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Stonnall

Parish Council News

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Spring 2024

ALL THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Resignation of Cllr Val Neale

After an outstanding record of over 30 years of service, Councillor Val Neal has decided to retire from Shenstone Parish Council.

Val has always been an active, selfless, and dedicated Member of not only the Parish Council but also a highly regarded member of the Stonnall community as a whole.

She has been, and will no doubt remain, a driving force and dynamic supporter of many of the organisations and clubs within the village.

Val's resolve to ensure fairness obviously stems from her professional career as a highly qualified teacher, which, coupled with her personality, assures her ability to lead.

Shenstone Parish Council wish Val a long and happy retirement, sure that she will remain as active as she can possibly be with the community very much at the forefront of her mind.



Community Grants 2024

This year the Parish Council is delighted to have been able to grant fund to date just under £31,000 to community groups and organisations across the Parish with further applications still being considered. Every January Council invite applications from Shenstone, Stonnall & Little Aston with twenty groups benefitting including many of the children's uniformed groups. Grants include, in Stonnall the Village Hall, the Community Centre and the Playing Fields, in Little Aston the Bowls Club, the Tennis Club & the Village Hall & in Shenstone, Friends of Shenstone Station, the Tennis Club, the Playing Fields, and the Community Library, as well as many others.

Some grants are being used for general maintenance and refurbishments whilst others are for brand new projects such as a website, marketing tools and safety measures.

If you would like to apply for a grant for your group, applications are welcome every December/January and allocated in February but, if funds are required at other times, please contact the Clerk at admin@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk who will be able to advise on other ways of seeking support.

No increase in the Parish Council Precept for the fourth year running!

The precept is Shenstone Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax collected each year by Lichfield District Council. Each year the Parish Council submits a request to Lichfield District Council for the amount of money it calculates will be required for the next financial year.

In the January 2024 meeting of the Parish Council it was unanimously agreed not to increase the precept in 2024/25. This is the fourth consecutive year running that this has been the instruction to the District Council. The rise in precept would normally be around 2% per annum.

The Parish Council has previously delivered and will continue to deliver its full range of Parish Council local services without a precept increase. We will be able to do this by prudent management of our budgets and by securing additional, separate grant funding.

The Parish Council also continues to be very aware that many household budgets are stretched and a nil precept increase is a contribution to reducing the household financial pressures that many face.

Fun in Stonnall



The Parish Council is always pleased to support the work of our fantastic, uniformed groups with community grants regularly distributed across the whole Parish.

We are happy to share some images from the 1st Stonnall Group having fun and visiting the fantastic team at Aldridge Fire Station.



Crate stacking



Beavers Archery at the Community Centre



Abseiling

Stonnall Village Hall refurbishment

Stonnall Village Hall has had a make over!

The new hall and meeting room look great following refurbishment and decoration. The new blinds were purchased using a community grant fund from The Parish Council in 2023.

A recent grant application for £1,500 has also just been approved towards new doors.



Volunteering on the Public Rights of Way Network

The Environment and Countryside Team at Staffordshire County Council are looking to increase the volunteering opportunities available within our service, including on the Rights of Way network.

We are looking into creating arrangements which will empower these groups to carry out improvement/maintenance activities on their local network. This will set out the roles and responsibilities of both the County Council and the group and give guidance to the group on what activities can be carried out.

As we are looking into new ways of working it will need to be 'trialled' before any formal arrangements are created. We intend on having an initial on-site trial to assess which activities can be within the scope of the scheme. The first step of the trial will involve surveying the rights of way in your area, way-marking routes where possible and providing some low-level clearance of vegetation where necessary. The on-site trial will be supervised by our Outreach Officers, who will provide supervision and training. We are keen to learn what has gone well and not so well in the trial, where arrangements can be improved and what resources are required before we start rolling this out across the county.

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Any bin will do!

Residents are reminded that whilst it is encouraged to use a specific dog poo bin to dispose of your pets waste, any street bin will do. The important thing is to pick it up.



Shenstone Tower News



Shenstone's old church tower is set to give more people than ever a chance to take in the views.

