

Community Awards

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers of the Parish! We are blessed to have so many residents who willingly give of their time to help the local community. At the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 March those pictured with Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Bill McKnight, were presented with Community Service awards. Congratulations to:

Gerard Hurst ...in recognition of his outstanding contribution towards education within the Parish for an unbelievable 27 years. As Chair of Governors of the Shevington Federation of Primary Schools, he provided unrelenting support through some very challenging times.



Ira Whiteley - for her many years of service as a parish councillor, latterly as, first, Vice Chairman and then as Chairman. Ira has been a champion of our younger residents and was a founder member of the Friends of Shevington Memorial Park.

John Ball - for over 30 years of service as a parish councillor. During this period he devoted himself to working for the greater benefit of the residents of his South Ward and the wider Parish. He served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman and was also a councillor on Wigan Council.



Gathurst Golf Club

On Sunday, 17 March, St Patrick's Day, Captain Paul Gorton opened the golfing Season with his 'Drives In' from the 7th (during the morning) and the 1st (in the afternoon). It was a great atmosphere in the clubhouse later and the Guinness went down a treat. Lady Captain Gill Chapman drove in the golf season in drizzly weather on Wednesday, 20 March. The ladies didn't manage to play their planned match, but an indoor putting competition and carpet bowls made up for the lack of golf. After a cold and wet winter, there's nothing like sunny Spring days to get us golfers excited!

Have Pride in Your Parish
DON'T Fly Tip
Take it to THE Tip!

Millbrook School Pupils Brighten Up Bowling Pavilion with Their Artwork

Children used to go to the bowling green at Forest Fold, Shevington to learn the sport, but the initiative had to be shelved during the Covid pandemic. Last year it was revived, with 15 pupils from Millbrook Primary School going to the green regularly to learn how to bowl.

At the end of the season the pupils presented a plaque they had made, featuring pictures of them bowling, to members of the bowling club and it was put on display in the pavilion. Now Millbrook pupils are busy painting and creating artwork inside the pavilion, adding a splash of colour. More children will learn how to play bowls at the club this year, while there are also hopes that an open day can be held to introduce more people to the sport.



The photo shows some of the children and teachers from Millbrook School who have been involved in the project as well as some of the Shevington Village Bowling Club members who have been working with them. The same SVBC members have also spent the Winter introducing upgrades to the bowling green: they have painted the exteriors of the pavilion and visitor shelters, installed new wooden supports around the green itself and created flower beds along the borders.

Barrie 'Bazza' Pulford - for spearheading fundraising activities for charitable causes - both large and small - on behalf of the Plough & Harrow pub community and organising activities to lift people's spirits during Covid.

What Does the Parish Council Do For You?

Each year Shevington Parish Council sets a precept, which is collected on its behalf by Wigan Council. Together with the Council Tax Support grant from central government the precept provides the Parish Council with a budget. The Council is committed to serving its residents and to providing best value at all times. Below is a list of just SOME of the things for which these funds are used:

- To ensure that the grounds at Shevington Memorial Park & Garden are maintained, the litter is collected, the children's playground is cleaned and the play equipment is inspected and regularly checked for safety.
- To provide and maintain the car park opposite the Plough & Harrow pub in Gathurst Lane for use by all residents and visitors.
- To administer and maintain the allotments and Bowling Green in Forest Fold.
- To help make the streets and open spaces of the parish brighter and safer by filling planters at Crooke Village, Shevington Moor, Shevington Vale, Appley Bridge, Gathurst and in the centre of Shevington with flowering plants and maintaining them throughout the year.
- To fund the maintenance of Shevington Recreation Ground.
- To make repayments on the loan secured from the Public Works Loans Board to purchase Otters Croft Wood and Vicarage Lane Fields, where Shevington FC and Shevington Sharks ARLFC provide playing fields and a community building, and the Vicarage Lane Allotments Society run allotments.
- To support the activities of the 'in Bloom' groups.
- To provide litter bins in some of our public open spaces, some of the public rights of way and along the canal bank.
- To provide and decorate 4 large display Christmas trees with lights at Shevington, Appley Bridge, Shevington Moor and Crooke Green, decorate lamp posts with garlands of light at Appley Bridge and Shevington Moor and motifs for lamp posts in the centre of Shevington to brighten up the dark and dismal days of Winter.

More information about what the Parish Council does can be found on our websites.

Leap of Love for Lincoln

We have a wonderful little boy at our school - Millbrook Community Primary - who is not very well at the moment. So, in June this year our inspirational Headteacher, Karen Tomlinson, and two wonderful colleagues, Andrea Sadler and Jaqui Holborn, have been sponsored to do a skydive to raise money for the family - jumping from 15,000ft, i.e. 3 miles!



This has been made possible due to the generosity of our wonderful friends at Costain Group who have kindly sponsored all three jumps. We have set up a 'Just Giving' link, so please support Team Millbrook in their 'Leap of Love for Lincoln.'

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Team-Millbrook-24>