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Please send us your news!

We are always on the lookout for news articles, reports, artwork, photographs, local information and events from across the Parish and surrounding area for future editions.

The Parish Roundabout magazine aims to be interesting and useful for residents across the Parish but we can only include events and articles that we know about so please keep us in the loop!

If you have anything to contribute to our next edition, or ideas for features, please send it to the Parish Clerk by 21st July 2022.

Parish Council meetings

Full Council

Wednesday 8th June 7pm (Selattyn)

Wednesday 13th July 7pm

Wednesday 14th September 7pm

Finance and Executive Committee

Wednesday 29th June 6pm

Amenities and Services Committee

Wednesday 29th June 7:30pm

Agendas and venue details are posted on noticeboards around the parish a few days before each meeting. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

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Welcome

I hope you all had a safe & enjoyable Easter. It's nice to welcome Spring and hopefully some sunnier weather back again.

Firstly, I wanted to express our thanks to Three Parishes Big Local for a grant that the Parish Council has received. The £13,115 from Three Parishes Big Local will be used towards the cost of outdoor exercise equipment at Gobowen playing fields, so it is available for everyone to use.

Since our last publication the Clerk has been busy creating a new Parish Council website. This will bring the Council in line with latest guidance but also more importantly make the information far more user friendly. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with news and information, you can find us by searching Selattyn and Gobowen PC.

In February Shropshire Council finally completed some long overdue improvements to the road surfaces in Gobowen, something the Parish Council has long been asking to be completed. There are still issues with road surfaces in other areas of the parish—if you become aware of an issue please report it directly to Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9000 or www.fixmystreet.com. We are now working to resolve some of the speeding and speed enforcement issues in the parish with Shropshire Councillors and Officers.

In March, myself and the Clerk attended a meeting with Sergeant Dulson and PC LeClere to discuss the rise in Anti-Social Behaviour in the community and ways we could work together to improve the situation. For any residents experiencing issues please contact the local neighbourhood policing team (contact details on page 22). West Mercia Police have also recently launched www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk to keep residents up to date with police work.

March also saw the Council consider a wide range of grants from local organisations and I am pleased to report that we distributed over £5,000 of support to the community. (More details on page 21)

In April construction work started on the new Garden of Remembrance area in Hengoed Cemetery, with the footings for ground works and a new path having now been excavated. The next phase is to lay the new gravel surface. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused however the works were necessary to ensure we maintain availability in future years.

Looking forward, I wanted to draw attention to the Jubilee celebrations in June. I know many residents will be planning on celebrating with their friends, family and neighbours locally. I also know of a few organised events within the Parish and I wanted to express my thanks to the volunteers who have spent lots of time and effort in making the events happen. See the back page for details of the event in Gobowen on Saturday 4th June.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Councillor Craig Emery

Chairman

Cover image: Natasha Williams

Get Involved!



Gobowen Baby & Toddlers

Baby and Toddlers is held at All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen 9.30 – 11.30 every Monday.

Sessions cost £2 per family which includes a hot drink for grown ups and snack and there is no requirement for you to book.

Extra help is always required for our busy sessions, so if you would like to become involved or if you're a family wanting to attend please contact us at gobowentoddlers@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you at our sessions

Carrie, Sophie and Louise.

Local History Group

If anyone is interested in joining an informal group to study the local history of the area, I would be pleased to hear from them. It is possible that there is already such a group, in which case it would be good to make contact.

Please contact me on 07504 174251 or rogerforeman44@gmail.com

Roger Foreman

Friends of Parkies

Friends of Parkies is a monthly support group for everyone affected by Parkinson's (sufferers, partners, family members, friends etc.)

Meetings are held monthly at St Martins Village Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am—12:30pm. The next meeting will be held on 8th June 2022.

We have speakers, fun with shouting and silly facial yoga, loads of information and sharing how to make life that little bit easier with this condition. We have time to chat and a cuppa. Contact Elaine on 07760 685447 for more details.

Elaine

Friends of Parkies

Parish Councillor Vacancies

- ◆ Are you passionate about your local area?
- ◆ Would you like to offer your skills and experience to help shape your community?
- ◆ Are you passionate about services provided to local people?

