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# Welcome

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It has been an eventful couple of months since the last edition of the Parish Roundabout was circulated at the end of August. We've seen some extremely wet weather from Storm Babet and I hope that any homes and businesses affected by the recent flooding have dried out. We have been asked to collate information about flooded properties for Shropshire Council so if your home or business did experience internal flooding, please send the details to the Parish Clerk.

A few of our projects to improve the facilities in the area have been completed in recent weeks. We have replaced the damaged wooden seat outside St Mary's Church grounds in Selattyn with a new recycled plastic seat, Hengoed Cemetery has a new noticeboard at the entrance which will enable us to keep cemetery visitors up to date with cemetery information and news, 11 concrete streetlight columns have been replaced with metal columns as part of our streetlight replacement programme, and the new bus shelter on St Martins Road has been installed. We are still awaiting the go ahead from Shropshire Council to install the new vehicle activated speed signs on Chirk Road.

Our projects in the pipeline include a pit for a Christmas Tree in Gobowen village centre and we have donated funds to Selattyn towards a Christmas Tree.

The Parish Council welcomed Alan Martin and Ashley Morris as new Councillors in September so our Councillor vacancies have now been filled but anyone interested in joining the Parish Council in future can still apply and we will keep your details on file. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Gobowen Community Group organised a fantastic bonfire and fireworks evening on 29<sup>th</sup> October which was well attended despite the mud and the rain. I would like to thank them for the many hours of hard work that went into putting this event on for the community. See page **8** for details of their Christmas events.

Looking to the coming months, the Parish Council will be working on the 2024/25 budget during November and December so please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas. One of the requests that we recently received was for play equipment suitable for children with disabilities or additional needs at Gobowen Playing Fields and we would like to hear your views on suitable equipment (see page **13** for a link to our short survey).

And finally, a reminder that we will be awarding grants for community groups and projects at our March meeting so please get your applications in to us by 28<sup>th</sup> February - see page **14** for details of how to apply.

CLr Sylvia Dyke, Vice Chairman

*Cover photo: Gobowen bonfire and fireworks by Sarah Kunne*

# Community News and Reports

## Selattyn C of E Primary School

We have had a busy half term here at Selattyn Primary School. During the Summer lots of work took place to improve facilities and resources for all our children.

We have refurbished the main hall and a classroom and created a new library. We have invested heavily in I.T. resources which will support the children in their learning and help develop their computing skills. Areas of the curriculum have been updated and personalised to the school vision and values which provide engaging and varied activities for all our pupils.

All children throughout the year will experience a sequence of forest school lessons and children from year two upwards are receiving weekly music sessions from the Shropshire Music Service.

The children have enjoyed having the opportunity to take part in an increased range of extracurricular activities from various sports clubs to promoting 'eco' activities.

We have taken part in a numeracy day at Bangor-on Dee Racecourse and went to meet the well known author Cressida Cowell in a question and answer session.

All children are currently working on a whole school art project which will promote our vision and values. We held our Harvest Service in the parish church and are all looking forward to carrying out many more exciting activities on the lead up to Christmas.

We have places at present in most year groups, if you would like to make a visit to see our school with a big heart please phone 01691 659744 to make an appointment.

## Gobowen Station Community Enhancement Project

The Italianate station building (in the "Florentine Villa" style) is at the centre of the village and has been a well-known landmark ever since it was built for the opening of the railway in 1848, but for some time it has looked very scruffy. In 2017 the freehold was purchased by Oswestry Station Building Trust to safeguard its future on behalf of the local community, and additional funding from Three Parishes Big Local enabled us to carry out internal refurbishment.

The exterior renovation is a much greater challenge, but at last the funding is now in place to proceed thanks to major grants from the Government's Community Ownership Fund and the Railway Heritage Trust.



## Funded by UK Government

It will be a big task to scaffold the buildings under Network Rail supervision, probably at night while trains are not running. Then the cement render can be removed and replaced with suitable lime-based render, including decorative mouldings etc., overseen by specialist conservation architects. Other repairs will be carried out to the roof, gutters, chimneys, windows etc., and all will be painted in an authentic Great Western Railway colour scheme. We expect contractors to start work in February 2024 and finish by September.

