



# BISHOP'S CASTLE



OCTOBER  
To  
NOVEMBER  
2020



ISSUE 72





The Mayor Grant Perry

As we move into autumn and the shorter day's we now find ourselves in more uncertain times than ever. With the daily restrictions on our lives relaxed and then re-imposed to a certain extend the situation has become more confused than ever! You can be assured that the Support network established in the Town is ready and willing to spring back into action if further restrictions are put in place and the numbers listed in this Newsletter are still valid to assist you if required. Although many of the volunteers are back at work assistance will be found as and when required.

Many local Businesses have returned to near normal operation albeit with revised operations and opening times so it may be wise to check before setting off but please do try and support locally wherever possible. It is pleasing to report that the Town was successful in a bid for £5,000 to support the reopening of the town and this money is to be invested in a number of projects as detailed later in the Newsletter. It is however disappointing to have too report that two sets of Banners installed to encourage visitors have been vandalised and ripped down twice.

We have missed most of our local events this summer with the Michaelmas Fair being victims of the new rule of 6 after they had planned some small outdoor events and now it looks more than likely that the Christmas Lights Switch-on will be online rather than in the Streets so please keep a look out on Social Media for some Competitions and updates.

Please continue to follow the latest guidance from NHS and Shropshire Council and keep safe.

## Articles

### Smartwater

You will probably by now have seen the Signs erected on the outskirts of the Town confirming that Properties in the area are protected by Smartwater which is part of the overall scheme.

You should by now have been able to use the kit sent to you to mark your valuables which will now be linked to your address on the database so should they ever be stolen and recovered they can be linked back and returned to the rightful owner. These signs form part of the deterrent of the scheme but research has shown that properties not displaying the smartwater sticker in the pack in their windows have been targeted in the past so please make sure you are displaying the sticker as well.

## Parking

The Town Council are getting an increasing number of Complaints regarding parking on pavements and grass verges especially on Kerry Green, Salop Street, Corporation Street and Welsh Street. The recent heated debate regarding proposed Parking Restrictions shows how opinion is divided on this subject. The Council took the opinion that is was against formal restrictions and preferred the local Common Sense approach.

We therefore respectfully ask Residents to follow the Highway Code and avoid parking on pavements, verges, narrow lanes, close to Junctions and across openings into drives, car Parks and access to properties. This will avoid the Council having to explore more formal Restrictions in the Future.

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# BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL



## GRANT APPLICATION FORM

**Please do not apply for a grant this year if you have been in receipt of a Covid-19 Small Business Grant or a Covid-19 Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant**

### Applicants Details:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Forenames: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Organisation:

Who is the grant for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Location of project/activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of project/activity (state ongoing if required) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will the grant be used for? Grants are given for Social, Educational and Economic development, please describe how the grant will be used to meet one or all the aforementioned criteria  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Funding:

Amount Requested : £ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of the project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Details of Match Funding and its sources: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Last Year End Account Figure:

Income: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditure: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Bank Balances: £ \_\_\_\_\_

earmarked Amounts: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the form as thoroughly as possible. On submission of the form please enclose a copy of the latest relevant accounts.*

Signed ..... Dated .....

## BISHOP'S CASTLE HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

The Hospital Equipment Fund was set up in 2007, and became a registered charity in 2008. Its aim is to help relieve

sickness and to promote and protect good health, by providing services over and above that which the NHS provides

in Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.

In recent years the Equipment Fund has bought additional Montcalm Beds, numerous mobility aids, and blood monitoring equipment for the Hospital.

Within the last year, the Fund has purchased a Sara Steady mobility aid and a set of My-Weigh bedside scales.

Just recently, the Fund provided £10,000 to the local Medical Practice to help the community fight the COVID-19 Virus.

The Chair of the Fund is Edward Owen, and Trustees include Joan Grant, Amanda Houghton and Jean Rice.

The Treasurer, Tony Stanton-Martin remarked that "The Equipment Fund is happy to provide funds for medical equipment to help fight the Corona Virus within the local community. This virus has quickly become a significant medical challenge, effecting almost everyone in some way."

The charity is funded by large and small donations by local people..

For more information please contact Tony Stanton-Martin at [stanton-martin@btinternet.com](mailto:stanton-martin@btinternet.com)

## Next Farmers Market

The Market will be held on Saturday 15th August at Enterprise House car park 9am to 1pm.

I am still waiting for confirmation from all the stalls but to get something out we best we just include them as follows:

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Truly Tea – loose leaf teas, herbal teas, fruit blends and tea accessories

Little Wood Batch farm – Vegetables and fruit

Bella Donna Soap – Handmade soaps and other products from goat's milk

We may be welcoming two new stalls but I am awaiting confirmation.

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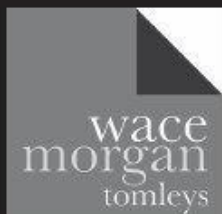


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### TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council meetings take place usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

21<sup>st</sup> November 2020

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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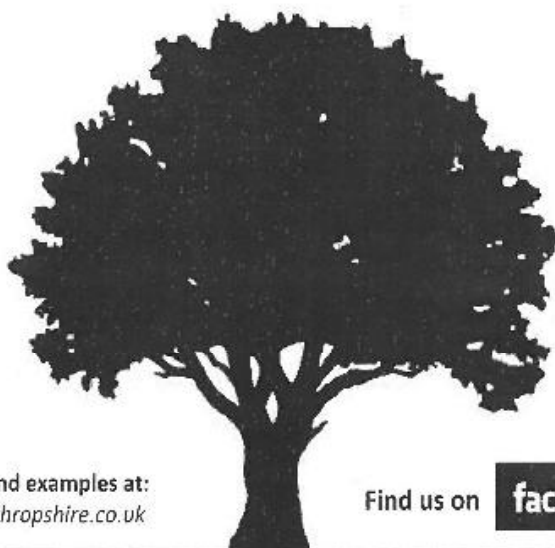
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## Bishop's Castle Community Partnership

### Bishop's Castle Elephant Art Trail Marches on!

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The grant will also help to support Bishop's Castle Weighbridge Projects Heritage Day In September, as well as enabling important updates to the Town Council's website.

