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Website: [www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk](http://www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk)

Parish Clerk: Bridget Laraway

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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 **10 April 2023**

### Parish Council meetings

Full Council: 8th March 7pm

Full Council: 12th April 7pm

Full Council: 10th May 7pm

Full Council: 14th June 7pm

#### Finance and Executive Committee

22nd March 6pm

#### Amenities and Services Committee

22nd March 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.

### Celebrating the Coronation of HM King Charles III

Are you organising a community event, street party or something similar to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III? The Parish Council has set aside money for grants towards the cost of celebratory events with a straightforward application process. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Please contact the Parish Clerk (see top of this page) for more information and details of how to apply.

### Annual meeting of the Parish

All Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual meeting of the Parish which will be held on **Wednesday 24th May at 7pm** at Gobowen Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen.

Full details of the meeting will be available on noticeboards and the Parish Council website in the coming weeks.

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# Welcome

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Happy New Year & Welcome to the first Roundabout of 2023. I hope you all had a safe & enjoyable Christmas.

For many of us, the cost of living crisis has had an impact and it can be difficult to know where to turn for advice and support. Shropshire Council has produced a leaflet listing details of sources of help and has given permission for the leaflet to be re-printed in this magazine. Please see the **centre pages** for a copy to pull out and keep.

In late 2022 the Parish Council relocated our defibrillator from outside Gobowen Post Office to the Pavilion. This was due to Transport for Wales providing another defibrillator at the train station. The council felt it prudent to move ours, providing greater coverage across Gobowen.

In response to a request from a resident, we have funded a Bleed Kit for Selattyn. We'll monitor how this goes and may look to roll these out to the rest of the Parish.

Last month the Parish Council agreed the budget for 2023/24. The Council agreed to a 2% increase to the Council Tax Precept which equates to an annual increase of £1.31 for a Band D property. Whilst continuing to fund our existing responsibilities, including the production of this Parish Roundabout newsletter, the Council has also committed:

- £700 to purchase two additional bins (Shropshire Council responsibility)
- £19101 to continue the replacement of concrete streetlight columns
- £11000 to complete erosion prevention works on River Perry to ensure the playing fields remain safe
- £1000 to fund the development of a Youth Work Programme

See **pages 20** and **21** for a summary of the 2023/24 budget and fees.

Councillor Mandy Lloyd stepped down from the Parish Council in January. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Mandy for her service to our community during her time as Councillor. The Parish Council will be co-opting to fill this vacancy — keep an eye on local noticeboards and our facebook page for the deadline for applications, or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Finally, we're looking for a volunteer to help produce the quarterly Parish Roundabout magazine. A summary of the role is shown at the top of **page 4**. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to find out more.

**Cllr Craig Emery**  
**Chairman**

*Cover image: Neil Evans*

# New Year, New Opportunities

## Parish Roundabout Magazine

Fancy getting involved with formatting and producing the Parish Roundabout magazine? We're looking for a volunteer sub-editor to help produce the quarterly magazine. Full details of the opportunity are available from the Parish Clerk but, in a nutshell, it will involve arranging the news articles, events, photos, adverts and community information to best effect for each edition.

Full role details are available on our website or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01691 886502 or [clerk@selattyn gobowen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@selattyn gobowen-pc.gov.uk).

## Oswestry Ladies Choir

After a very successful Christmas Concert on December 14th in All Saints' Church Gobowen, Oswestry Ladies Choir, which rehearses in All Saints' Church Hall has resumed rehearsals for their Summer Concert to be held on 10th June 2023 in the Memorial Hall Oswestry.

There will be a splendid programme of beautiful light hearted songs by many famous songwriters.

The choir is very versatile and can assure the audience of a very pleasing evening of well known songs. There will surely be something for everyone in this



lovely summer concert.

The choir welcomes new members, sopranos and altos to join this friendly versatile choir.

Come along and hear us, you may enjoy what you hear.

Please contact the Musical Director on 01691 654802 or [davidjaffray@aol.com](mailto:davidjaffray@aol.com) for further information.

