



Your Quarterly Newsletter



Shavington-cum-Gresty
Community

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Shavington History



Did you know? We believe this photo was taken around June 1953 for the Queen's Coronation. There was a large village party and parade around the village. [#shavingtonhistory](#)

Did you know? These buildings were named after the Battle of Alma, a victory in the Crimean War, fought on 20th September 1854.
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Did you know? Records suggest that Osborne Grove may have been named after the fashionable Osborne House, in the Isle of Wight, purchased by Queen Victoria in 1845. Other records suggest a builder named after Lieutenant-Colonel Osborn (1853-89)

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Did you know? Marina Terrace was named to commemorate the wedding of HRH Duke of Kent and HRH Princess Marina of Greece/Denmark in 1934. #shavingtonhistory



Did you know? St Mark's was built originally as a wooden structure in 1884, and rebuilt in 1890 following a fire, as a corrugated tin building.
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Did you know?
Shavington is said to be named 'Santune' in the Domesday Book and it appears between Walcretune and Burtune (Walgherton and Burton).
#shavingtonhistory



Did you know? The arms of the Woodnoth family (as shown here on the Village Hall sign) appeared on a seal as far back as Edward III (during the 1300's).

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Did you know? To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, Mayor of Cheshire East, George Walton, opened proceedings by crowning the festival queen, Dee Cooper. #shavingtonhistory



Know something we don't? Let us know with the hashtag:
#shavingtonhistory



Shavington-cum-Gresty
Parish Council

Annual Report

2016 - 2017

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Chairman's Report

I start off by thanking my fellow parish councillors for having elected me as Chairman in May 2016. I have enjoyed the year and thank Members for their support. I also thank Councillor Bill McIntyre, who was elected Vice-Chairman and has been a great support to me.

Anne Yoxall, one of the long-standing parish councillors, resigned in April 2017. We are sorry to lose her as she has contributed to the work of the Parish Council over many years.

At the time of writing, Cheshire East Council Elections Office has been notified of the vacancy and it has also been advertised on the website and in the notice-boards. By the time this report is read, we hope that any residents who are interested in the vacancy, will have made contact with the Clerk.

The Parish Council hopes to be able to recruit a replacement at the May meeting.

I also take this opportunity to express thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, to Bill Atteridge, a local resident who is the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and is carrying out sterling work to ensure that we are able to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.



Gill McIntyre
Chairman

Allotments

The Parish Council manages the allotments site on Gresty Lane.

These are operated on a break-even basis in that each allotment-holder pays a fee for their plot, but the Council's maintenance of the site as a whole approximates to the rent received.

There is a place on the Council's Environment Committee for an allotment holder to represent the interests of all plot-holders. The Committee meets approximately four times a year and any of the plot-holders are able to apply.

There are some vacant plots at present and if there are any residents in the parish interested in taking on a plot, please contact the Clerk.

Best dressed house at Christmas

The first Best-Dressed House at Christmas competition was held in December 2016, and following its success, will be repeated this year.

The winner was awarded a prize of £50. This year there will be a first prize of £50 and a second prize of £30.

Finance

At its meeting held on 4 January 2017, the Parish Council agreed its budget for the new financial year commencing 1 April 2017. The budget for the year is £160,000, but based on the expected financial position on 1 April 2017, the Parish Council only requested a precept from Cheshire East Council, of £90,000. This will cost £51.21 per Band D property.

(The precept is the amount of money requested from Cheshire East Council to enable the Parish Council to fulfil all its budget obligations. This in turn, is recharged to householders in the form of additional Council Tax which is shown separately on the annual bill.)

The following are the key areas of spend for 2017-2018, but the detailed budget is available as an appendix to the Council's minutes of 4 January 2017 available on the website.