If you can answer **yes** to these questions, why not consider getting involved and making a difference in your community? Contact the Parish Clerk for more information on 01691 886502 or clerk@selattyn gobowen-pc.gov.uk

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Mobile Library service

“Owen” mobile library stops visits Hengoed and Selattyn on a fortnightly basis, stopping at City Lane, Middle Hengoed (9:30am—9:55am) and The Docks, Selattyn (10:05am—10:15am).

Upcoming dates:

31 May

14 & 28 June

12 & 26 July

9 & 23 August



Tel: 01743 255024 for more information.

Gobowen WI

It is now nearly nine months since we began our meetings afresh following the Covid lockdown and restrictions. We began cautiously by sanitising our hands, and wearing our masks throughout the meeting. In fact our first meeting last September was a ‘bring your own’ supper so that members could easily maintain social distancing. It was wonderful to be able to meet again in person, and even better now we have moved on to not wearing masks unless an individual wants to. So good to see each others’ faces and smiles again. Despite Covid we have gained three new members who have been made to feel most welcome.

Planned meetings for the future are our annual outing in June which will be low key and reflective of the need to reduce fuel usage as well as supporting local

businesses. We intend having ‘fun and games’ (possibly crazy golf and/or bowling) in Cae Glas Park, Oswestry, followed by a buffet at The Old Coffee Pot afterwards. In July we will have our craft, cookery and flower show so ladies are busy making items to display. The September meeting will be a talk by Elizabeth Woodall who will speak about 1,000 years of British food and also cookbooks. It promises to be a most interesting meeting, as will October when we will learn about the work of a magistrate.

As this is the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee year we decided to mark the life of this wonderful woman by supporting women who find themselves in a vulnerable situation. We intend making up shoeboxes filled with necessities and a few ‘goodies’ and to donate them to a local women’s refuge. Already we have learnt of people in the wider community who also want to donate a ‘Jubilee Box’. If you would also like to take part then we will be collecting the boxes at our November meeting.

We are looking forward now to the next few months. If you would like to ‘try’ us out we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in All Saints’ Church Hall, Gobowen. The cost for visitors is £3, to include light refreshments. For further details about Gobowen WI please contact Helen Cattell on 01691 656914.

Helen Catell
President, Gobowen WI

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Road Closure in Selattyn

The Parish Council has been notified of the closure of Glyn Road in Selattyn from 20th July 2022 to 12th August 2022. Severn Trent water are carrying out works to existing water mains and connections. If more details become available, they will be published on the Parish Council website and facebook page.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3 Group)

During the Winter months, the P3 Group continued to make an impression on our local footpaths and byways, by repairing or replacing stiles. As we look forward to the coming growth season, our work will include clearing undergrowth and liaising behind the scenes to open-up Rights-of-Way which have grown into disuse or are blocked or even 'disappeared' in some cases.

The P3 Group was able recently to arrange an urgent fix for a heavy picket gate off its hinges in School Lane, at the public footpath opposite the Primary School. Thanks are due to the Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships Team and support staff for a timely job, very well-done. That footpath is probably the most heavily walked in Gobowen.

Congratulations to Weston Rhyn parishioners and Council for establishing a new P3 Group in their area. Next door to our Parish, there are footpaths of mutual interest and there

will no doubt be a crossflow of ideas and indeed occasions for mutual support.

Meanwhile, as always, the Group would welcome new interest in our valuable community efforts. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Mike McKenna on 07565 528821.

Mike McKenna
P3 Group

Parish Roundabout Distributors

A big thank you to the 6 new volunteers that have joined the Parish Roundabout distribution team. Thank you for volunteering a few hours of your time to deliver this quarterly newsletter in your local area.

Pictured below are Bethy and Ishaan setting out on their bikes to deliver to some of the rural properties around Hengoed.



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We are still looking for volunteers for some of the rural areas around Selattyn—please get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you can help.

Friends of Gobowen School

The Committee have continued to meet and come up with some great fundraising ideas.

Our first pickup of the donation pot in Co-op Gobowen raised £45 - thanks to all the customers who donated their spare pennies.

Thanks also to Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council for their grant of £200.

We've supported Gobowen School by purchasing caterpillar sets for each classroom so the children can watch and learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Over the holidays we organised our latest fundraising activity - an Easter Trail around the village. Thanks to all those who took part and allowed us to host the hidden eggs in their windows.