Dawn Jaffray  
Musical Director

## Poppy Appeal Volunteers needed

POPPY APPEAL ORGANISING ROLE—Each year thousands of wonderful volunteers descend on high streets, train stations and local supermarkets across the country to help raise vital funds during the Poppy Appeal. This role involves the organisation, planning, and delivery of the Poppy Appeal within Oswestry, Gobowen, Whittington, Kinnerley and Nescliffe. This role is suited to people who are passionate about our Armed Forces, keen to help their community take part in Remembrance and have organisational skills to put to good use.

POPPY BOX DELIVERIES ORGANISER – this involves ordering the stock and prepping to make ready, contacting schools, businesses etc to organise delivery of poppies and





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collecting tins, arranging the volunteers who take out the boxes of poppies and collecting tins across the district, supplying the volunteers with paperwork for each round of deliveries, topping up stores who run out of stock, and arranging for the volunteers to bring everything back in after the appeal. Once the funds are counted you then supply the volunteers with the totals to inform the local community.

All training is provided, plus the local community fundraiser is on hand to walk you through the whole process. Local volunteers who do the deliveries are in place, this is an organisational role to support the volunteers. Local knowledge, references and access to a vehicle are required. Pre-arranged expenses are paid for. For more information or to register your interest, please email [JKomiatis@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:JKomiatis@britishlegion.org.uk)

Jenny Komiatis

## Mobile Library service

“Owen” mobile library 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).

Tel: 01743 255024 for more information.



## Upcoming dates:

7 & 21 March , 4 & 18 April

2, 16 & 30 May

## **Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

Notwithstanding seriously inclement weather during recent weeks, the P3 Group has been out repairing public footpath installations across the Parish. Work has included replacing stile steps near Offa’s Dyke in Selattyn, rebuilding a bridge step, erecting a finger post and helping out with much needed vegetation clearance at Oswestry Racecourse (North) and by the ‘Black Bridge’ in Gobowen.

Clearly, footpaths have been more used during and since Covid. That has resulted in much wear and tear particularly on timber stiles, some of which are many years old. Walkers are asked as always to report any ‘problem’ stiles on the Shropshire Council website. The P3 Group will then be asked, where appropriate, to rectify matters and, in some cases, to install galvanised kissing gates.

Finally, a word about cattle. There are frequent newspaper reports of walkers, especially when accompanied by dogs, becoming the focus of unwanted attention, which sadly sometimes leads to injury. Whereas the P3 group has the advantage of numbers, and usually an escape route, there is always a risk

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around cows with their calves and from a solitary animal. Farm animals are unpredictable, so please while enjoying our many Public Rights of Way, stay aware, keep your eyes open and be prepared to adjust your route on the day!

Mike McKenna (07565 528821)  
P3 Co-ordinator



P3 group wondering if they could straighten up a standing stone

## Gobowen Allotments

As the winter is now nearly over we, as allotment holders, are looking forward to a new growing season. We seem to be always doing battle with different elements of the weather, but we are always trying to improve our crops each year. It is this that make us allotment holders a special breed.

Gobowen has had allotments now for well over 10 years and they have proved to be very popular. If you're interested in becoming an allotment holder, contact the Parish Clerk who will put your name on the waiting list.

We had a very successful meeting this January, (the first since Covid) welcoming a number of new allotment members and we are all looking forward to getting our spades working again.

Being a friendly bunch we sometimes have a social gathering such as a BBQ. This year we are going to do a special on the coronation weekend on Volunteers Day, Monday 8th May. This being a popular time for planting and sowing, perhaps we can swap and exchange seedlings etc, as well as having a good social afternoon with a little food and drink.

Mike Harrington  
Chairman

## Gobowen Community Group

In mid December, we held a free Christmas Party at the Working Men's Club in Gobowen for 80 children from the village.

The children played games, had a disco, and even had the chance to meet Santa and his elf.

Special thanks to the Working Men's Club who kindly opened early to host the party, Make a Wish Parties who supported us with an amazing Elf and to all the volunteers who helped to make the day so special!



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We're currently in the planning stages for 2023 but hope to again provide several events throughout the year including a Summer Event in July and Bonfire Night in October. For further information keep an eye out on our FB page.

## Community Speedwatch

I'd like to thank the 7 volunteers that have registered to be involved. We are now waiting clearance from West Mercia Police to go ahead and will start training as soon as possible.

Hopefully, it won't be too long before you see active community speedwatch teams in the village! If anyone else is interested in joining, please contact me on 07971 208054.

