be relaxed, the Trust and several other local organisations are working hard to bring people together, and a long neglected building, back into use. .

Nothing has been done to care for the shop since it closed, and much of the structure is in a sorry state of disrepair. The Trust needs to raise around £75,000 towards the cost of the work.

People can support the appeal by going to; www.bcclt.co.uk/donate.

“We got 329 positive responses to our ‘Save the Stars’ webpage last autumn” says the Trust’s secretary Jonathan Brown. “We hope that many of them, as well as those people wanting to see the heart of their town coming to life, will want to give what they can to help”.

For more information please contact Jonathan on 07497 142 485

The scheme helps to meet Shropshire Council’s goal of providing more affordable homes in rural communities such as Bishops Castle. There is clearly a need. Homepoint data for January 2021 shows that 113 households are seeking affordable accommodation in the town: 50 of whom needing a one bed home, and 38 needing a two bed home.

At £225,000, the average price of a property costs eight times average earnings. For poorer households in the lower quartile, this rises to 10.6 times average earnings. The lack of affordable homes in Bishop Castle is just one of the drivers making out-migration of economically active younger people more acute.

There have been 9 suicides among young people in the 5 years preceding 2020.

Over the past 18 months there has been 37% increase in Free School Meals in Shropshire

The number of people using the food bank has increased from 52 to 85 over the past 3 months. The food bank was only established April 2020.

BEFORE & AFTER IMAGES



Allotments now available on the Town Council Allotment site

There are currently 4 vacant plots, all “half sized”, available right now for 4 people to take on and start to grow their own vegetables and flowers this summer. It is the right time to take a plot on, as the next growing season is upon us. You’ll need to be prepared to do a bit of digging and preparing the plot, but imagine yourself sowing seeds, planting out young plants, watching them grow and looking forward to your harvest of home-grown goodness!

There are many benefits to being outside with nature, working on the land, and sharing experiences with a community of gardeners; and Government guidelines say that even during lockdown, tenants can go and work their plots – it is excellent exercise!

The Council allotments are gardened organically. Annual rents for half plots are just over £40, plus a deposit and small admin fee. The annual payment includes membership to our local Allotment Society. Applicants living within the parish of Bishop’s Castle are given priority. Please contact the Town Council now for more details, and to view the plots. Please email the Assistant Clerk at

Email: assistantclerk@bishopscastletowncouncil.gov.uk ,

or phone: **01588 638141**



Message from Sparc

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or if it's a Bank Holiday.**

Look forward to seeing you soon,
Tim and Michèle

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Shropshire Council Election of Town Councillors for the Town listed below

Town	Number of Town Councillors to be elected
Bishop's Castle Town Council	Twelve

- Forms of nomination for the above election may be obtained from the Clerk to the Town Council, or the Returning Officer at the **Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND** who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
- Nomination papers must be hand-delivered to the Returning Officer, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND on any day after the date of this notice but **no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 8th April 2021**. Alternatively, candidates may submit their nomination papers at the following locations on specified dates, between the times shown below:

Shrewsbury **Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND**

9.00am – 5.00pm Weekdays from Tuesday 16th March to Thursday 1st April.

9.00am – 7.00pm Tuesday 6th April and Wednesday 7th April.

9.00am – 4.00pm Thursday 8th April.

Oswestry **Council Chamber, Castle View, Oswestry, SY11 1JR**

8.45am – 6.00pm Tuesday 16th March; Thursday 25th March and Wednesday 31st March.

Wem **Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem, SY4 5DB**

9.15am – 4.30pm Wednesday 17th March; Monday 22nd March and Thursday 1st April.

Ludlow **Helena Lane Day Care Centre, 20 Hamlet Road, Ludlow, SY8 2NP**

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Bridgnorth **Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW**

9.45am – 4.30pm Friday 19th March; Tuesday 23rd March and Monday 29th March.

- If any election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday, 6th May 2021**.
- Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND by **12 midnight on Monday 19th April 2021**. Applications can be made online at gov.uk/register-to-vote
- Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal and postal proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND by **5 pm on Tuesday, 20th April 2021**.
- Applications, amendments or cancellations to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND by **5 pm on Tuesday, 27th April 2021**.
- Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND by **5 pm on Thursday, 6th May 2021**.