A busy schedule of opening dates includes two Sunday openings as the historic tower gets ready for a full programme. A local historian is also offering to help visitors get an insight into the past with graveyard tours.

In all, five Saturday dates – March 2nd; April 6th; 4th May; 1st June and 6th July – all 10am to noon - have been timetabled plus two Sundays May 19th and June 16th – 2pm to 4pm.

'The tower continues to be in great demand and we've already surpassed expectations with more than 1,000 people taking the opportunity to take a look inside,' said Jeremy Cotton, chairman of the Friends of Shenstone Old Tower trustees. 'This though couldn't happen without the dedication of so many volunteers.'

One of those visitors has included the new MP for Tamworth Sarah Edwards who took time out to understand how the tower had been transformed.

The project continues to attract national attention with a spotlight piece in Current Archaeology.

Stonnall Campaign About Roads Update



On the 22nd February SCAR Chairman Adrian Walters had planned to speak in the Walsall Council Chamber about the recent petition to improve the Chester Road junctions of Main Street, Downs Gate, Lazy Hill Road & Gravelly Lane & Birch Lane. This was made possible due to there being over 1700 signatures in total, exceeding the 1500 needed for it to force a discussion in the Walsall Council Chamber. This is the biggest petition Walsall Council have received in over 5 years. The signatures were from people living in Stonnall and surrounding areas both in Walsall & Staffordshire. SCAR had a lot of community support with the petition and this includes a detailed log of collisions at the 4 junctions going back several years. This log is growing with new and historical collisions being added weekly. If you have anything you would like to add, such as a witness statement, for a near miss or collision you have seen or been involved in, then please contact SCAR on scar.stonnall@gmail.com. All of the data we collate helps Staffordshire & Walsall Council & Highways better understand the issues with the junctions.

Walsall Council were planning to propose a reduction in the speed limit on the Chester Road to 40MPH. This was up for discussion with a full house of councillors following the introduction by Mr Walters.

Unfortunately, at 18.05 there was a protest unrelated to the petition. Walsall Council decided to postpone the meeting and reschedule the meeting for Wednesday 28th February. There will be no access to members of the public. For more information on what SCAR are doing please look at the SCAR website <https://www.stonnall-scar.co.uk/> for all updates regarding road safety in & around Stonnall.

If you wish to become a member of SCAR or would like to join the mailing list for updates please email us. Additionally, we can be found on Facebook or Instagram at Stonnall_SCAR.

St Peter's Church, Little Aston

150 years in 2024



The Parker – Jervis family who lived in the hall on Little Aston Park, made the decision that there should be a church available for the family and staff to worship in closer to home. They were worshipping at St Peter's, Stonnall. With that in mind they decided to use some of their land to build a church. The architect George Edmund Street was asked to design a church suitable for their family worship. On the 19th November 1874, St Peter's Church, Little Aston, was consecrated by the Right Reverend George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of Lichfield.

Move forward to 2024 and the church celebrates 150 years of worship in a beautiful church built of local sandstone and well known for the beautiful Italian marble.

This year will be a whole year of celebrations, including the celebration of 19 members of the congregation who reach a birthday with a zero at the end of their age. This ranges from 10 years to 90 years and all those in between. There will be a flower festival reflecting the groups who meet at the church and the year will culminate with a service of Thanksgiving on 19th November.

We will be announcing the activities as they are happening with the hope that people will visit us to enjoy some of the celebrations.

As part of the celebration, we are selling a jigsaw in memory of the 150 anniversary. These will be on sale during the celebrations at the wonderful price of £20.

A Circular Walk beyond Shenstone

The benefits of walking are well documented for our physical and for our mental health wellbeing. Similarly, the pleasures of being out in the countryside [without needing to drive for hours] are also well known. The following walk satisfies both of these needs. It will also help if you are with good companions, which of course could always be your dog[s].

So just check the weather forecast, pack a waterproof just in case, maybe take a flask and set off.

This circular walk is mainly flat with a mixture of footpaths, tracks and quiet lanes. All the paths are rights of way on the Ordnance Survey map. There are a few stiles but they are well maintained. The numbers in brackets (eg (1)) respond to the stage numbers shown on the accompanying map.