Clr Craig Emery

## Selattyn and Gobowen Local History Group

We have discovered that some old copies of the Parish Roundabout included articles on Local History. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find previous issues of the magazine, either recent, or dating back to the previous century. Does anybody have a store of these hidden away, or know where we might be able to find some? If so, we would be glad to hear from you. Do please get in touch. We would only want to be able to copy relevant sections.

We would also be interested to hear from anybody who is able to share histories of older houses in the district. They need not be that old. We have a reference to someone who bought their first house in Gobowen in the 1930s. It was new built, semi-detached and required a £50 deposit and weekly repayments of 10/- (50p).

Do come and join us or get in touch (rogerforeman44@gmail.com or ring 07504 174251). Our next meeting will be on 23rd March at 7.30pm, venue to be decided.

Roger Foreman



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## THANK YOU to

All those people who pick up litter from all areas of the parish, helping to keep our footpaths, green spaces and lanes looking tidy.

### Friends of Gobowen School

Since our last update FOGS organised a Christmas fayre at school on 9th December which was a great success. The committee planned a Christmas grotto to see Santa, as well as Christmas games and food stalls inside the hall.

Lots of time was spent creating games, building structures, and making up Christmas themed goodies for the stalls leading up to the event. The afternoon was very successful and we are delighted to say this event raised £1,987.68.

We would like to thank the parents, staff and children for their continued support and help making the fayre a special afternoon for the children.

FOGS got together in the new year to start looking at plans for the rest of the school year. We are still in the planning stage, but we are hoping to get dates set to include cake sales, a school disco and a summer fete. We have also been in discussion



about supporting a project for a school uniform exchange, where parents can donate pre loved uniforms/coats. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page or school gazette for dates and details.

### Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group

We have a varied programme of meetings coming up. New members and visitors welcome. Meetings start at 7:30pm, admission £3. For more information, contact Polly Smith on 01691 239087.

March 16th: Wildlife in my Garden (Gobowen Pavilion)

April 20th : Life on a British Antarctica Base ( St John's Church, Weston Rhyn)

May 18th: Swifts and House Martins (St Martins Centre)

June 15th: Guided walk around Ellesmere Lakes.

### Severn Dee Travel at Gobowen Railway Station

The railway station in Gobowen is at the heart of the community. A Gateway to the area and a lifeline for many in reaching their jobs, education and healthcare.

But it's not that common to see staffed railway stations in rural areas. The reason we have one at Gobowen is because it's operated in a totally different way. It's not the train company that offers the booking office or waiting

# Cafe in the Church

## St Mary's Church

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2nd Wednesday of the month

2:30pm - 4:30pm



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place

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# Gobowen Community

# Cafe

FREE

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## 2.30 - 4.30pm

in term-time

All Saints' Church Hall, Gobowen

Drop in for a warm  
welcome, a cuppa,  
chat and cake.



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room at the station but a community Company, Severn Dee Travel which is managed by a Board of 6 Directors all of which are volunteers.



It's all paid for by earning a small commission each time it sells a rail ticket there. That commission keeps it open as it pays the staff wages, the rent on the building, the heating bills etc, etc.

So next time you want to travel by rail please consider purchasing your ticket direct from us at the booking office and keeping these facilities open.

Remember we also have the newly refurbished café there serving hot and cold food every weekday. Run by Derwen College they also have cakes and preserves on offer, all made at the college. Everyone is welcome, residents or passengers.

The Booking office and waiting room are open from 6am to 3pm Monday to Friday and from 7.15am to 12pm on Saturdays.

We can also be contacted on [sra@btconnect.com](mailto:sra@btconnect.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Gobowen Bonfire Night

This year's event will take place on Sunday 29th October. More details coming soon....

Gobowen Community Group

## Spring & Easter

at St Mary's & All Saints'

### Mothering Sunday Activity Service – 19th March

A family-friendly activity service in thanks for those who care for us.  
9:30am, St Mary's Selattyn. 11am, All Saints' Gobowen.

### Maundy Thursday Communion – 6th April 6pm, St Mary's Selattyn.

### Good Friday Family Easter Event – 7th April

A family activity service with crafts, songs and food.  
11am-12pm, St Mary's Selattyn. 4-5pm, All Saints' Gobowen.