Dated Monday 15 March 2021

Claire Porter
Returning Officer

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SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

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Abbey	One	Copthorne	One	Porthill	One
Albrighton	One	Corvedale	One	Prees	One
Alvsley and Claverley	One	Ellesmere Urban	One	Quarry & Colton Hill	One
Bagley	One	Gobowen, Selatyn and Weston Rhyn	Two	Radbrock	One
Battlefield	One	Harlescote	One	Rea Valley	One
Bayston Hill, Column & Sutton	Three	Highley	One	Ruyton & Baschurch	One
Belle Vue	One	Hodnet	One	Severn Valley	One
Bishop's Castle	One	Llanymynech	One	Shawbury	One
Bowbrook	One	Longden	One	Shifnal North	One
Bridgnorth East & Astley Abbotts	Two	Loton	One	Shifnal South & Cosford	One
Bridgnorth West & Tasley	Two	Ludlow East	One	St Martins	One
Broseley	One	Ludlow North	One	St. Oswald	One
Brown Clee	One	Ludlow South	One	Sundorne	One
Burnell	One	Market Drayton East	One	Tern	One
Castlefields & Ditherington	One	Market Drayton West	Two	The Meres	One
Cheswardine	One	Menle	One	Underdale	One
Chirbury & Worthen	One	Monkmoor	One	Wem	Two
Church Stretton & Craven Arms	Two	Much Wenlock	One	Whitchurch North	Two
Clee	One	Oswestry East	Two	Whitchurch South	One
Cleobury Mortimer	Two	Oswestry South	One	Whittington	One
Clun	One	Oswestry West	One	Worfield	One

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Broseley	One	Ludlow North	One	St. Oswald	One
Brown Cleef	One	Ludlow South	One	Sundorne	One
Burnell	One	Market Drayton East	One	Tern	One
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Clee	One	Oswestry East	Two	Whitchurch South	One
Clebury Mortimer	Two	Oswestry South	One	Whittington	One
Clun	One	Oswestry West	One	Worfield	One

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 - Shrewsbury** **Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND**
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 9.00am – 7.00pm Tuesday 6th April and Wednesday 7th April.
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 8.45am – 6.00pm Tuesday 16th March; Thursday 25th March and Wednesday 31st March.
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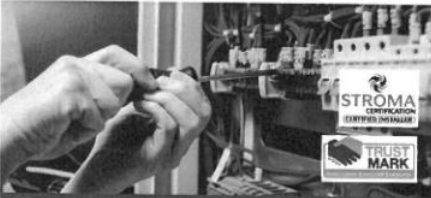
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Bus timetable for bus routes 552 / 553 Bishop's Castle to Shrewsbury

Monday to Friday times (school days)				Saturday				
	Leaves		Arrives		Leaves		Arrives	
Bishop's Castle opposite the Boar's Head all go via the Hospital	7.30		8.30		7.30		8.30	
	9.30		10.30		9.30		10.30	
	12.15		13.15		12.15		13.15	
	15.50		16.50		15.50		16.50	
Shrewsbury Stand all go via the Hospital	8.00		9.00		8.00		9.00	
	10.05		11.05		10.05		11.05	
	14.45		15.45		14.45		15.45	
	17.40		18.40		17.40		18.40	

Bus timetable for bus route 745 Bishop's Castle to Ludlow

Monday and Friday only	Leaves		Arrives		Leaves		Arrives	
					Ludlow			
Bishop's Castle opposite the Boar's Head	9.10		10.20		13.20		14.30	

Bus timetable for bus route Bishop's Castle to Newtown

Tuesday only

	Leaves		Arrives		Leaves		Arrives	
Bishop's Castle opposite the Boar's Head	10.00		11.00		13.55		14.45	

M & J

M & J Bus time table for bus route Bishop's Castle to Telford

Tuesday fortnightly only	Leaves		Arrives		Leaves		Arrives	
Bishop's Castle opposite the Boar's Head	09.00		10.36		13.40		15.08	
			Bus stn		Bus stn			



Financial support during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

If you need financial support, help is available:

Test and Trace payments of £500 are available for people on low income who need to self-isolate

If you are of working age and receive council tax support, you have been awarded up to an additional £150 hardship payment on your council tax bill

**If you have been financially affected by coronavirus, you may be eligible for grant funding
Call us on 0345 678 9078 to find out more**

Visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits for further information