The route is 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) long with 60 metres ascent, so its suggested allow three to four hours to complete.

A detailed route description is available from admin@shenstone-staffs.go.uk. This can be used in conjunction with the map below.

The map shows the start at Dobbies garden centre where there is plenty of parking. It is possible, of course, to start at any point on the circular route.

The following is a rough outline of the route, highlighting the local points of interest and tourist attractions.

From Dobbies and Mill Lane the route goes along an enclosed path to the bridge over the Toll Road (2). N.B. This path had been impassable until cleared four months ago by Sutton Ramblers and the Staffordshire Ranger. The track continues over field paths and farm tracks until passing Thickbroom Farm (3).

Reaching Little Hay Lane and then by bridleways and fields arrive in Little Hay (4). It is essential to pause here to study the miniature railway layout. The Dr Beeching axe missed this line.

Passing the pub [as if!] go across the fields to Creative Plants (5). There are some felled trees at the path side which provide superb picnic seating.

Walk across the fields and under the railway line to Fotherly Lane (6), then across more fields, and along Richard Cooper Drive to the Railway bridge (7). It is possible, by walking a short way up Fotherly Lane to sight the Alpacas in Shenstone's version of the Andes.

The route now follows the brook through the Lammas Land to return to Dobbies (1).

Refreshments and toilets are available at Dobbies, the Holly Bush and Café Prego. A short detour would take you to the Library coffee shop but this has limited opening days and times so please check on Google.



All in a days work

Many of you will recognise the familiar faces of our Lengthsmen Nigel & Gerry. They work really hard around the Parish to keep everything neat & tidy, with residents often complimenting their efforts. Here is a list of what they completed in just one day this week.



The wooden bench on the Lammas Land was sanded down where someone had put a throw away barbecue on the bench seat and it had burnt the bench seat – all sanded and repainted. Planters at the Cenotaph also repainted.



The wooden bench repainted on the Lammas Land.



The wooden foot bridge repainted over the stream at Lammas Land



A broken swing on Shenstone Playing Field repaired.

Friends of Shenstone Station 1884

As a group we have had a very successful few months. West Midlands Trains purchased our group some spring bulbs to replace the ones that had been dug-up by one of their contractors.

The Christmas Tree Festival was well supported by both community groups and businesses and I think appreciated by the village community as a whole. We have a new logo (as you can see), many thanks to the Parish Council for the funding to make this happen. It will become more and more prominent as the year progresses.

We had three new members join the group following the volunteers fair hosted by the Parish Council in September. We're going to need them as the weather turns warmer and the planting at the station comes into bloom. Some members of the group were invited to the launch of the new Class 730 trains which will be in operation soon.

As a group we share the Cross City Line North with three other adoption groups, Chester Road, Wylde Green and Lichfield City. We are collectively known as The Spaghetti Line as it is the only passenger line that runs beneath Spaghetti Junction. Here at Shenstone, we are also celebrating 140 years since our station opened and to mark this momentous occasion, we are planning to create a photo board of households, businesses and organisations in the village. The birthday board will be on the wall to the left of the ticket office facing the car-park. It'll be unveiled during the Village Festival, let's hope it lasts another 140 years! For further information or to send your photographs, in jpg format, please email shenstonestation1884@gmail.com



Shenstone Tennis Club

Shenstone Tennis Club celebrated its 50th birthday last year. This year will prove to be no less exciting. With very generous support from the Parish Council, HS2 and Enover the club has been able to make much needed improvements to the courts' surface AND we have been able to install state of the art Tweener lighting. In 2024 the club is aiming to increase its membership as the courts will now be playable from 8:00 to 21:00 every day, seven days a week.

The club offers an extremely friendly and welcoming atmosphere with a doubles box league and singles ladder open to any members as well as numerous social activities and games each week. Last year, for the first time in its history, the club entered a ladies doubles team into League 4 of the Burton League. They were successful and gained promotion to League three. These ladies have proved so inspirational that a second ladies' team has been formed as well as a men's doubles team.

Members have a number of social sessions per week: men meet on Monday evenings; ladies meet on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. There is a ladies only Cardio session every Monday and Friday at 09:00, followed by a double's clinic.