The logo for the Railway Heritage Trust, consisting of the words "RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST" in a serif font, stacked vertically, on a dark rectangular background.

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The project also includes creating some landscaped and garden areas outside the buildings, providing nest boxes in the tower for swifts and house martins, making displays of local history and other matters, and arranging visits and talks to explain what's going on. We'd be delighted to hear from anybody interested in taking part in such activities.

Severn Dee Travel's booking office and cafe will remain open during the work, as will Elliot & Co accountants. The Derwen College currently has a pop-up shop in part of the main building, but we'd welcome enquiries from anyone considering using it for other purposes.

*Oswestry Station Building Trust.*  
*henry@henrythomas.co.uk*

## Local History Group

Our MP, Helen Morgan, has recently stated that the Government is committed to reopening the Oswestry to Gobowen railway line. This seems a far from straightforward project, but one that the Cambrian Railway Society and others have been pursuing for some time. It seems unlikely that the level crossing of the Oswestry Bypass will be reinstated, so it is going to be a costly project.

This follows hot on the news by the Station Building Trust that its effort has been rewarded by obtaining grant funding for the restoration of the Gobowen station buildings. The main grant is from the Governments levelling up fund and together with some other funding amounts to nearly a quarter of a million pounds. This will pay for essential external repairs to the various buildings.

This news came soon after the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the opening of the station in 1848, which took place on the 14th September. Could this mean the survival of the station for another 175 years?

This event was organized by the Station Building Trust, Severn Dee Travel and Derwen College. There was a display of railway memorabilia, old timetables and photos in the old station building on the down (Chester) platform which was especially opened for the day. Derwen College held a 'Pop-Up' shop in one of the rooms and provided a celebratory cake for the occasion. Our history group also provided a photo display, not only of the railway, but also illustrating the concentration of transport routes which



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Shropshire  
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Give us a call

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Elaine Payne 07760 685447

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focus on the Parish. These would appear to date back to Roman times and probably earlier. Wat's Dyke which follows the main road through the village provides a reasonably direct route from the Severn Valley past Old Oswestry Iron Age Hillfort and on to the Ceriog and Dee basin via the Roman Fort site at Rhyn Park. Supposedly dating from the seventh or eighth century, could this be following a yet more ancient route?

In the last issue of the Roundabout, we asked if anyone had any information about St. Barnabas Church, Hengoed. Even before publication, I met Betty Shaw who holds a comprehensive illustrated archive about the Church. She generously loaned this to us, enabling us to make copies of her information.

Betty was the Sunday School teacher when, in 1979, the Church was closed with little consultation with the community. She set out the impact of the loss of the church when she wrote:-

"In a small community when the church – its central point – is closed and demolished the very heart seems to have gone out of village life. Not only was it a place of worship, but also where you could meet your friends, before the beginning of a new week, when each one carried on their various occupations refreshed in mind and spirit."

Next time you are passing the cemetery in Hengoed, visit the old part where you will find the foundation stone of the old church surmounted by the original font, a sad reminder.

*Roger Foreman*  
*rogerforeman44@gmail.com*

## Parish Paths Partnership

The Shropshire Council Outdoor Partnerships Scheme offers opportunities to volunteers to help the Council manage the 5500 kms of Public Rights of Way within the County. The scheme is where a group carry out practical improvements to their local public rights of way network.

This work varies from simple waymarking and minor clearance to replacing stiles with galvanised gates, installing small bridges and strimming paths.

Training and support are given to the groups to enable them to work as self-sufficiently as possible.

Some P3 groups have also produced local walking leaflets and become involved in the national Walking for Health scheme. The P3 scheme, begun about 30 years ago, has thrived. There are now some 60 Groups, carrying out thousands of hours of work each year.

