

Report for Bridgnorth Town Council Tuesday February 20th 2024

Bridgnorth Future Partnership:

On January 9th a meeting took place with Shropshire Councillors for Bridgnorth along with the Town Clerk and the Deputy Mayor. Updates were given regarding issues around the Town. I am pleased to report that the markings around the 4 roundabouts near the Smithfield have now been re-painted.

The next meetings are 19th and 20th February.

Tasley Parish:

The Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group have carried out a survey for residents to express their views to assist in the compilation of the Tasley Neighbourhood Plan. The survey closed on 14th February.

Free health Checks at Bridgnorth Livestock Market.

The Community Wellbeing Outreach Team visited the Livestock Market on January 23rd and 30th with a one stop mobile service offering free mini health checks and advice. These were pilot sessions with plans for more throughout the year.

Increase in parking charges in Bridgnorth:

At Cabinet on January 18th it was announced that Shropshire Council intend to increase parking charges across the county. Hourly rates for Car Parks will increase by 20p per hour as well as increases to residents on street permits and season tickets. The introduction of charges on car parks that are currently free on Sundays and Bank Holidays is also proposed as is charging full rate on Sundays and Bank Holidays for car parks which currently charge 50% of the normal rate.

This means that Listley Street Car Park charges will be increasing from 60 pence per hour on Sundays and Bank Holidays to £1.40. An increase of over 130%. This proposal has been called in for further discussion on February 19th at Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment:

Shropshire Councillors for Bridgnorth and surrounding areas met with officers from Shropshire Council on 30th January. The next round of place-based assessments are due to be launched in early February which will include the Bridgnorth place



plan area. Each place plan area is treated separately to ensure focussed and targeted community engagement and collect the best quality information and data possible to accurately and beneficially inform future plans and actions. This was the first meeting with more to follow and Councillors gave suggestions for groups in the area that could be engaged with. For more information please see [Place-based Joint Strategic Needs Assessment | Shropshire Council](#).

School Streets Pilot:

The School Streets Pilot Scheme is due to begin in April. Six schools in Shropshire have been chosen and Castlefields in Bridgnorth is one of them. Streets outside school gates will have temporary restrictions on motorised traffic – except for permit holders – during school drop off and pick up times. Signs are now in place near Castlefields School with letters going out to residents shortly with information and advice on how to apply for permits. Under new ‘moving traffic offences’ legislation Shropshire Council will be able to enforce School Streets using ANPR cameras.

Planned works on Bypass:

Planned tree work along A458 Bypass between 19th and 23rd February. This will involve a lane closure on the downhill lane and the overtaking uphill lane to be used for southbound traffic. The lane closure will be in place day and night for the duration of the works.

Local Plan Update:

Shropshire Councillors were given a briefing by Eddie West (Planned Policy and Strategy Manager) on February 1st. At time of writing Councillors are waiting for information that can be shared with Town and Parish Councillors.

Next Full Council Meeting Thursday 29th February at Shirehall.

Rachel Connolly, Shropshire Councillor for Bridgnorth West and Tasley.