Membership is currently £75 per household for a year. There will be a "night-time" launch event on Saturday 13th April from 18:00 to 20:00 to say thank you to all who have supported us and to give the village community a chance to have a look and play on the courts under the lights.

The AGM will be on Wednesday 17th April at 19:00 in the Cooper Rooms.



Save the date

STONNALLBURY 2024

Stonnall Playing Fields WS9 9DY

SATURDAY 15th June 2:00-10:00pm



Little Aston Bowling Club



Little Aston Bowling Club has vacancies for new members. Our friendly club is situated at the side of Little Aston Village Hall close to the junction of Rosemary Hill Road and Little Aston Lane, B74 3UF. The club is proud of its facilities and near 100 year existence. Whilst we do not participate in external league play, we have a full program of competitive friendly matches with local clubs for Ladies, Men and mixed teams. This supplements our internal competitions that run throughout the year.

Whilst access to the green is available for casual bowling every day from April through to September, we also have organised bowling sessions on Tuesday afternoon for Ladies, on Friday afternoons for men and on Saturday afternoons for all members. If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Tuition will be freely available for new members who have not bowled before.

Contact our Secretary Jane Thomas on 0121 323 4158 for further information or just drop in to see us on one of our organised bowling days.

Friday Friends

The very popular Friday Friends group continues to bring smiles to the faces of members as well as providing a delicious lunch in St Johns Hall, Shenstone. The Parish Council has once again supported the group with a grant of £1,000 towards transport costs.

The minibus is essential in collecting & dropping off residents who would otherwise not be able to join what is always a happy, social occasion.



Shenstone Playing Fields Management Committee Consultation on the renewal of play equipment

The Parish Council understands that following the first round of consultation the Shenstone Playing Fields Committee is to undertake further consultation on their revised proposals to renew the play equipment. The Parish Council understand this further round of consultation will be via a revised proposals exhibition in the library, at Greysbrooke School, web site response requests and a leaflet requesting responses.

Little Aston Tennis Club

Little Aston Tennis Club is another recipient of a Community Grant this year with £1,000 donated towards a new storage shed. Mr Peter Sutton, Chair of the Club, has written an

article on the history of the club to feature in a later edition of the newsletter but in the meantime has asked to share the following: "The Club has received support from the Parish Council over the years which has been put to good use and has been instrumental in the club "growing" from over 10 years ago, potentially going out of existence, to a now thriving club of nearly 100 members."



Lammas Land - Jubilee Way Damage to Cherry Trees

After 6 out of the 11 trees were damaged several weeks ago the Parish Council has replaced three and added a protective shield around all 11 of them. Three more that were less seriously damaged are being left to recover.

The avenue of flowering trees were donated to the village as part of the Japanese Government's Sakura project which saw up to 30000 trees planted across the country.

Our trees have been admired by many and last year really began to show off their 'blossom'. We hope that our efforts to commemorate the late Queen's Jubilee year will now be left to establish themselves and become something very special that everyone is proud of.



Spring is coming to Shenstone Community Library!

If you've been along to your library over the past few weeks, you will have noticed that daffodils and crocus are showing their heads in the garden, and that there are many enthusiastic bird visitors. The same might be said of the human variety of visitor too, with many parishioners continuing to enjoying our regular programme of activities.

You may be aware that we run a popular programme of music concerts, and the visit by Lichfield's Lighthouse company was very well received.



Coming up this month is a concert featuring the Romantic Revival Orchestra on behalf of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire which takes place on 8th March at 7.30pm. In addition, events this month include a tombola on 15th March in aid of the Pathways Project and the Air Ambulance for Staffordshire. Please give donations at the library reception desk and come along on the day.



We continue to develop our support for charities through recycling, and we have added old watches and jewellery to our recycling range. You will know about our Birmingham Road Sub-Branch telephone library, and books for this (dropped off in the library) continue to be welcome.



Our repair café will be back on the morning of Saturday 30th March.

We have been pleased to work with parish council to host the Hedgehog Highway project. Please do come along and collect your hedgehog door frame to enable ease of access for roaming hedgehogs. If you feel that you would like to support hedgehog rehoming by rehoming a rescued hedgehog in your garden, please do get in touch using the email address below.