*Mike McKenna 07565 528821*

## Oswestry Ladies Choir

Oswestry Ladies Choir Annual Christmas Concert will be held in Christchurch, Oswestry on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm.

This seasonal offering full of Christmas joy will include a major work by Schubert and a compilation of beautiful Carols and Songs celebrating different aspects of the Nativity ranging from the galloping "In Dulci Jubilo" to the sleeping child "Virgin's Slumber Song" and ending with the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah bringing Tidings

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of Great Joy. There are also Traditional Carols for all to sing.

Oswestry Ladies Choir will be joined by the well known local soprano Catherine Benson who will sing arias from The Messiah by Handel.

Tickets £10 (children under 15 FREE) are available from choir members, on the door or by telephone 01691 654802.

Refreshments available.

The Choir is also seeking new members for both Soprano and Alto for the new season, starting January 2024. If you love to sing, come and join this very friendly, versatile choir that loves to sing everything from Pop Chorals to Puccini, Mozart to Musical Theatre. The ability to read music is an asset but not essential as help and encouragement is given to all.

The Ladies Choir performs two concerts a year and performs to a high standard.

Come along and add that "extra dimension" to your life. Forget your woes and enjoy an hour of pleasure once a week in All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen.

For more information, please contact 01691 654802 or email Dawn Jaffray at davidjaffray5@gmail.com

[www.oswestryladieschoir.com](http://www.oswestryladieschoir.com)  
[oslchoir@outlook.com](mailto:oslchoir@outlook.com)

## Gobowen Scout Group

Gobowen Scout Group holds Cubs and Scouts at the Scout Hall, Station Road, Gobowen on Friday evenings in term time.

Cubs sessions are for boys and girls aged 8 to 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and are held from 5:45pm to

7:30pm. Scouts is for boys and girls aged 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 14 and is held from 7:45pm to 9:30pm. New recruits are always welcome!

To find out more, or arrange a taster session for your child, please contact [cubs@gobowenscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@gobowenscouts.org.uk) or [scouts@gobowenscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@gobowenscouts.org.uk).

If you are looking for somewhere in Gobowen village to hold an event for up to 60 people, why not consider Gobowen Scout Hall? Hire rates are £35 for an hour, £60 for 2 hours. Prices for longer sessions available on request. Contact [treasurer@gobowenscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@gobowenscouts.org.uk) to ask about availability.

1st Gobowen Scout Group



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## Bryn Y Castell Coppice

Bryn-y-Castell Coppice lies in the flood plain of the River Perry, along with much of the village, as was recently demonstrated! Over the years, the Coppice has experienced many of the elements of nature, gale-force winds, heavy rain. The Coppice has certainly had its share of 'ups and downs', with flooding and large tree falls. Sometimes, felling has been necessary for safety.

In the main, the Coppice has been able to absorb intermittent attentions from youngsters. Indeed, the parish Explorer Scouts have ably demonstrated the positive effects of constructive work at the Coppice, both for themselves and the Community.

Recently, damage due to den-construction has come to notice. Whilst a laudable and instructive activity in itself, young trees and shrubs have been cut down, including many planted by the Coppice Conservation Group. A significant area has been cleared by the steps, where thick undergrowth earlier prevailed. The consequence for Nature has been to reduce local habitat and opportunity for wildlife to flourish. In these days of conserving what there is, the nurturing and encouragement of our natural world is very much to the fore in many of living a healthy life.

Please therefore: to all users of Bryn y Castell Coppice, respect our relatively small, but rare wetland public open space; seek advice from Conservation Group members before changing the Coppice natural environment (tree-felling is generally not authorised); better still, join the Conservation Group and learn about Coppicing, for example for Hazel sticks.

*Mike McKenna (07565 528821)*

## Gobowen Community Group

Thank you to all those who supported our Bonfire & Firework event on Sunday 29th October. As always it involved a lot of hard work and planning and we couldn't have done it without the volunteers. A special thanks to the amazing committee who gave me so much support in delivering another amazing event.