Our Summer Fete will be held on Friday July 1st from 3pm to 6pm at Gobowen School. Look out for further details on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter.

We are currently busy planning events for the year ahead and are looking for any ideas for Autumn & Winter.



We are always on the lookout for new members to join the committee or help out at events. If you are interested, please drop us a message via our Facebook page.

Spring on the Old Racecourse Common 2022.

We have had our share of storms this spring, Dudley, Eunice, then Franklin which was the worst regarding tree damage. The Shropshire Countryside Team came up with their chainsaws and made the area safe and also removed a lot of the Birch saplings from among the Whinberry bushes by the carpark, this will encourage their growth and spread, the tiny flowers and later the berries are a valuable food source for wildlife.

In February, a group came up to do a survey on insects, the Wyre Volunteers are a specialist group of monitors doing important work on various sites. Among other things, they found a Juniper Shield Bug on the conifer in the corner of the old paddock, apparently quite rare. We hope to receive a copy of their report in the near future, it will be interesting to see what else they found.

There has been a good laying of frogspawn this year but the Byg pond is looking quite dry. It is quite overgrown with flag iris and rushes – so it is a project for the future.

There is a wide variety of birds on the

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Racecourse common, the mistle thrush, garden warbler, bullfinch, tree creeper, brambling, lesser spotted woodpecker and goldcrest are all regulars here.

Bumblebees have started to emerge after a long winter tucked up in holes somewhere and sometimes a butterfly, when the sun shines in sheltered places.

Wood anemones, celandine and wood sorrel flower here, and we are all looking forward to the bluebells in May, which lie in drifts under the trees all along the Racecourse.

The Oswestry Racecourse Management Association (made up of volunteers from residents, commoners, Shropshire Countryside Team and other interested groups) will start conducting their bi-annual site visits in April to check on the condition of the site and to schedule any jobs that can be done by the group or the Shropshire Countryside Team this year.

Visitors up to the Racecourse will have spotted a new bench at the top of the North Common. This is a popular area to sit and take in the view over to the welsh hills but there had previously been only one bench. There have been several requests in the past to site benches in memoriam which had been refused but a new policy will allow one or two more benches to be sited around the common in pre selected areas which will overlook other views of the surrounding countryside. There is already a waiting list at this time.

Night frosts and the odd snow shower up

here have delayed leaf growth and blossom slightly, we are usually about three weeks behind Oswestry up here, but we are into spring now, but beware .

On Back Racecourse Lane there are some potholes, circled with white paint, (smaller holes left to mature before qualifying for repair), and there are some whoppers on the tarmac edge of the lane heading from the car park to the cross roads, so if you come that way, please use the track entrances to pull over to allow cars to pass, rather than try to pass each other on the lane. Your springs and axles will thank you!

Oswestry Racecourse Management
Association

Three Parishes Big Local

Grants

The Big Grants scheme is now closed. Grants of up to £500 are still available through the Community Chest grants scheme and the Business support grants until mid May. Please get in touch if you would like any more information about either of these.

The Happiness Club (Emotional

Management programme for children)

The children in St Martins Primary school really enjoyed and benefitted from this at the start of the new year. The young people who missed out on transition to St Martins upper school are soon to start this programme.

Health & Wellbeing

Following on from the Functional Fitness sessions a Postural Stability Class has started in St Martins Community Centre

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on Tuesdays, 1-2.30. For more information or to book a place call Shelly on 07565529134.

There is also a weekly exercise class in Gobowen, Mondays 2 – 3. For more information or to book a place call Reg on 07854258087.

Mental Health First Aid

Looking after our Mental Health is just as important as our physical health and wellbeing. With this in mind, if there is interest and enthusiasm we would like to support ensuring there are Mental Health First aiders in businesses and workplaces across the Three Parishes Big Local area. Please do get in touch if you would like more information or if this is something you are interested in.

My Money Matters

This service is available 3 days a week and offers residents of the Three Parishes Big Local area free, confidential, support and advice identifying any benefits and/or tax relief they may be entitled to. So far, this has helped residents receive over £700k they previously didn't know how to, or that they could claim. If your household situation has changed and / or you think you maybe entitled to any government support and/or reductions on what you're paying, or just need some help with filling in forms, do get in touch with Karen. As restrictions continue to lift this service has returned to each village, and continues to be available over the phone for those living or working in the Three Parishes. This service is run by the CAS

on behalf of 3PBL. The current timetable is available on our website, FB page and the village notice boards. For more information or to arrange a telephone appointment, contact Karen Williams Mon-Weds from 9-5 on 07526 169 305 or 01743 644 941.