We have been fortunate recently in receiving many new books from Staffordshire Libraries. It would be lovely to see you this Spring, browsing the shelves, treating yourself to coffee and cake, and enjoying our March gallery exhibition by the local artist Colin Lowe.

**Please use our email
Shenstonecommunitylibrary@gmail.com
to get in touch.**

Neighbourhood Plans Review Shenstone & Stonnall

The Neighbourhood Plans for Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston are now eight years old and are being refreshed to keep pace with national and local town planning policy changes. All three Neighbourhood Plans need to be updated to continue to effectively protect the character and amenities found in each village or neighbourhood. In addition, the revised Neighbourhood Plans will promote new ideas to enhance the quality of our community environments.

Review working groups have been established in Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston to renew the existing Neighbourhood Plans and this preliminary work will be subject to consultation events for Little Aston on the 18th March in Little Aston Village Hall from 3pm to 7pm and for Shenstone on the 19th March from 3pm to 7pm in Shenstone Community Library. In addition, summaries of the revisions will be published on line and delivered to all households requesting views and opinions on the key changes in each revised document.

The public consultations on the review proposals for Stonnall will follow a similar approach and will take place later in the Spring months.

The three Neighbourhood Plans have been crucial to protecting our neighbourhoods from several undesirable developments at planning application stage. Please put the forthcoming dates in your diary and take time to read and comment on the forthcoming revisions.

STONNALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP 2024

A number of Stonnall residents have formed a Neighbourhood Plan Group, and been given delegated authority by the Parish Council to review and refresh the existing plan that was successfully adopted on 19th April 2016.

Having a robust and up to date Neighbourhood Plan will help a community play a greater role in shaping the future of our Village and surrounding area. It will continue to bring together local residents, businesses, local groups, landowners and potential developers to share ideas and build consensus about what needs to be done within the local community.

Without such a plan in place, communities run the risk of other levels of Government imposing their ideas on the area, especially in planning and development matters.

The first three meetings have been widely publicised and all members of the community are welcome to attend and contribute towards the re-refresh of the plan.

The meeting held on Wednesday 21st February was again well attended and local people contributed great ideas and have started to form a draft of the Neighbourhood Plan refresh document with greater involvement of local residents planned.

In April it is hoped that the Government will open up its next round of funding that will enable the Stonnall Group to apply for a grant so that we can engage a specialist firm (Navigus Planning Ltd) that has been chosen by the Parish Council, to help formulate the refresh of the Stonnall, Little Aston and Shenstone Neighbourhood Plans

County Councillor David Smith is the elected Chairman of the Stonnall Group and said "I am delighted that the Group has made such good progress in a short time and having an up to date plan in place is vital so that residents have a say in the future of the area"

Stonnall's existing plan can be found on the Lichfield District Council website should residents wish to see what is involved.

If there are any questions relating to this Neighbourhood Plan re-refresh please contact Councillor Phil Whitehouse at phil.whitehouse@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Police Community Support Officers

South Lichfield, Shenstone, Stonnall, Little Aston,
including Little Hay, Wall and Hilton

Your local Police Community support Officers are:

PCSO 25049 Andrea Horsnall
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PCSO 16849 Tom Passmore
Police Mobile: 07837 634092
Email: Thomas.Passmore@staffordshire.police.uk

PCSO 28238 Racheal ORWIN
Police Mobile: 07504 695197
Email: Racheal.Orwin@staffordshire.police.uk

All crimes, suspicious incidents and anti-social behaviour should be reported to Staffordshire Police, and not to an individual officer, so that a central police incident is created and the appropriate officer who is on duty is dispatched in a timely manner.

Emergency number 999

A threat to life and safety or when a crime in progress.

Silent Service 999 then press 55 when instructed to do so if you are afraid to speak.

Non-emergency number 101

Alternatively, report online via Staffordshire Police website
www.staffordshire.police.uk

You can visit the website for lots of useful information on crime prevention.

Staffordshire Police Smart Alerts

Find out about crime and anti-social behaviour in your area. Download the free app. www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk



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29th-30th June

Please contact Keith Jones 01543 481022

if you would like to get involved

DON'T COMBUST – COMPOST!

