

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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The Jubilee Field

Dear Resident,

As you will probably know by now, the Parish Council has obtained a piece of land which is adjacent to the Millennium Hall known as the Jubilee Field.

We are now beginning a consultation period with the community. To this end the Parish Council has set up an Advisory Committee to manage the consultation, appropriate funding, and of course, to ensure that the Jubilee Field is developed to benefit the whole community.

The only restriction is that the Field's use must be for recreation. So where do we go from here?

We would like your thoughts and ideas, but please keep in mind that we already have a football pitch, and a well equipped play area.

Please use the form enclosed for your suggestions. Completed forms should be handed in at the village shop, post office, pub, school, or directly to me.

John Cooling
Chair
Jubilee Field Advisory Committee



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Welcome

to the Autumn issue of 'Our Parish Matters'. For this edition my 'Welcome' has been 'relegated' to page 2 to make way for the important consultation on the Jubilee Field. The Advisory Committee is now up and running and they need YOUR support to make sure the future use of the Field is what YOU want. Please use the comments forms; we've enclosed a few so every member of the family can reply. The Advisory Committee will also be at the Christmas Fayre to talk to you and, if you submit comments on the day, you may be lucky enough to win a prize!

The Parish Council is also seeking your help with the Parish entry into Shropshire Council's Place Plan for the area. This is explained in more detail below. Please pass on your thoughts to any Councillor. Finally, I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating the School with its excellent results. Well done to all!

John Dickin
Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Shropshire Council's Place Plan for Ellesmere and its Surrounding Area

The concept of Place Plans was introduced by Shropshire Council in 2011 as a way to document the aims and aspirations of towns and villages. There are 18 Place Plans, each focused around a market town and its surrounding rural parishes. To put it very simply, Place Plans are the collection of each Town and Parishes' own vision of what, in an ideal world, they would like their community to look like. To help Towns and Parishes with their 'vision' Shropshire Council has suggested they consider the following areas:

- Physical infrastructure (transport, accessibility, energy, waste and ICT/digital)
- Economic infrastructure (business growth, employment and skills training)
- Social infrastructure (education, health and community facilities)
- Green infrastructure (open spaces, recreation and sporting facilities, renewable energy)

One question that immediately comes to mind is "It's alright having a vision but how is it all going to be paid for?" Once the 'vision' has been identified, Shropshire Council and its partners, including the Parish Council, will work together to coordinate various funding streams. Depending on the service or facility identified, funding could come from a wide range of investors including Government, Primary Care Trusts, Police, Voluntary Sector, Businesses, Utility Providers and even Grant Providers, for example, the National Lottery.

There is also funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which comes from open market development in the Parish.

The important part at this stage is to identify the priorities, needs and aspirations of our Parish. This is where the Parish Council is asking for YOUR help. Please think about what you would like the Parish to look like, discuss with family and neighbours, and let us know what your ideas are. This will mean the final document, following this year's review, will be a full and complete representation of the Parish.

To help with your discussions, matters that have already been identified are:

- Zebra crossing on the Shrewsbury Road so that children and adults can cross safely.
- Increased provision by the Police (currently the Ellesmere area has only 1 dedicated full time Police Officer).
- Improved medical provision in the village by full utilization of the Doctors' facilities in the Millennium Hall.
- Improved street lighting in the Parish.
- Broadband speed and mobile phone reception

You might also find looking at the current Ellesmere and its Surrounding Area Place Plan of help. It is available on Shropshire Council's website: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/PlanningPolicy.nsf> and follow the links to 'Planning Policy' and Shropshire Place Plan.

If you have questions about the Place Plan please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Carole Warner (01948 710672) or the Chair of the Council, John Dickin (01939 270240).

Excellent Results at Cockshutt School

Once again I am very pleased to be able to share the excellent achievement made by the children at Cockshutt School. 100% of our children achieved at least Level 4 in both their English and Maths KS2 SATS. This is a fantastic result with the Local Shropshire average being 81% and the National average 80%. We also achieved 40% Level 5 writing which was fantastic with the Local average being 30% and the National 28%.