Item	£
Clerk's gross salary	13,365.00
Clerk's salary <i>(to be drawn upon for overtime only associated with social media activities)</i>	2,000.00
NI contributions/payroll service	660.00
Administration	600.00
Amenities	5,650.00
Best Dressed House at Christmas	200.00
Insurance/Audit	5,800.00
Grants general	1,000.00
Shavington Youth Club	6,000.00
Grounds maintenance	10,500.00
Members' expenses/training	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Neighbourhood Planning	15,000.00
Police Community Support Officers (two)	15,733.00
Planning consultant	1,000.00
Remembrance Sunday	155.00
Website re-branding/support/ hosting	8,000.00
New mobile vehicle-speed display unit	5,200.00

Item 3

<i>Village Hall Expenditure</i>	
Members' expenses	480.00
Upgrading projects	39,500.00
Interior maintenance	5,000.00
Cleaning	4,000.00
Village Hall – window cleaning	600.00
Sundry supplies	300.00
Gas supply	1,500.00
Electricity supply	2,000.00
United Utilities	3,000.00
Industrial waste collection	1,100.00
Fire equipment maintenance	200.00
Unallocated reserves	10,000.00

TOTAL

159.823.00

Grants

The Council operates a grants scheme. Generally, grants can be made to help local voluntary and community groups. A total of £1,000 is allocated each year and the maximum for any one grant is £250.

Application forms can be requested from the Clerk, or downloaded from the Parish Council's website.

Website and Communications

We currently communicate via notice-boards, the website, Village Voice, and at Parish Council meetings; however, this report is the start of a new cycle of quarterly newsletters which will be distributed to each household in the parish.

The next newsletter will be delivered by 1 September, and subsequent editions will be delivered by 1 December and 1 March 2018, and so on.

The council is currently overhauling the way it communicates with the community. This started last year with the Neighbourhood Plan using Facebook and Twitter to reach residents. This was received extremely positively

and we saw some significant engagement rates with our posts. The #ShavingtonHistory posts seemed to be a hit when looking back at the results. For the future, we are improving on that by moving our website to a new platform and giving it a fresh look and changing the focus more towards the community. Once fully launched, the new website will be a place where you can find community news, as well as news and information about the Parish Council.

With the big push for improved communication we have spent some time building upon the publicity undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and have developed a new identity for anything which is village-related. You will see this on the front of this newsletter, the new website and over time, more and more places within the community.

Over the course of the next year you will slowly see a move where we increase what we post on social media and online, but also to ensure that everyone has access to the information we will be publishing quarterly newsletters which summarise what has gone on in the past three months and what is happening in the future.

Cheshire East Council

Our partnership with the Cheshire East Borough Councillors continues with Councillor Steven Edgar attending each Parish Council meeting and challenging on our behalf, where appropriate, planning applications for large-scale development.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is on course to be completed and in a state ready to go to referendum in the first half of 2018.

Two public consultations with residents, in the form of a flyer and questionnaire have been very successful. The questionnaire in November 2016 resulted in more than 800 responses, an excellent result. These returns are now being analysed in detail. The overwhelming majority of those who responded, commented on the amount of new housing development in the village, or the impact on village life of these new builds.

We obtained a grant of just over £8,000 from central government last summer and will be applying for an additional grant this year which should see through the completion of the required processes and adoption of the Plan.

The Parish Council and Steering Group has engaged the professional services of Lucy Hughes from Cheshire Community Action, an expert in neighbourhood plan preparation. She provides guidance and assistance in writing the policies and completion of the necessary documentation.

A poster competition at Shavington Primary School is on-going. This is to increase publicity of the Plan and the process, to enable pupils to illustrate their ideas of what the village might look like to them in 10 years' time. We are planning an exhibition of these posters in the Village Hall once complete.

Over the next few months, we will continue to make progress drafting the policies for review and approval by the Parish Council. As last year, we will also be displaying at the Village Fete and the School Fayre this summer. At that time, Steering Group members will be most happy to discuss the neighbourhood plan and try to answer any questions you may have regarding these issues.

The process of putting together the neighbourhood plan is carried out by volunteers from the local community. If you wish to be a part of this process please get in touch with Bill Atteridge on 07931 230 643.

Meetings of the Parish Council

We welcome members of the public to our meetings and particularly to the Annual Parish Meeting which is for local residents (who are registered electors) to discuss parish affairs. Resolutions may be passed at this meeting and the Parish Council is obliged to consider these at its next meeting but not, necessarily, to accept the proposals.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.15 pm. Residents are always welcome.

At its annual meeting to be held on 3 May 2017, the Council will be asked to approve a calendar of meetings for what is known as the 'municipal year' (i.e. from May 2017 to April 2018 inclusive).

Proposed dates are as follows:

2017	2018
7 June	3 January
5 July	7 February
2 August	7 March
6 September	4 April
4 October	2 May*
1 November	
6 December	

*Annual meeting

Parish Council

The Parish Council has several notice-boards (1) outside the Village Hall; (2) outside the Co-op Store; (3) Dodds Bank, adjacent to NISA; (4) outside the Cheshire Cheese Public House; and (5) Fuller Drive (adjacent to the New Life Church).