Three Parishes Means Business

Paul Newman of Be a Better Fish and JC's Careers Services is still available to help residents affected by job loss or job insecurity, as well as being on hand to assist residents with their new small business or changes to business after Covid.

If anyone would like to know more about the support available, please contact the Be a Better Fish Club via www.beabetterfish.com or call Paul directly on 07534 975 440.

Please get in touch if you would like any more information about any of the projects or anything Big Local, we would love to hear from you

Contact Tiz on 07709 674 619, 01691 656882 or email: t.deakin@qube-oca.org.uk. Find us on Facebook 3PBigLocal or our website www.big-local.org

Tiz Deakin

Belated Thank you

Many thanks to Plas Issa Vets for the article published in the February Roundabout magazine about clearing up after your dog on farmland. The Editorial team would like to apologise for not crediting the article to Plas Issa Vets when it was published.

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Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Graham Edwards Memorial trophy. Last year over £8000 was raised .

The 2022 tournament will start on Sunday 10th July and will run until Sunday 31st July when the final will take place.

The draw and fixtures will be announced soon , so keep a lookout in the local press and our Facebook page .

As most of you are aware the tournament started in 1975 after Graham sadly lost his life to leukaemia. This first tournament raised £100. With changes to the committee, guest appearances from Gary Lineker, Ian Rush, Paul Merson and many more sporting legends, and 48 years of continued support from the teams and our community the total raised so far is £159000

We are proud to be one of the longest running charity football competitions.

Finally we would like to welcome you all back to the 2022 tournament and hope to see the many new faces in the village attending and supporting us in exchange for some exciting football and entertainment.

Without the continued support from the community this would not be possible. Thank you.

Wayn Martayn
Committee

THANK YOU to

All those people who pick up litter from the playing field and in other areas of the parish. Your public spirit is much appreciated.

Fairfield Close

At the Parish Council meeting on 13th April, Councillors and members of the public heard a presentation from STAR Housing about the future of Fairfield Close. Members of the public had an opportunity to voice their concerns.

The Parish Council have committed to keeping the community informed and will negotiate with STAR Housing for a public meeting later in the year.

The following is an update received from STAR Housing for publishing in this magazine.

Update from STAR Housing

Ayyaz Ahmed, Head of Neighbourhoods at STAR Housing attended the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13 April 2022. This was an opportunity to listen to residents about the potential redevelopment of Fairfield Close. Ayyaz on behalf of STAR Housing, wanted to thank all the people who attended the meeting for taking the time to express their thoughts.

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What is going to happen to the residents?

The current residents of Fairfield Close are being supported individually to help them consider what they would need if Fairfield Close is redeveloped and any move required. STAR Housing have a full time Community Support Officer now working on the Project and they will make sure that each individual resident is able to achieve their needs and preferences for a new home, be it the new build scheme at Weston Rhyn, STAR Housing's other sites or with other landlords. STAR is also working closely with everyone to make sure that residents will have all the help they need logistically for any move required.

What is going to happen to Fairfield Close once it's empty? Are you just going to put a massive block of flats up?

There are no firm plans for Fairfield Close at the moment. A comprehensive feasibility study is to be completed, which will help inform future plans. This will take several months to complete.

STAR expects to submit a formal planning application by the end of this year, following consultation and continuous engagement with the Parish Council, the Community and other local partner agencies.

Why are you knocking Fairfield Close down? Why can't you redevelop it like other places?

STAR understands from community feedback that Fairfield Close is valued

as a supportive community. Balancing the needs of the community with an increased demand for quality housing that meets modern needs is at the forefront of our development plans.

Unfortunately, the estate is simply no longer suitable for modern living; properties are small and don't meet expected space standards. There have been issues with the popularity of the scheme when vacancies have arisen in the past. Upgrading Fairfield Close is not a viable option as the existing properties cannot meet these demands for space and thermal efficiency.

New homes with more modern designs and technologies will help maximise energy efficiency whilst making sure that the scheme meets expectations of the future population of Gobowen.