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



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Food provision during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

Did you know there are lots of local groups and services available to help you access food parcels, secure delivery slots and other essentials:

Shropshire Larder – www.shropshirelarder.org.uk

Call Shropshire Council's COVID-19 Helpline for help to access food phone 03456 789 028

Mid-Counties Co-Op also offer delivery slots – call 0800 435 902 to book

For all other food and support needs visit – www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/ or call 03456 789 028

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



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My Self-Isolation Checklist

**You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.
Isolating is hard but is vital to stop spreading the virus.**

When to self-isolate

- ✓ you have any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- ✓ you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- ✓ You and anyone you live with must stay at home ([self-isolate](#)) until you get your result.
- ✓ you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- ✓ someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- ✓ you're told to self-isolate by [NHS Test and Trace](#)
- ✓ you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK

How long to self-isolate

- ✓ **For at least 10 days if:**
you have symptoms of coronavirus and you tested positive, had an unclear result or did not have a test.

You tested positive but have not had symptoms
If you have symptoms, the 10 days starts from when they started.
- ✓ **For 14 days if:**
you live with (or are in a support bubble with) someone who has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive, had an unclear result or did not have a test or tested positive but has not had symptoms

You've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

It is really important to keep to the [self-isolation periods](#)
Click on the link to find out more

A Helpful Checklist

- ✓ Food supplies
Can I food shop online? Do I have an account set up ready to use?
Can someone shop and deliver for me?
Who else can help? Ring 0345 6789 028 to find out or visit [Shropshire Council - Support for the public](#)
- ✓ Medication
Can some collect for me?
Who else can help? Ring 0345 6789 028 to find out or visit [Shropshire Council - Support for the public](#)
Do I have enough over the counter medication? Add it to your shopping list
- ✓ Money/Cash – do I have enough money to support me for my needs
- ✓ Do I have any caring responsibilities? For further advice and support please take a look at [information for social care services](#)
- ✓ Can I work from home if I'm well enough? Speak to your employer or visit [financial support](#) for further guidance
- ✓ Pets – everyday tasks, feeding walking, maybe as a friend or neighbour
- ✓ How do I look after my mental health and wellbeing? There is a wealth of support online for you. Please look at the following:
[Looking after your mental health and wellbeing during coronavirus](#) – including a great new resource with a variety of information such as local immediate support and online resources, top tips for self-isolation, a children's 14 day coronavirus challenge and helping to manage coronavirus anxiety.

[NHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Support](#)

[Fitness studio and exercise videos](#), [Strength exercises](#), [10 minute workouts](#)

If you start to feel worse call NHS 111

You are not alone! We are here to help Please ring 0345 6789 028 for [welfare support](#) where you will find a variety of information to help you while you are self-isolating.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The following symptoms may appear
2-14 days after exposure.

Fever / High temperature

Cough

Shortness of breath

Loss of taste / smell

Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 7 days.

If you live with other people, they should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.

After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have symptoms can return to their normal routine.

But, if anyone in your home gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start. Even if it means they're at home for longer than 14 days.

If you have self isolated and are in need or assistance in obtaining groceries, prescriptions or dog walking please contact the Town Hall staff on

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Previous mayor stands down

Julie Magill will be standing down as a town councillor for Bishop's Castle after 22 years service.

She would like to thank the community for all their support over the years, and wish the town council success and prosperity for the future.

Bishop's Castle Carnival

The Bishop's Castle Carnival Committee have made the rather difficult decision to cancel the event again this year. Due to the uncertainty of when Coronavirus restrictions will be eased in time for Carnival. We will still plan our virtual carnival as we did last year, so please keep an eye out online. We hope to be back bigger & stronger in 2022. Stay safe everyone

Bishop's Castle traffic - your views please.

Bishop's Castle still conforms to a layout that evolved in medieval times. The hills are steep, the roads in the centre are narrow and many houses have direct street frontage and no private parking.

That is the charm of Bishop's Castle. It is partly why the town attracts visitors to our shops, festivals, hostelrys and places to stay. These visitors play a key role in the local economy.

However Bishop's Castle's road system was not designed for cars and vans or to meet modern standards of road safety. The Town is falling short and there is a need, unless we want Shropshire Council to introduce the 'standards' which they have a legal obligation to promote, to make some sustainable changes so we can determine our own future.