For more information please contact: -

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### BC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – HELP NEEDED!

The following initiatives are being planned as part of the Bishop's Castle Climate Action Plan [CAP]:-

'Greening BC': a survey of the town will be undertaken to identify areas where the planting of wildflowers, herbs, shrubs and trees can take place, with the intention of making Bishop's Castle visually greener and increasing its bio-diversity. If you can help, or if you know of any green spaces suitable for planting-up, please let us know.

'BC Community SeedSavers'. Buying seeds can be expensive, which can put people off growing their own vegetables, and knowing which plants grow best in our area can be guesswork, not just for beginners. Start collection and drying your seeds now, and bring them along to a seed swap which will be organised in time for next year's planting season.

'Terracycle plastics collection' TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling typically hard-to-recycle waste, such as crisp packets. We will explore how we can introduce this for items not presently collected by Veolia..

'Electric Vehicle charging point' we have been trying for some time to find a suitable place in the town where visitors and local people can re-charge their EVs. Ideally the charging point should be in the Town to encourage visitors to make use of the town's shops, bars & cafes. . If you are considering getting an electric vehicle and have no off-street charging space available, please let us know, so we can begin to assess the likely needs, locally, for public charging point(s), as well as the possible demands of visitors

'Community College Kitchen Garden' Little Woodbatch Market Garden, in co-operation with members of the Sustainability Working Group, will manage the Community College's kitchen garden, supplying fresh herbs and vegetables for the students' meals.

We need your help to make these initiatives happen. Please let us know if you can spare a little time to help us.

Contact us at:- [townplan@bishopscastle.co.uk](mailto:townplan@bishopscastle.co.uk)  
or via our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/communityplan](https://www.facebook.com/communityplan)

Bishop's Castle Freegle' And don't forget the BC Freegle site Please don't throw your old stuff away! Someone, somewhere may still find it useful.

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"RSVP (Return Shropshire Verges Project) Work continues to improve the

diversity of the grass on the verges at the Bishop's Castle cross-roads by managing

it as a hay meadow. RSVP as a group is working towards collection of roadside verge

cuttings to fuel biodigesters."



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It is with regret that all concerts and Flea Markets are postponed until the foreseeable future



### Message from Sparc

#### Corona Virus:

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We will keep you informed as to when we will re-commence.

**Take Care and Best Wishes**



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## **Monday to Friday times (school days)**

	Leaves		Arrives
Bishop's Castle	7.30		8.30
opposite the Boar's	9.30		10.30
Head	12.15		13.15
all go via the	15.50		16.50
Hospital			

## **Saturday**

Leaves		Arrives
7.30		8.30
9.30		10.30
12.15		13.15
15.50		16.50

Shrewsbury Stand	8.00		9.00
	10.05		11.05
	14.45		15.45
	17.40		18.40
all go via the			
Hospital			

8.00		9.00
10.05		11.05
14.45		15.45
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	9.10		10.20		
opposite the Boar's			13.20		14.30
Head					

## **Bus timetable for bus route Bishop's Castle to Newtown**

### **Tuesday only**

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

## **M & J**

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

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

Town Hall open 2nd – 3rd October 10am – 4pm

Art Exhibition from 2nd October Gallery open on Town Hall opening days - Sue Percy and Ann McDonald.

Flea Market 3rd October 10am – 4pm

Town Hall open plus Art Exhibition 15th- 17th October 10am – 4pm

Farmers Market 17th October 9am – 4pm

Town Hall open plus Art Exhibition 23rd – 25th October 10am – 4pm  
plus

Great Book Sale 23rd – 25th October 10am – 4pm

Town Hall Open plus Art Exhibition 29th – 31st October 10am – 4pm

November 2020

The Town Hall Visitor Centre and Gallery plans to be open to our normal times during November but it is advisable to check our website or contact us as this could change.

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Flea Market 7th October 10am -4pm

Farmers Market 21st October 9am – 1pm

Art Exhibition Sue Percy and Ann McDonald 1st – 14th November

Art Exhibition Victoria Heath starting from 21st November

Concert Boo Hewerdine 28th November - To be confirmed

**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 of assistance in obtaining groceries, prescriptions or dog walking please contact the Town Hall staff on

01588 630023 or

email [info@bishopscastletownhall.co.uk](mailto:info@bishopscastletownhall.co.uk)

who will try and assist you with your issues

This service will be open between

10am and 4pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## Covid-19 Community Support South West Shropshire

Help for anyone in the Bishops Castle Surgery or  
School Catchment Area

For Help and Advice please call :

Jeremy Hall – 07967 306615

Anne Roberts: 01588 630 165 or 07891 717728

Glynn Roberts: 01588 630 165 or 07980 266345

Grant Perry – 07949 714959

Josh Dickin – 07530 691106

Valerie Woodmansey: 01588 650 940 or 07986 237683

We can arrange help with Shopping, Prescriptions,  
Supplies or anything else you may need help with.

If we don't have the answer we will point you to  
someone who will.

To offer YOUR Help to Community Support SWS please call

Evelyn Bowles – 01588 638 851

The Town Clerk – 01588 638 141