STAR Housing

Shropshire Council Library Strategy Report

At a Shropshire Council meeting on March 23rd 2022 the Council agreed a strategy for its libraries.

The Council's aim of this strategy is to broaden the scope of the services on offer within the library service. It is hoped to be encouraging a more diverse age range of people to use the service.

They had previously held a survey amongst library users.

The survey showed that people valued the library service and felt it was an important asset to their community

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Most of the 900 responses came from females aged over 60. Very few from people under 30 years of age.

The Council's view is that a library should become a community hub the 'go to' place where users would have access to other services or information on where services could be available.

Council will be asking staff to change their way of working.

To achieve this, the council will be fitting self-service machines into libraries where suitable. Self service machines are not to replace staff but will allow them to develop other skills. Staff will be freed up to develop and enhance other services.

Opening hours of certain libraries could be changed to include opening later, whatever suits the local community that they serve.

Some libraries will share accommodation with other services.

Shropshire Council stressed that this was not a cost cutting exercise but their budget has been reduced.

Some rural areas may lose their library service and some mobile libraries will be redirecting their service.

The next stage of this strategy is to go out to public consultation. The public consultation will be tailored to individual libraries to cater for their individual needs

It is very important that we continue to

be aware of possible problems for our library service in Gobowen. A lot of the possible changes that Shropshire Council wish to implement would not be suitable or possible in Gobowen library.

Sylvia Dyke

Parkinsons in the Marches

wishes to thank Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council for their donation of £50, which covered the costs of having a demonstration of the Charco Neurotec CUE1 device—a device to reduce the symptoms in Parkinsons.

We had an amazing turnout of 53 people at St Martins Village Hall, and the demonstration gave many of us hope . Thankyou.

Elaine Payne

Youth Volunteer Scheme at RJAH

The League of Friends at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt hospital has launched Future Friends—a volunteer scheme to help break down barriers to volunteering and provide volunteering opportunities for those aged 16-25.

Volunteering opportunities currently available include opportunities in the vaccination centre, coffee shop, gardening, retail, fundraising and acting as a ward friend or MRI assistant.

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Oswestry Chronic Illness Network

Oswestry Chronic Illness Network is a peer support group for those with chronic illness.

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Examples of chronic illnesses are MS, POTS, Endometriosis, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome / ME and many many more.

Like most things there is a spectrum. From those with very little symptoms to those who are bed ridden. What we all have in common though is that no one

else understands what it is like to survive chronic pain, chronic fatigue, brain fog etc. That is what our group is for—a link to people who understand each other.

We meet on zoom fortnightly and in person monthly. We have plans for other events too.

You can find us on Facebook or email gemmaacassin@hotmail.co.uk for more information

Oswestry Community Games

12th June

We are holding the 10th annual Oswestry Community Games on Sunday 12th June, 11am-4pm.

It is a free day for everyone in Oswestry and surrounding areas, to take part in and watch demonstrations/displays from many local sports clubs, dance and arts groups.

We will also have a local band playing for us throughout the day.

Held in Cae Glas Park, it is a wonderful day of coming together to see what our area has to offer.

Lots of clubs hold “have a go sessions” where everyone can join in and get information on how to join the clubs and societies that are there on the day

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News from the Parish Council

2022 Consultation

Over the coming months, the Parish Council will be seeking the views of residents to help develop the Council's long term plan of investment and improvements across the parish. We would like to hear your ideas about how we can best develop the areas for local people.

In February's Roundabout magazine we advertised two consultation events : **Saturday 21st May 10am-12noon at the Pavilion, Gobowen Playing Fields** and **Wednesday 25th May at The Last Inn, Hengoed from 7pm.**

These events may already have taken

place by the time you receive your May edition of the Parish Roundabout but, if not, please do come along to one of these events.

There will also be other opportunities to have your say. Look out for more details in future editions of the Parish Roundabout magazine and on parish noticeboards or take the time to speak with your Parish Councillors when they attend local events.

Dogs on Gobowen Playing Fields

The Parish Council is often contacted about dogs and dog walkers on the Playing Field.