As spring begins you might be considering clearing the winter garden waste away by having a bonfire. But remember that whilst this may solve a problem for you it may cause one for others. Smoke from bonfires pollutes the air that we breathe – so this year, why not try composting instead? It's easy, great for your garden, better for the environment, wonderful for wildlife & helpful to hedgehogs!

If you must have a fire, whether it's outside or inside your home, only burn safe, 'ready-to-burn' fuels, dry, natural wood & dry, organic garden waste.

Never burn household waste, plastics or painted & treated woods such as decking, fence panels, old sheds, manufactured boards or even some pallets as they contain dangerous chemicals which would be released into the air & soil. These materials should be taken to a recycling centre instead.

So let's all do our bit to keep our soil safe, welcome wildlife & protect the air that we all share!

For more information please visit:

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have a care for the air that we share

**WHATEVER THE SEASON
THERE'S NO GOOD REASON
TO EVER BURN
TREATED WOOD.*
TOXIC SMOKE
IS REALLY NO JOKE
SO ONLY USE FUEL
THAT'S GOOD**

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| No Old Furniture, MDF, PLY or Chipboard | 'Ready To Burn' Logs & Kindling |
| No Trade or Construction Waste | Natural, Dry, Untreated Wood |
| No Household Waste or Plastics | 'Ready To Burn' Briquettes |
| No Fence Panels or Old Sheds | 'Ready To Burn' Fire Logs |
| No Damp Wood / Briquettes | & Smokeless Fuel |
| No Decking Boards | When Buying Fuel |
| No Treated Wood | Always Look For The |
| No Painted Wood | 'READY TO BURN' Logo |
| No House Coal | visit: readytoburn.org |
| No Pallets | |

* Burning treated wood releases hazardous chemicals into the air & soil

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The Role of the Parish Council as a Custodian Trustee

There are several recreation grounds and village halls within the Shenstone Parish Council area and there is sometimes some confusion as to what power or authority the Parish Council has in respect of the running or managing of the buildings or recreation ground.

In straightforward terms the answer is none.

Most of these buildings or open spaces, but not all of them, have an association with the Parish Council (PC) whereby the PC is the Custodian Trustee (CT) for the charity that is responsible for the building or recreation ground.

A charity cannot 'own' anything; as what it manages and runs has to be held 'in trust'.

When a public facility is created, it might for example be a piece of land or a building donated to the community by a generous benefactor. At the outset, the beneficial ownership is usually held with the Local Authority (LA), as an enduring body.

Then, the LA would establish a group of people to run the facility on their behalf, that group would receive the beneficial ownership and be referred to as The Foundation. Subsequently The Foundation would form and register as a charity.

From that point the new charity would hold full responsibility in respect of running and managing the facility. However the historic documentation for the facility could no longer be held by the charity and so a suitable body, usually the local council would be appointed as the Custodian Trustee.

Charity Commission CC29 Guidance states that:-

"The job of a Custodian Trustee is very different to that of the charity/managing trustee. The function of the custodian

trustee is simply to hold the legal title to the charity's property. Custodian trustees have no role in the charity's management".

The purpose of this information article is to clarify the role of the Parish Council as a Custodian Trustee in respect of 'who does what' when it comes to making decisions about the running of our village halls and recreation grounds.

HELP US BUILD

HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY

I'M LITTLE NEDDY THE HIGHWAY HEDGEHOG

I LOVE TO EXPLORE BUT I GET LOST EASILY
WILL YOU INSTALL A 'HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY'
TO HELP ME FIND MY WAY HOME?
IN EXCHANGE I'LL TAKE CARE OF THOSE
PESKY SLUGS BEFORE THEY CAN
NIBBLE YOUR NASTURTIUMS!

**SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ARE GIVING AWAY
FREE HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY KITS!**

REMEMBER TO CHECK WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS FIRST.
MAKE SURE YOUR FENCE HAS A 13CM X 13CM HOLE &
ATTACH ONE TO HELP HEDGEHOGS MOVE BETWEEN GARDENS

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OFFICE ADDRESS: 25C MAIN ST, SHENSTONE, WS14 0LZ
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Full Parish Council Meetings 2024

Tues 13th February at Shenstone Community Library
 Tues 12th March at Shenstone Community Library
 Tues 9th April at Stonnall Community Centre
 Tues 7th May at Shenstone Community Library.
 Tues June 11th at Little Aston Village Hall
 Tues July 9th at Little Aston Village Hall
 Tues 10th September at Stonnall Community Centre
 Tues 8th October at Shenstone Community Library
 Tues 12th November at Little Aston Village Hall
 Tues 10th December at Shenstone Community Library

Meeting of Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee 2024

2024

All meetings 5.30pm except where stated in Shenstone Community Library

Tuesday March 11th 4.00pm

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday July 23rd

Tuesday Sept 24th

Tuesday Nov 19th

Meeting of Neighbourhood Planning & Property Committee 2024

All meetings 5.30pm Parish Council Office.

Tuesday April 23rd

Tuesday June 18th

Tuesday Oct 22nd

Tuesday Dec 17th

Defibrillator for Shenstone Wood End

Over the next few weeks the disused telephone kiosk on Smarts Avenue will be installed with a brand new Defibrillator and External Heated Cabinet with keypad lock. This follows a successful bid to the London Hearts Charity for £750.00 with the other 50% match funded by the Parish Council.



If space allows, the kiosk will also include a book swap area as the Library Kiosks in Shenstone & on Burnett Road, Streetly are proving very popular.

Project to secure heat from the aquifer

On behalf of Shenstone Parish Council and South Staffs Water, Lichfield District Council has approved and submitted a submission for business case funding to the Heat Networks Development Unit of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. The funding submission is currently being considered by civil servants in London and is based on securing aquifer heat for any future new house building development in the vicinity of the Shenstone Pumping Station. The Parish Council is grateful for the support of South Staffs Water and Lichfield District Council in progressing the project funding application.



Shenstone Seniors Brunch Club

**On the first Saturday of every month
 from 10.am – 12.0pm
 at the Methodist Church, New Rd.**

Mary & the team serve hot bacon baps,



**buttermilk pancakes with cherry compote,
 breakfast pastries, tea, coffee or fruit juice,
 for our senior residents:**

**2nd March, 6th Apr, 4th May, 1st Jun, 6th Jul,
 3rd Aug, 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec**



**VAL AND BRENDA WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN
 SHENSTONE SENIORS LUNCH CLUB**



**At the Wesley Hall, Shenstone from 12.00pm-2.00pm for a delicious two
 course light lunch & a hot drink for £5.00.**

We would be so pleased to see you!

**Third Saturday of every month: 16th March, 20th April
 18th May, 15th June 20th July, 17th August, 21st September.**



BRING A FRIEND OR MAKE NEW ONES!