### Good Friday Meditation – 7th April 2pm, St Mary's Selattyn.

Easter Sunday All Age Celebration Communion – 9th April  
9:30am, St Mary's Selattyn and 11am, All Saints' Gobowen.

**FAMILY EASTER EVENT**

Good Friday (7th April)  
11am-12pm St Mary's, 4-5pm All Saints'

Explore Easter together, with songs, activities and all-together times. Finishing with refreshments and snacks.

[www.selattynchurch.org.uk](http://www.selattynchurch.org.uk)      [www.allsaintsgobowen.uk](http://www.allsaintsgobowen.uk)

The graphic features a stylized background with a landscape and a church. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

### Vandalism to Broadband equipment

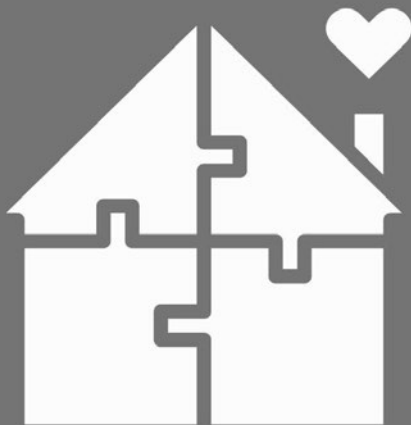
Over the last few weeks, fibre optic cables have been vandalised in Selattyn, where they have been cut on numerous occasions. The cables belong to the broadband provider, Airband. This damage is preventing the rollout of ultrafast broadband to many properties in Selattyn and the wider community, impacting many homes and businesses. This targeted criminal damage is very disappointing and the police have been informed. If you witness any suspicious behaviour, please report it to West Mercia Police on 101, quoting reference 00297\_I\_20112023.

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## Parish Defibrillators

In November, the defibrillator that was located at the Post Office was moved to the Pavilion at the Playing Fields. The Parish Council took this decision as Transport for Wales has installed a defibrillator next to the level crossing, less than 100m away from the Post Office. Moving the Parish Council defibrillator to the Pavilion has provided better coverage across the village.

There are now defibrillators at the following locations in the parish. The What3Words address is also provided.

Level Crossing, Gobowen

**[library.geologist.convert](#)**

Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen

**[toolkit.sailing.rhino](#)**

The Last Inn

**[animator.tour.brew](#)**

Telephone Kiosk, Glyn Rd, Selattyn

**[tentacles.lifetime.police](#)**

If you are aware of any other Public Access Defibrillators in the parish that can be added to the list, please get in touch.

### What to do in an Emergency

The British Heart Foundation advice if you are dealing with a patient that is unconscious / not breathing is to:

1. Dial 999
2. Start CPR

When you dial 999, the ambulance

service will direct you to the nearest available defibrillator that is in service.

On rare occasions defibrillators can be out of service (for example if they have already been collected for another emergency or if they have been removed for maintenance). The Ambulance service's records should always be up to date so they can direct you to the nearest defibrillator.

### Bleed control kit.

The Parish Council has recently purchased and installed a Bleed Control Kit alongside the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk on Glyn Road in Selattyn. Bleed control kits can be used by members of the public if someone suffers a catastrophic bleed. They contain equipment to provide first aid to reduce blood loss until professional medical help arrives.

### **Do you have a few minutes to spare?**

Why not watch these videos about how to use a defibrillator or a Bleed Control kit? Scan the QR codes to access the videos.



# Worrying about money?

Support is available in Shropshire



Three steps to find options and places to get help

## Step 1: What's the problem?

### I suddenly have no money

- Lost job or reduced hours
- Money stopped
- Lost money
- Unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Sanctioned (see option: 5)

See options 1 2 6

### My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food, fuel, and mobile credit
- Low income
- Zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance

See options 1 2

### I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax
- Gas and electricity
- Payday loans
- Owe friends or family
- Benefit repayments

See option 3

### I am waiting on a benefit payment or advance

- New claim for benefit
- Payment delayed
- Waiting for decision

See options 1 4

## Step 2: What are some options?

### 1 Council Support Schemes

People on low incomes may be eligible for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support and Discretionary Housing Payments. Find out more at:  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits)

Local Welfare Provision support is also available for anyone struggling to meet their essential living costs or facing an unexpected crisis. Find out more at:  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-welfare-team](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-welfare-team)

### 2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice. A benefit check can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you find cheaper deals on things like gas and electricity and make sure you're not missing out on things like free school meals.