Agendas are placed on the notice-boards at least three clear days before each meeting. These are also uploaded onto the website which is www.scgpc.org.uk

If you do not have access to the Internet and would like a copy of any information, please contact the Clerk.

Planning

One of the main consultative roles of parish councils, and of great importance, is to comment on local planning applications which may have a positive or detrimental impact on the community.

The broad aim of the Parish Council, in terms of planning is to keep the area a pleasant place to live, avoiding inappropriate development.

We have seen many large-scale developments in the last few years and we hope that the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to influence how decisions are taken in future by Cheshire East Council as the local planning authority.

Police

Although crime is relatively low in the parish, the Parish Council is fortunate that the two PCSOs (Pete Corbett and Vikki Moulton) maintain a visible presence in the parish to deter any potential criminals.

The Council makes a financial contribution to the cost of two PCSOs and the contract with Cheshire Constabulary is due for review later in the year, with changes coming in on 1 April 2018.

If you see something out of place, you can either telephone the emergency line (999) if it is a genuine emergency, or telephone 101.

Village Hall

The Council's thanks go to Councillors Vivien Adams and Bill McIntyre who, through their unstinting efforts and availability at all times, ensure that the village hall continues to be a success.

It is well-used by all sectors of the community and operates at a very competitive rate of £10.00 per hour. Visit the website for more information.

It has been a slow process, but the up-grading works are expected to be carried out during the Summer of 2017 and this will comprise a replacement ceiling, decoration of the main hall and the toilets refurbished to allow for disabled access.

If you wish to make a booking you can e-mail shavhall@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01270 650469.



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The ‘Shavington-cum-Gresty Community’ identity

The new ‘Shavington-cum-Gresty Community’ identity is designed to be a focal point for the community and anything community related; whether it be online on Facebook, on our new Shavington Online website (www.shavingtononline.co.uk) or via our quarterly newsletter.

If you live or work in Shavington-cum-Gresty this identity will become the place to go to when you want to find out about upcoming events and news in the community. If you are a business or organisation who run events within the Parish we will be happy to publicise them on your behalf.

For up to date information, we recommend you follow us on our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/shavington) and Twitter Account (www.twitter.com/shavonline).

The whole identity is currently managed and funded by the Parish Council but as it moves forward we will be inviting members of the community to become more involved too.

I run an organisation/business in Shavington-cum-Gresty, how can I make use of the new identity?

Tell us about your upcoming events and key details by visiting <http://bit.ly/scgevent>.

We will then endeavour to publicise it across our social networks and in the relevant quarterly newsletters.

You can submit articles to our community website using Medium (www.shavingtononline.co.uk). We're not looking for direct adverts, but

would prefer information around events and stories which are about your business/organisation – for example: how the local pantomime is coming together, how and why you started your business in Shavington-cum-Gresty – the more visual the better. When we put our quarterly newsletter together we will take some of the best articles online and include them, so that people without internet access have access to a selection of the best articles too.

The logo and brand used as part of the 'Shavington-cum-Gresty Community' identity is free for you to use to advertise local events which are taking place within the Parish boundary. The Clerk of the Parish Council must approve requests for use of the identity for events which take place outside of the Parish boundary. <http://bit.ly/scgassets>

I am a resident in Shavington-cum-Gresty, how can I make use of the new identity?

You can become part of the community online on our Facebook page. If you have questions about our community, you are free to post questions on our Facebook page and we'll do our best to help you find an answer.

You can check out the latest news and events via our community website which can be found at www.shavingtononline.co.uk. This will help support local organisations and businesses.

Whenever you see the Shavington-cum-Gresty Community identity, whether it be on online adverts, posters around the Parish or in the

quarterly newsletter, this is to identify events as related to Shavington-cum-Gresty. Show your support in the community by promoting events to friends.



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Useful Contact Details

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Council tax, business rates and housing benefit 0300 123 5013	Planning and building control 0300 123 5014	Shavington Primary School 01270 661527
Electoral registration 0300 123 5016	Planning enforcement 0300 123 5014	Shavington Academy 01270 685111
Environmental health and trading standards 0300 123 5015	Pot-holes and highway maintenance 0300 123 5020	



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