Shenstone Parish Council

Members' Contact Details

SHENSTONE WOOD END / SHENSTONE WARD / LITTLE ASTON AND STONNALL WARD

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| St John the Baptist Church | Vacancy | 01543 480 286 |
| Trinity Methodist Church | Rev Joanna Thornton | 01543 253744 |
| Shenstone Day Care (Friday Friends) | Rita Hancocks | 01543 480 560 |
| Shenstone Cares | Debbie Farrow | 01543 480 472 |
| Shenstone St John's Hall | Administrator | 01543 480 286 |
| Shenstone Village Hall | Tresa Rock | 01543 481 504 |
| Shenstone Wesley Hall | Carole Share | 01543 480 033 |
| Richard Cooper Room | Tresa Rock | 01543 481 504 |
| Scouts Group | Brian Devonshire | 01543 481590 |
| Women's Evening Institute | Gina Whorton | 01543 480 884 |
| Shenstone Lunch Club | Brenda/Val | 07793866975/07828862754 |
| Shenstone Baby & Toddler Group | Amy Bull | 0794 7359 786 |
| Shenstone Tennis Club | Rob Ashley | rob.robashley@gmail.com |
| Shenstone Community Library | Librarian | 01543 480 915 |
| Lammas Land Management Committee | Richard Partridge | 01543 481 102 |
| Friends of Shenstone Tower | Stuart Jones | 07541 089990 |
| Shenstone Pathfinders F.C. | Gary Cantelo | 01543 480 171 |
| Shenstone Playing Fields | Lisa Mbutu | 07814 092665 |
| Shenstone Painting Class | Dave Upton | 0121 353 5338 |
| Friends of Shenstone Station 1884 | Jane Arnstein | Arnstein.jane@gmail.com |
| Shenstone Quilters | Joy Shorey | 01543 481 297 |
| National Women's Register | Lynne Young | 01543 480 420 |
| Rainbow Guide Group | Rosemary Lawrence | 01543 483 437 |
| Footherley Club | Dave Doige | 0121 605 1252 |
| Guides | Sarah Hardie | 07946 777170 |
| Brownies | Angela Hiney-Bancroft | 01543 481610 |
| Shenstone Strollers | Peter Gravestock | 01543 897529 |
| Shenstone & Stonnall Mens Group | Jim Pole | 01543 480545 |
| Shenstone History Group | Bronwen Ross | 01543 328963 |
| Shenstone Reading Group | Community Library | 01543 480915 |
| Shenstone Magazine | Graham Birt | 01543 483138 |
| Tai Chi | Neil Rankine | 01543 480151 |

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| St Peters Church, Stonnall | Vacancy | 01543 480 286 |
| Stonnall Matters | Cllr Mrs Val Neale | 01543 374 430 |
| Stonnall Village Hall | Kelsey May | stonnallvh@gmail.com |
| Stonnall Community Centre | Mick Cox | info@stonnall-community-centre.co.uk |
| Stonnall Gardeners Guild | Pam Ramsell | 01543 372 241 |
| Stonnall Coffee Club | Val Neale | 01543 374 430 |
| Stonnall Brownies & Guides | Sarah Hardie | 07946 777170 |
| Stonnall Scouts/Beavers/Cubs | Marie Jenkins | 07977 516 161 |
| Stonnall Playing Fields Management Committee | Gail Nicholls | 01543 376629 |
| Stonnall Women's Institute | Jacky Morrison | 01543 375 639 |
| Stonnall Stitchers | Dot Horton | 01543 374796 |
| The Stonnall Conservation Society | Lynne Ingram | 01543 374 629 |
| Stonnall Reading Group | Pam Osbourne | 01543 373 370 |
| Film Club | Mick Cox | info@stonnall-community-centre.co.uk |
| Stonnall Neighbourhood Watch | Maxine Wakefield | 01543 375 108 |
| SCAR (Stonnall Campaign about Roads) | Adrian Walters | SCAR.stonnall@gmail.com |
| Diamond Jubilee Allotments | Debbra Tullah | 07787 666 932 |
| Stonnall Singers | Bob Share | 01543 480 033 |
| Stonnall Juniors Football Club | Jim Bowker | 07724 168881 |
| Buddy Bag Foundation | Karen Williams | karen@buddybagfoundation.co.uk |
| Mint Theatre Society | Liz Daly | 07837 868913 |
| Tai Chi | Neil Rankine | 01543 480151 |
| Shire Oak Quarry Liaison Group | Phil Whitehouse | 07887 372 982 |

LITTLE ASTON

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| St Peters Church, Little Aston | Rev Philip Daniel | 0121 352 1095 |
| Little Aston Recreation Ground (LARGA) | David Salter | 07956 142215 |
| Little Aston Table Tennis Club | Chris Flemming | 0753 424 8672 |
| Little Aston Pre School Play Group | Leighsa Wack/Sara Bradbury | 07950 047 172 |
| Little Aston Community Association | Steve Bennett | 0121 308 4947 |
| Little Aston Village Hall | Elizabeth Paxton | 07861 259 982 |
| Little Aston Bowling Club | Rod Crowley | 0121 353 3226 |
| Little Aston Tennis Club | Pete Sutton | 07504 458648 |
| Tai Chi | Neil Rankine | 01543 480151 |
| Little Aston Evening Women's Institute | Maura Trowman | Maura.trowman@yahoo.com |
| Little Aston Brownies | Emma Paxton | emmapaxton@live.co.uk |

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