### 3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

## Step 3: Where can I get help? For free and confidential advice

#### SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Advice on Housing Benefit, Discretionary Housing Payments and Council Tax Support  
0345 678 9002 (Benefit Service)  
[benefits@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@shropshire.gov.uk)  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits)

Help with options: 1

Advice on local welfare provision  
0345 678 9078 (Welfare Support Team)  
[localsupport@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:localsupport@shropshire.gov.uk)  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-welfare-team](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-welfare-team)

Help with options: 1

#### CITIZENS ADVICE SHROPSHIRE

Advice on benefits, debt, housing and more  
0808 278 7894 (freephone)  
Text: 0800 144 8884 (freephone)  
01743 280 019 (debt advice)  
[www.cabshropshire.org.uk](http://www.cabshropshire.org.uk)

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

#### A4U

Information, legal advice and advocacy for those with a disability and their families and carers  
01743 539 201 | [advice@a4u.org.uk](mailto:advice@a4u.org.uk)  
[www.a4u.org.uk](http://www.a4u.org.uk)

Help with options: 2 4 6

#### AGE UK SHROPSHIRE TELFORD & WREKIN

Support and advice for older people, their families and carers  
01743 233 123  
[www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford)

Help with options: 2 4 6

#### CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Debt counselling charity  
01274 760 720 | [info@capuk.org](mailto:info@capuk.org)  
[www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

Help with options: 2 3

#### KEEP SHROPSHIRE WARM

Energy advice and support with energy tariffs, bills, emergency grants and more  
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Help with option: 3



## 4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

## 5 Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the DWP. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of JobSeekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

## 6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

## Other Support

**Community Resource**  
Energy advice and small grants for people struggling with fuel bills  
01743 360 641  
enquiries@community-resource.org.uk  
www.community-resource.org.uk

**The Shropshire Larder**  
Advice on income maximisation, budgeting, debt and more  
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**The Shrewsbury Ark**  
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01743 363 305  
ark@shrewsburyark.co.uk  
www.shrewsburyark.co.uk

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Resources to support your mental health  
www.shropshire.gov.uk/healthy-shropshire/mental-health-and-wellbeing

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**Step Change**  
Debt advice and money management  
0808 138 1111 | www.stepchange.org

**Healthy Start Vouchers**  
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## Other Support

### Turn2Us

#### Information and financial support

0808 802 2000

[www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

[benefits-calculator-2.turn2us.org.uk](http://benefits-calculator-2.turn2us.org.uk)

### MoneyHelper

#### Advice to help improve your finances

0800 138 7777

0770 134 2744 (WhatsApp)

[www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk)

### Shelter

#### Advice and information for people with a housing problem or who are homeless

0808 800 444 (freephone)

[england.shelter.org.uk](http://england.shelter.org.uk)

### Friends of the Elderly

#### Grants for older people

0207 730 8263

[www.fote.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.fote.org.uk/contact-us)

## For Migrants with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPf)

### Project 17

#### Advice on housing and financial options for families with children facing severe poverty/homelessness because they have NRPf

07963 509 044

[www.project17.org.uk](http://www.project17.org.uk)

### Shropshire Supports Refugees

#### Support with issues around housing, benefits, work, medical support and more

01743 216 758 (freephone)

[www.shropshiresupportsrefugees.org](http://www.shropshiresupportsrefugees.org)

### The Unity Project

#### Support to have NRPf condition removed if applicable and other support

[www.unity-project.org.uk](http://www.unity-project.org.uk)

### Citizens Advice Immigration Support

#### Support after you receive refugee status

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/after-you-get-refugee-status](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/after-you-get-refugee-status)

### Migrant Help

#### Independent Advice and Guidance to assist asylum seekers in the UK

0808 801 0503 (freephone)

[www.migranthelpuk.org](http://www.migranthelpuk.org)

## About this leaflet

This leaflet is based on learning from Scotland's A Menu for Change project and has been developed with support from the organisations below. You can access the 'Worrying About Money?' leaflets online at [www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets](http://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets). The information on this leaflet was last updated on 27/07/22

**Feedback?** What did you find useful about this guide? [www.bit.ly/moneyadvicefeedback](http://www.bit.ly/moneyadvicefeedback)



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[www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire](http://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire)

## Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service: Safe and well visits

Hi there. My name is Archie Walkerdine and I work for Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service as a Fire Prevention Officer. I am part of a small team based at Headquarters in Shrewsbury with my area of responsibility being the West of Shropshire.