The Playing Field is a community facility

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News from the Parish Council



and everyone using the field has a right to enjoy their surroundings and feel safe. Dog walking is welcomed on the field but all dog walkers are asked to:

- Keep dogs on a lead. This is clearly signposted at the entrances to the playing fields
- Keep dogs away from the children's play area and out of the sports court.
- Keep dogs off the football pitch wherever possible
- ALWAYS clean up after your dog and place all dog poo bags in the bins positioned at each entrance.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council considers grant applications from local organisations, community groups and charities at the March meeting each year. This year saw the first grants being awarded from the new Roundabout Community Fund, set up to invest the surplus funds that remained when the Community Meals service came to a natural end. The following grants were awarded from this new fund:

£1000 to the foodbank operating from Preeshenlle United Reformed Church,
£1000 to Signal UK for an exciting new

project to support the deaf and hard of hearing community in the parish, and **£352** for new equipment for the youth café managed by The New Saints FC Community Foundation.

Grants from the regular Parish Council Grants fund were awarded to Parkinson's in the Marches, Selattyn Produce and Craft Show, Friends of Gobowen School, The New Saints FC Community Foundation and Crane Quality Counselling.

Selattyn Burial Ground, All Saints Church, Gobowen and St Mary's Church, Selattyn each received **£250** towards the costs of cemetery grounds maintenance.

The total value of grants awarded was over **£5,000**. The purpose and value of each grant is published in the minutes of the March meeting, available on the Parish Council website www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk.

Defibrillator locations

If you had to find a defibrillator in the parish in an emergency, would you know where to go? If you use what3words, why not save the following locations in your app? :

Gobowen Post Office ///space.sped.imported
Selattyn Glyn Rd ///hunk.agreement.guessing
Last Inn, Hengoed ///animator.tour.brew

If you know of any other public access defibrillators in the parish, please pass this information on to the Parish Council.

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Oswestry Rural North

oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



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07870 219518



PCSO
David Hughes
07870 219190



PCSO
Pete Roberts
07870 219019

Oil Thefts -Crime Prevention Advice

Following a recent spike in crude oil prices the cost of heating oil has also increased, leading to an increase in theft offences involving heating oil.

Reports have been received relating to thefts from tanks at properties and commercial premises in rural locations.

The risk of oil theft can be reduced by taking some or all of the following measures.

Implement a fuel management system with key or code access and alarm features

Ensure the tank is overlooked with natural and physical surveillance such as lighting and CCTV

Reduce access points by locking gates and blocking unused access

Install anti-siphoning devices and locking fuel caps

Restrict access to the site where the tank is kept by locking gates, installing fencing and bollards

Also consider general security around your farm yard, home or construction site. Those involved in fuel theft won't think twice about stealing machinery, tools and quad bikes too

Ensure items of value are stored securely and out of view

Use motion sensor lighting and alarms in sensitive areas

Improve natural surveillance, increasing the view of sensitive areas

Consider investing in remote monitoring systems and CCTV

Use clamps or locks on quads and off

Police and Crime

road bikes when not in use

Consider installing immobilisers, tracker systems and forensic vehicle marking products

Take Five Over Tea

The aim of Take Five Over Tea is to encourage people to put the kettle on and sit down with their parents/grandparents or anyone else they think may be particularly vulnerable to financial fraud, whether that's in the comfort of their own home or even virtually!

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resources to help you protect your loved ones against fraud and scams and the devastating affects that they can have on those who fall for them.

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News from other organisations

Qube

Qube is your local charity. We aim to make things better for people in the local area through community transport, social groups, art exhibitions and workshops, care information and volunteering.

Do you struggle to get out and about? Our Dial-a-Ride service offers door to door transport in and around the Gobowen and Selattyn areas. Supported by our friendly team of volunteer drivers, our minibuses and community cars can take you to doctors or hair appointments, shopping or to visit friends and family, to name a few places.

Our building in Oswald Road, Oswestry is fully accessible. We have information on a wide range of local services on display. We are always looking for new ways to help people stay connected, meet new friends and get the support they need. Our two weekly social groups are both fun and friendly places to meet new people and try out some fun activities. We also have a telephone befriending service for those who prefer to stay at home.

Are you thinking of volunteering? Take a look at our online database of volunteering opportunities in your local area or arrange to chat with our Volunteering Officer, who would be happy to discuss different opportunities with you.

Qube is here to help you so please get in touch or pop in if you think we can help

you or someone you know. You can find out more at www.qube-oca.org.uk, by calling us on 01691 656882 or emailing info@qube-oca.org.uk.