A special mention to our suppliers including Stans, Bloomers Bakery and Wrexham Lager and finally Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council for again allowing us the use of the playing fields.

We've already pencilled in Sunday 3rd November 2024 for next year's bonfire.

We have some great events lined up for December 2023:

**Sun 3rd** – Xmas Tree Light Switch On (5-6pm)

**Sat 9th** – Kids Xmas Party (booking required)

**Tue 19th** – Carols Around the Tree (6-7pm)

**Thu 21st** – Beauty & The Beast Panto (booking required)

Please note: We've arranged road closures on Old Whittington Rd 30 minutes before the start time for the events at the Christmas Tree to ensure we keep everyone safe.

*Craig Emery, Chairman*

## Oswestry Lions donation

Readers might be interested to know that we have started monthly donations to support Gobowen Foodbank (based at Preeshenlle URC). We will be donating £1000 a month for 12 months.

Please see the article later in this magazine for more information about our organisation.



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*Christmas at Preeshenlle 2023*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas Bingo – 7.30pm

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fayre 10.30.am

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Favourite Carol Morning

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Afternoon Tea 2pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Dec Lunches 12.00noon

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 11.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent with communion

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve 6.30pm Family Carol Service

There will be no service on Christmas Day

2024

12<sup>th</sup> Night Party 6<sup>th</sup> Jan with Buffett – 7.00pm

**Everyone welcome to any of these events**



# Christmas at All Saints' Church

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## Peace & Joy at Christmas

I was recently listening to a news correspondent on the radio who was reflecting on current events. He was thinking of all the conflicts and troubles around the world: complex, painful, seemingly unresolvable. He remembered a colleague, once standing outside the Old City in Jerusalem who simply said, "This is where it all began, and this is where it all must end."

At Christmas, we remember that God himself has indeed come to earth in the person of the Lord Jesus. He walked into Jerusalem to endure suffering and violence at the cross, and to defeat them forever through his death and resurrection. Jesus Christ is the one called 'the Prince of Peace.' God's response to suffering is more beautiful than we imagine, and changes lives today. May you know Jesus' life-changing peace and joy this Christmas.

**You are warmly invited to...**

**Christmas Community Café**—Thursday 14th Dec, 2:30-4pm, All Saints' Church Hall.

A special week for our free Community Cafe with crafts for children, refreshments and Christmas snacks.

**Village Carol Singing with the Llay Welfare Band**

Tuesday 19th Dec, 6pm, around the Christmas tree.

Families welcome. Meet outside the Cross Foxes pub around the tree. If it's wet, we'll meet inside the pub.

**Candlelit Carol Service**—Thursday 21st Dec, 7:30pm, All Saints' Church.

A traditional service of readings and carols.

**Christmas Eve Service**—Sunday 24th Dec, 5pm, All Saints' Church.

A carol service for the whole family, including lighting a Christingle in aid of the Children's Society.

**Christmas Day Service**—Monday 25th Dec, 10am, All Saints' Church.

Everyone is welcome at any of our services each Sunday at 11am at All Saints'. We are a friendly village church just opposite the school on Chirk Road. We would love to welcome you to All Saints' Church this Christmas. For more details of all our events and our regular services please visit [www.allsaintsgobowen.uk](http://www.allsaintsgobowen.uk), or get in touch: [allsaintsgobowen@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgobowen@gmail.com), 01691 590 564. With our prayers,

Steve Nicholson, Vicar

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*John's gospel, chapter 3, verse 16*

# Local Groups

## Oswestry Lions

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A few hours a month, multiplied around the world makes a big difference in all communities. Making a difference Lions Clubs work together to help others.

WHERE THERE'S A NEED,  
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Oswestry Lions Club Is now nearly 50 years old and meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Sweeney Hotel for 7.30pm.