My role as a Prevention Officer is wide and varied, however the majority of my workload, is organising and undertaking what are known as Safe and Well visits. This is a free home fire safety visit, tailored to an individual's needs, that support members of our community to help protect them and their home from fire.

The purpose of the visit is to ensure that you are aware of potential hazards within the home and can take appropriate actions. The visit is not to judge your lifestyle, but to keep you safe from fire.

What we will do:

- Arrange a convenient time to visit
- Talk about the main causes of fire in the home
- Test smoke alarms
- Discuss points to consider when making a home fire escape plan
- Give advice on the action to be taken in the event of a fire

There are several lifestyle questions that we will ask and, dependent on your answers and if we have your consent, we can refer you to agencies that can give you further advice and support. For example:

- How often do you get out for social engagements?
- How often do you receive social visitors/ friends / family?
- Would you like someone to contact you to assess and give advice on a range of services that could help you.

If you feel this is something that would be useful for yourself, or indeed you are aware of a friend or relative that would benefit from a visit, please book your free safe and well visit by calling **01743 260200**.

## Correction to Age UK Day Centre Article

The February edition of the Parish Roundabout magazine featured an article about the Age UK Day Centre in St Martins. We made a spelling error in the contact email address that was printed. We apologise for any inconvenience that this caused. The key information from the article is reproduced below.

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

## Age UK Day Centre, St Martins

The Age UK Day Centre provides older people with both practical assistance and a chance to socialise and have

## Local Matters

plenty of fun. We offer lots of activities including games, painting, crafts, bingo, boccia, and a hot lunch from Stans. Transport can be provided through Dial-a-Ride.

We are open on Tuesday every week 10am-2pm at Cedar Close in St Martins. Come in for a day and join the fun. You get a lot for the £15 cost.

For more information, please contact Val Brown on 01691 662837 or Dee on [deannbarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:deannbarnhart@gmail.com)

Val and Dee

### **Oswestry and Borders Repair Café**

#### **Don't Throw it—Fix it!**

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Repairs must be booked in advance. Email [osbordersrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:osbordersrepaircafe@gmail.com) or contact Colin on 01691 239344..

### **Shropshire Rural Support**

Shropshire Rural Support (SRS) is a self-funded charity providing support at times of distress to the farmers, their families and people living in rural Shropshire.

The charity was set up over 30 years



ago by a group of individuals associated with farming who were concerned at the number of reported suicide incidents connected to farming in the county.

Today SRS runs a 24/7/365 confidential free phone helpline 0300 123 2825 and our pool of volunteers, all of whom have backgrounds in farming, are available to provide confidential support on issues covering worries about business as well as concerns around families including bereavement, isolation, separation, family businesses and succession. If you know of anyone who might need help, please encourage them to ring our help line or visit our website.

[www.shropshireruralsupport.org.uk](http://www.shropshireruralsupport.org.uk)

SRS is very proud to have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in this jubilee year. This award recognizes how the volunteers at SRS are able to provide valuable support when it is needed

### **Derwen College wins national award**

Congratulations to Derwen College charity shop, The Vintage Advantage, on their success at the Charity Retail Awards.

The team were honoured to be shortlisted alongside high profile national charities such as Oxfam and Scope and were proud to win the Innovation Award



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# Parish Council budget 2023/24

In January the Parish Council agreed the budget and precept\* for 2023/24, and set the fees for Parish Council Services.

A summary of the budget is shown below. A detailed breakdown is available on the Parish Council website, [www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk](http://www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk), or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01691 886502 or [clerk@selattyn-gobowen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@selattyn-gobowen-pc.gov.uk).