This was the first time that Year 1s had to take part in the National Phonics screening and again we did really well with 63.6% working at the Government's specified stage compared with the Local Authority average of 60.6%.

The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage also made excellent progress and in the majority of areas 100% of children achieved the Government target of 6+, and in all the other areas we exceeded the average achieved across Shropshire.

This academic year we have been able to extend to four classes as our numbers continue to rise and to continue to offer our before-school and after school extended school provision to support our working parents. All this positive news has helped to maintain the happy, enthusiastic environment that we are so proud of.

This Christmas we will hold three performances in the Church. There will be a Young Families performance on Monday 17th at 1.30 where families with babies who are likely to contribute to the vocals are warmly welcomed. Then we will hold a performance for OAPs and parents who find it easier to attend in the afternoon on 18th December at 1.30. Finally there will be a performance in the evening at 5.30 on the 19th December. We do ask that babies and toddlers are brought to the Young Families service so that everyone can hear the children at the other two performances.

Mrs Dawson
Headteacher

The Wrekin Housing Trust

The Wrekin Housing Trust has owned and managed 16 properties on The Meadows development, since May 2008. The properties are a mixture of social rent and shared ownership units.

From time to time The Wrekin Housing Trust properties at The Meadows become available for rent. The development is covered by a local lettings policy, designed to ensure that customers with a local connection to Cockshutt are given priority. If you are interested in our homes at The Meadows, then you will need to register with us by visiting The Wrekin Housing Trust's www.chooseyourhome.org.uk website.

The Trust takes our commitment to Cockshutt very seriously, and we would be delighted to become more involved with the local community. If you have any suggestions on how we might do this, then please feel free to contact Carol Denning, who is based at our office at 11 Bellstone, Shrewsbury, SY1 1HU. Carol can be contacted on 01743 271698.

Dates for Your Christmas Diary

Cockshutt Village Christmas Fayre
Saturday 1 December
Millennium Hall

Looking to Christmas—Cockshutt Church
Sunday 2 December 6pm
Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and an early mince pie at this informal gathering to sing some of your favourite carols and hear some Advent readings in preparation for the Christmas season.

Cockshutt School Christmas Play
Thursday 19 December 5.30pm
Cockshutt Church

Carols by Candlelight - Petton Church
Friday 21 December 7pm

Christingle Service—Cockshutt Church
Monday 24 December 5pm

Benefice Midnight Holy Communion
Cockshutt Church
Monday 24 December 11.30pm

HALL

The Millennium Hall in Cockshutt is a self-funding, multi-faceted resource provided for the community by members of the community. The members of the Management Committee each voluntarily devote some of their time every month to the running and maintenance of this valuable community resource in order to support its existence. In recent months a few vacancies have arisen and have not been filled and therefore I, on behalf of the Committee, appeal to residents of this Parish, which the Millennium Hall serves, to become involved in the continued provision of this resource.

Already this year the Hall has hosted two free entry family discos, a popular Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, two well attended productions by the local amateur dramatics society (CADS) and a concert, not to mention the renowned Cockshutt Music Festival and numerous other family, Church and community events.

These events are in addition to the regular use of the Hall by daily Pre-School sessions, weekly Mother and Toddler meetings, Doctor's Surgeries, exercise classes and

bowls nights, fortnightly bingo evenings, monthly Women's Institute meetings, and monthly Parish Council meetings. Later this year the Hall will host the village Christmas Fayre and hopefully a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.

Your involvement as part of the Committee can be as much as you want it to be and the satisfaction will inevitably outweigh the effort – something to which I, even as an "incomer", can testify!

Ewan Williamson

Cockshutt Walk

Despite the unpredictability of the weather, nineteen walkers and their dogs enjoyed a stroll on Sunday afternoon, 30th September from the Millennium Hall up to Kenwick Lodge Farm and back along roads and footpaths. There were good views of the surrounding countryside from the top. We then enjoyed tea and cakes back at the hall which was provided by Cockshutt WI ladies. A lot of prizes had been donated for the raffle and we raised funds for the Millennium Hall. Thank you to all who took part. We hope to make the walk an annual event so that people can get together and socialise.

Janet Hankey.

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