Home Composting

Homemade compost is a fantastic resource for our gardens. It can be used as a soil improver, a mulch, or to make a potting mix.

It improves soil structure, improving drainage in clay soils and aiding moisture retention in sandy soils. It provides valuable nutrients to our garden plants in a readily available form, encouraging healthy growth and pest/disease resistance. As an organic addition to our gardens it increases biological activity in the soil, vital to a healthy garden.

Composting at home can help reduce our financial outlay on shop bought compost and fertilisers.

In addition to these benefits home composting is also environmentally sustainable. Roughly 40% of our household waste sent to landfill can actually be composted. We still send huge amounts of biodegradable waste to landfill, so by composting at home we can do our bit for the planet by taking responsibility for some of the waste we produce. A bokashi bin can enable us to compost food waste safely, reducing still further what we individually send to landfill. Home compost is the ultimate in recycling!

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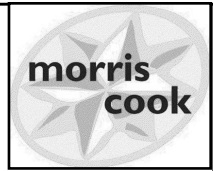


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Llanfechain, Old School	18:23		↑
Llansantffraid, opp Station Grill	18:27		↑
Carreghofa, opp School	18:33		↑
Llanymynech, Dolphin	18:35		↑
Pant, Cross Guns	18:38		↑
Llynclys, Dolgoch	18:42		↑
Porthwaen, opp Lime Kiln	18:44		↑
Treflach, Royal Oak	18:48		↑
Trefonen, Barley Mow	18:50		↑
Coed-Y-Go	18:52		↑
Morda, Miner's Arms	18:55		↑
Oswestry, Park Gates	18:58		↑
Oswestry, Willow St - ARRIVES	19:00		00:45

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Oswestry, Willow St - DEPARTS	20:00	23:30
Upper Hengoed, Last Inn	20:06	23:36
Weston Rhyn, The Plough	20:11	23:38
Gledrid Roundabout, Lord Morton	20:13	23:41
St Martins, The Keys	20:16	23:43
Gobowen, Old Whittington Rd	20:22	23:46
Whittington, Ye Olde Boote	20:27	23:52
Park Hall, The Venue	20:32	23:57
Unicorn Rd, The Unicorn	20:36	
Maes-y-Clawdd, Table Table	20:39	
Weston, Stonehouse Brewery	20:42	
Morda, Miner's Arms	20:44	
Oswestry, Park Gates	20:48	
Oswestry, Willow St - ARRIVES	20:50	

Night Bus returns to Willow St stopping on request.

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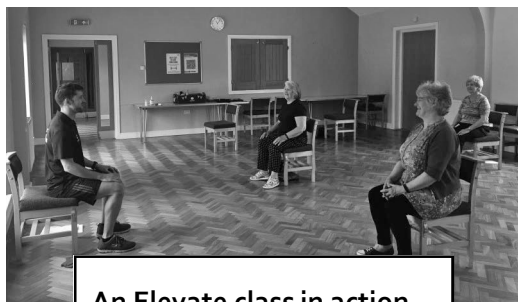
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Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Active Partnership

Elevate classes from Energize

A new series of strength and balance classes designed to help older adults gain confidence by boosting their mobility and helping to maintain independence, is being launched across Shropshire.

The Elevate classes, run by active partnership Energize and funded by Shropshire Council, aim to help reduce the risk of falls, taking pressure off the NHS.



An Elevate class in action

They are specifically for people aged 60 or over and have already helped more than 1,000 people since being launched in 2018.

The new season sees the programme

expanding into even more Shropshire communities, with classes planned at various locations including Oswestry and St Martins.

Elevate is an evidence-based programme, proven to increase strength and improve balance, therefore, reducing the risk of falls. The classes will also address deconditioning post lockdown, helping to maintain independence and improve overall well-being.

Anyone interested in the classes must complete a one-page referral form which can be found on the website energizestw.org.uk/elevate or by ringing the team on 07852 871589 for a form to be posted to you

Once the completed referral forms have been received, Energize will invite you to attend a pre-class appointment to ensure the class is totally suitable.



**COST
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Cost of living help

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities is affecting many households in Shropshire and it is a worrying time for everyone.