Budget Area	Income	Payments
Allotments	£941.00	£1460.40
Gobowen Playing Fields	£13.09	£45028.69
Pavilion	£1100.00	£6293.58
Hengoed Cemetery	£7400.00	£8553.95
Streetlights	n/a	£25,848.90
Parish Maintenance (inc. Planters, bus shelters, defibrillators)	n/a	£2551.57
Parish Amenities (inc. CCTV, Parish Roundabout newsletter, war memorial)	1750.00	17988.85
Parish Grants & Civic Expenses	n/a	£5960.00
Training	n/a	£1750.00
Administration and Staff	£3500.00	£51175.56
Youthwork Development (new project)	n/a	£1000.00
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>£14,704.09</u></b>	<b><u>£167,611.50</u></b>

The Precept\* calculation is shown in the table below.

Total Payments	£167611.50
Less Income	-£14704.09
Less Earmarked Reserves	-£60879.41
<b>Precept requested</b>	<b>£92028.00</b>

\* The precept is the Parish Council's share of your Council Tax.

# Parish Council Fees 2023/24

The following fees for Parish Council services will apply from 1st April 2023:

Hengoed Cemetery	Parishioner Fee	Non-Parishioner Fee
Administration Fee (applies to all burials)	£195	£380
Purchase of plot at time of burial	£415	£2345
Purchase of ashes plot at time of burial	£235	£985
Introduction of Headstone or Tablet	£145	£145
Additional Inscription to Headstone or Tablet	£85	£85

Pavilion	Time Period	Rate
General use (all rooms without shower facilities)	Per hour	£15
Parish Organisations / clubs—use of all rooms, toilets and showers <i>Please contact the Parish Clerk for prices for longer time periods.</i>	Up to 2 hours	£50
Non-Parish Organisations / clubs—use of all rooms, toilets and showers <i>Please contact the Parish Clerk for prices for longer time periods.</i>	Up to 2 hours	£65
Changing Room Hire— <b>Parish</b> Football teams for duration of game period	Up to 3 hours	£55
Changing Room Hire— <b>Other</b> Football teams for duration of game period	Up to 3 hours	£100

## Allotments

Full plot annual rent £33; Half plot annual rent £16.50; New tenant deposit £25

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**Gobowen Playing Field** - please contact the Parish Council for details.

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**Gobowen**, near Oswestry  
(day and residential provision)

- Thursday 16 March
- Thursday 8 June

**Walford**, near Baschurch  
(day provision)

- Tuesday 24 January
- Tuesday 20 June

## Derwen Marketplace

Derwen Marketplace gives our students fabulous work experience opportunities – and you, a fabulous shopping experience!

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Derwen College is an award-winning college. With many accolades under our belt, we were honoured with the Queen's Award for Enterprise, endorsed by Her Majesty The Queen.



The award recognises the education and vocational training we provide for young people from across the UK. Students learn work skills in our garden centre and shop, café, restaurant, charity shop and training hotel.

Derwen's College campus is a vibrant university-style environment for young adults with SEND, giving them the freedom to imagine what's possible and empowering them to achieve it.

## ‘Spotlight’ on Gobowen Station

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*Gobowen Station was purchased by Oswestry Station Building Trust (OSBT) in 2017 to keep the buildings as a community asset. Since then, work has been ongoing to refurbish the buildings. OSBT Trustee, Henry Thomas, explains future plans :*

The main building at Gobowen Station is in dire need of external repairs, and it is hoped to carry out work on it next summer. An application has been made to the Government’s “Community Ownership Fund” for a grant towards the substantial costs, and Oswestry Station Building Trust (owner of the buildings) is waiting to hear whether this bid has been successful; we are most grateful to local organisations and individuals who have provided letters of support to back up the application. Three Parishes Big Lottery has already contributed to the project, and a grant from the Railway Heritage Trust has been agreed in principle.

Cement render was applied to the building during the 1980’s conversion to commercial units, but chunks of it are now falling off, and it is also trapping moisture within the walls. The most important part of our project is therefore to remove the cement and replace it with breathable lime rendering which is compatible with the original 1848 construction, including replication of the moulded details. We will also repair roofs, chimneys, gutters, windows, etc., and all this requires scaffolding erected under Network Rail supervision while no trains are running. In addition external repairs will be carried out on the single-storey booking office building, to follow on from the recent internal renovation and the new period-style refreshment counter.