Against the odds, the town actually muddles on very well; in its own way it works. But with the recent huge increase in home deliveries, new additional housing and the new Business Park more cars will come. The current system is not sustainable.

There have already been instances when emergency vehicles have not been able to get through and where pavements have been blocked by parked cars so cannot be used by people with disabilities or mums and dads with buggies.

A group from the Town Council has been working on possible solutions to the traffic issues and how any problems can be resolved. We know change is rarely welcome to everyone and some individuals will have specific comments and views. We therefore want to hear your views and any practical suggestions on the proposal below.

This consultation is not about yellow lines or parking. In fact making High Street one way could free up some bays currently allowed for passing. We recognise that more parking is needed and we do not want to lose the spaces we have.

Ways to increase the number of parking spaces are constantly under review. Visitors need to be able to find somewhere to park when they come here. However, we have to ensure that entrances/exits have proper access. We do not want unnecessary restrictions, wardens or parking charges foisted on the town.

Specific issues

Increasing traffic on High Street and other top of the town streets is causing regular blockages and restrictions to emergency vehicle access.

Pavement parking in Welsh Street, Salop Street and Corporation Street forces pedestrians, people with disabilities and 'buggies' to go in the road, increasing risk of accident.

Parking on verges and green areas is causing damage.

Welsh Street

The two pavements are different in size – this encourages residents and visitors to park on the wider and less obstructed pavement which is the *only* one suitable for push-chairs, people with disabilities and buggies. The road is not suitable for Two Way Traffic and pedestrians. There is a similar situation in Salop Street.

Corporation Street

Cars often park on the pavements which are wide enough for whole vehicles. This sometimes makes it impossible for pedestrians who then have to walk in the road. Should residents be asked park ensuring there is space for push chairs and people with disabilities?

Overnight parking on green areas also needs to be discouraged as causing damage.

Kerry Green

Parking on the grass verges by one or two properties is causing damage.

Proposed Town Traffic Management Plan

It is proposed that a one way system be introduced basically involving Welsh Street, Market Square, High Street and Salop Street. Such a change – see plan below - should ease congestion and aid access. Although, some adjustment to key junctions and pavements, possibly some traffic calming measures on High Street and Union Street and new signage (which would be kept to the legal minimum) would be required, by taking this action it is believed other changes such as the introduction of more yellow lines or parking restrictions could be kept to the minimum.

Details of proposed one-way plan :

- One Way from Wintles Junction to Market Square along Welsh Street
No right turn at bottom of Castle Street
- No Entry from Welsh Street into Union Street
- One Way up Salop Street to High Street
- One Way down High Street to Boars Head Junction
- No Entry from High Street and Market Square East into Market Square West and Welsh Street
- One Way down New Street to Station Street

Plus

- 20 Mph Speed limit for all of Bishop's Castle.
- Provision of Speed Warning Signs on Station Street, Montgomery Road and A488 by Community College Crossroads.

Timing

There is no urgency, but

Shropshire Council recently tried to impose more yellow lines and changes and it is better there is a proper discussion and consultation to ascertain the views of 'the Town' before they try again. Following the recent consultation, the Town Council needs to draw up a plan for the location of electric car charging points. Agreeing a traffic strategy in 2021 would benefit this process.

Your views please

We would welcome the views of Bishop's Castle residents on the above proposal. The aim of the proposed changes is to cause minimum disruption to the Town at the same time as easing the issues identified. There will be valid concerns and we need to hear them so that they can be properly taken into account. It is also appreciated that there may be other constructive ideas that have not been considered for solving the problems – if so, this is the opportunity for you to let the Council have them.

Please answer the questions below with your ideas or comments on the outline suggestions and then put in an envelope marked 'Traffic Consultation' in the Town Hall post box or email your comments to traffic@bishopscaletowncouncil.gov.uk by the end of April 2021. A synopsis of views will be given in the following newsletter – the Town Council will then review and a public meeting will then be arranged if thought necessary and when possible. Thank you.

I understand the need for the introduction of a one way system in Bishop's Castle. []

I do not support the introduction of a one way system in Bishop's Castle. []

I suggest that the following alternative ideas be considered to ease the traffic and parking issues identified.

I have the following specific comments/suggestions with regard to the proposed changes.

I would support the holding of a public meeting, when possible, when the Council has formulated its views following this consultation. []