News from other organisations

To help, Shropshire Council has brought together a number of useful links, tips and pointers on where and how people can find help across the county

www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/

This will help people see the range of services Shropshire Council and partner organisations have on offer. This includes a benefits calculator so that people can check whether they're getting the benefits they're entitled to, advice about energy bills and reducing energy costs from the Marches Energy Agency, as well as information about how to manage debt from Citizens Advice.

Shropshire Council also recently announced that every household in council tax bands A to D will receive £150 rebate towards rising energy costs, to be paid from April 2022

Residents in the areas of the parish covered by the Three Parishes Big Local programme (Hengoed and Gobowen) can also access the dedicated My Money Matters service provided by Citizens Advice Shropshire. My Money Matters operates 9am-5pm Monday to Friday through face to face and telephone appointments.

Contact Karen Williams at Citizens Advice Shropshire on 07526 169 305 or 01743 644 941.

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News from other organisations

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Countryside Issues—Advice from NFU

As a largely rural parish, we are fortunate in being able to easily access countryside footpaths and bridleways to enjoy beautiful views, fresh air and exercise.

Many of us also take along our family dogs when out and about. For many, the countryside is a place of work and they rely on it for their livelihood. When walking, it is important that we respect the countryside and follow the Countryside Code.

www.gov.uk/countryside-code

The following article has been provided by the National Farmers Union.

Hundreds of sheep and cattle die as a result of injuries caused by dogs every year and these incidents cause distress for farmers and their livestock.

People find it hard to believe that their pet can be a danger to livestock but whatever their temperament, dogs have a chase instinct that can be triggered by the sight or movement of farm animals.

The great animal loving people of Selattyn and Gobowen parish would be horrified to see what damage an uncontrolled dog can do.

Other indirect injuries can occur as a consequence of animals stumbling and suffering from broken limbs or lacerations as they try to escape through fencing, hedges or wire to get away from the animal that is chasing them; dogs can

also cause serious distress to pregnant livestock causing them to abort.

We love people visiting the countryside, sticking to the Countryside Code of course, and it's great for people's mental health and wellbeing.

We saw the number of visitors swell during Covid lockdown, which was great but as well as a fabulous place to visit the countryside is a working landscape where we are busy producing high quality food.

We are acutely aware that when dogs are off the lead around livestock it can have disastrous effects.

The National Farmers' Union (NFU) has worked with the Kennel Club and others on advice for pet owners and we would urge dog walkers to keep their animals under close, effective control and on a short lead when they are near livestock.

We were on farm recently with Graeme Hall, also known as The Dogfather, who is a master dogtrainer and host of Channel 5's *Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly* and he helped put together a national sheep worrying video available online – this helps educate the public about handling their pets around livestock.



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Gobowen Pharmacy	652377
Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre.....	655844
Signature Smiles Dental Practice.....	662719
SHROPDOC NHS Out of Hours.....	111
St Martins Pharmacy.....	778873

Hospitals

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RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital.....	404000
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.....	01743 261000
Wrexham Maelor Hospital.....	01978 291100

Schools, Playgroups and Colleges

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Gobowen All Rounders	653147
Gobowen Primary School	661343
Marches School, Oswestry.....	664400
North Shropshire College, Oswestry.....	688000
Selattyn School	659744
St. Martin's School	776500

Churches

All Saints Church	590564
Preeshenlle United Reformed Church	658016
St. Mary's Church, Selattyn.....	590564
Our Lady & Saint Oswald's Catholic Church.....	652248

Police

Local Police non Emergency.....	101
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PCSO David Hughes.....	07870 219190
PCSO Pete Roberts.....	07870 219019
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111

Veterinary Surgeries

Border Veterinary Centre, Oswestry.....	670395
Park Issa Veterinary Hospital, Oswestry.....	670067
Rhyn Park Vets, St Martins.....	778589

Travel

Arriva	0344 800 4411
Gobowen Station Ticket Office	681010
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950
Owens Coaches, Oswestry.....	652126
Traveline (public transport information)..	0871 200 2233
Dial-a-Ride.....	671571

General

Age UK.....	0800 678 1602
Childline (FREE).....	0800 1111
Citizens Advice Shropshire	0808 278 789444
Gobowen Allotments.....	886502
Domestic Violence Helpline (FREE)	0808 2000 247
Gobowen Library	653388
Shropshire Council (General Enquires)....	0345 678 9000
Qube	656882
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