We are excited at the prospect of restoring the village’s most prominent building to a condition we can be proud of, and enhancing the station and its surroundings for residents and visitors alike. Gobowen station is Grade II Listed and is highly regarded by architectural historians; typical quotes are “A fine essay in an Italianate villa style, contrasting strongly with the architect’s

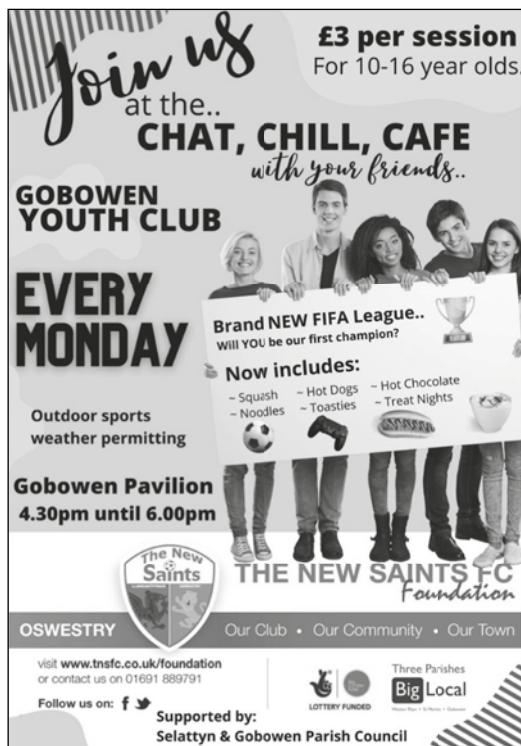
## ‘Spotlight’ on Gobowen Station

Tudor cottage designs for this line” and “The Shrewsbury & Chester Railway built a remarkable variety of small stations: half-timbered at Leaton and Whittington; Tudor at Chirk, Rossett and Ruabon; cottage ornee at Baschurch with gables and turret; and strangest of all this perfect little essay in Florentine at Gobowen..... the place has great charm and illustrates the wide diversity of English station building in the first decades of the railways.”

The grants will help us to safeguard the work of Severn Dee Travel, the not-for-profit agency which provides much-appreciated ticket sales and advice, as well as a welcoming waiting room and the popular cafe run by Derwen College students. We also hope it will encourage more people to use the train service and reduce their CO2 emissions.

I would also add that we shortly expect to be seeking a new tenant for one of the units in the main building, which is suitable for retail or office use and has direct access from the platform. Any enquiries would be welcomed.

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[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural\\_Households\\_Cost-of-Living](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living)



Scan the QR code to access the survey and tell us your views

The survey closes on 31 March 2023

## Useful Information

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### **NEW: Government Emergency Alerts system live soon**

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system will be live early this year. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.

It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding. Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number or collect personal data.

Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. To find out more about Emergency Alerts, visit [www.gov.uk/alerts](http://www.gov.uk/alerts).

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### **Voter ID required in polling stations from May 2023**

From 4 May 2023 voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections, including local elections, parliamentary by-elections and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

A full list of accepted forms of photo ID is shown on the Electoral commission's website and includes a UK Passport, driving licence, blue badge, bus pass. Visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id) for full details and what to do if you don't have any of the photo id documents that they list.

### **Going green? Prefer to receive your future copies of the Parish Roundabout newsletter by email?**

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Chirk Surgery.....	772434
Gobowen Pharmacy .....	652377
Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre.....	655844
Signature Smiles Dental Practice.....	662719
SHROPODC NHS Out of Hours.....	111
St Martins Pharmacy.....	778873

## Hospitals

Chirk Community Hospital.....	0300 085 0003
Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.....	01952 641222
RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital.....	404000
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.....	01743 261000
Wrexham Maelor Hospital.....	01978 291100

## Schools, Playgroups and Colleges

Derwen College.....	661234
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
PC Kate Le'Clere .....	07870 219518
PCSO David Hughes.....	07870 219190
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

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Childline (FREE).....	0800 1111
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Gobowen Allotments.....	886502
Domestic Violence Helpline (FREE) .....	0808 2000 247
Gobowen Library .....	653388
Shropshire Council (General Enquires)....	0345 678 9000
Qube .....	656882
R.S.P.C.A.....	0300 1234 999
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Shophmobility.....	656882
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