Want to know more? Phone (01691) 650580.  
Email: tderrick15@btinternet.com

*Derrick Francis*

## Phoenix Group

Phoenix is a local social group for women. We meet on a Thursday evening, once a month (except July and August) in Weston Rhyn. Recently members have enjoyed talks on subjects including Teaching in Exotic Locations, Sign Language, The History of the Electric Car, Bhutan and Whittington Castle. September's talk was "All about Cheese" and we listened to "A trip to Uzbekistan" in October.

As well as attending monthly talks some members meet occasionally for morning coffee at various venues in the locality. An annual summer outing is also arranged, either to a house and garden or other interesting destination.

Do consider joining us. Membership is £20 a year, but you are welcome to come along to a meeting and try it out for free. For more information, contact Karen via: selattynphoenix2009@gmail.com or on 07801 096964.

Our 11th January meeting is our AGM followed by a short talk and photo presentation, Eve's Dolls House. On Thursday 8th February our speaker will be Natalie Cummings on 'The Fiddle' - the amazing story of the journey of one special violin. We hope you will join us, even as a visitor, to see if Phoenix is for you.

## News from the Parish Council

### Play equipment survey

We recently received an email from a local parent asking for play equipment suitable for children with disabilities or additional needs to be installed at Gobowen Playing Fields.

To help us find out more about the needs of local children and what sorts of play equipment would be suitable, we would like to hear from parents and carers of children with disabilities in the parish.

To complete our short survey, you can:

- Scan the QR code to access the survey online,
- Ring 01691 886502 for a printed version, or
- Email [clerk@selattyn gobowen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@selattyn gobowen-pc.gov.uk) for an online link or printed version.

Gobowen Playing Field - Play equipment survey



***Wishing all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council***



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## Parish Roundabout Magazine

Would you like to get involved 'behind the scenes' with the Parish Roundabout Magazine?

We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining a small team of volunteers to shape the style and content of the magazine for the future.

If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

## Grants for Community Groups and projects

Applications are now being invited for the Parish Council's two grant schemes.

Funding is available for local groups and projects that support our community. In addition to the standard Parish Council grants, the 'Roundabout Community Fund' continues to be available this year for organisations, groups and projects that mainly support disadvantaged or vulnerable parishioners.

Copies of the Grants Policy and application forms are available online at [www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk/policies/](http://www.selattyn-gobowenpc.org.uk/policies/) or by contacting the Parish Clerk. If you're not sure if your group or project is eligible to apply, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk for advice (contact details on page 2).

Closing date for all applications is 28th February 2024.

## Hengoed Cemetery—Christmas Decorations on graves

Many families remember their loved ones at Christmas time by placing a festive decoration or tribute on their grave at

Hengoed Cemetery. Cemetery rules allow such decorations to remain on graves until 31 January.

If you do place a festive decoration or Christmas themed floral tribute on a grave at the cemetery that you would like to keep please remember to remove it from the cemetery by 5pm on 31st January. Any remaining after that date will be removed and disposed of.

The cemetery rules are now on display on the new noticeboard at the Cemetery. They are also available to read on our website, or you can obtain a copy by contacting the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

## Headstone & Memorial Safety

Previous editions of the Parish Roundabout magazine have referred to the Headstone & Memorial safety inspections that took place at Hengoed Cemetery in August.

Following those inspections, the Parish Council is trying to make contact with family members for some of the graves at the cemetery. If you are a family member for any of the graves listed below, or can put us in touch with a family member, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

**Grave 17** E & E Viney

**Grave 19** D W & P F Bradley

**Grave 27** S & J E Humprheys

**Grave 34** G & E E Thomas

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**Grave 169** J Dix

# News from the Parish Council

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## Biodiversity Duty

In January 2023, changes to the law came into effect that places a duty on parish councils to take biodiversity into account in all their decisions and actions, and to consider what action they can take to further the *general biodiversity objective*.

A 'duty' is something that a parish council must legally do and this duty is known as the 'Biodiversity duty'.

We have published a Biodiversity Statement that sets out Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council's approach to complying with this duty. This statement is available to read on our website, or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

## Pavement Clearance works

Over the past few years, the Parish Council has been contacted on a number of occasions about the pavements between Gobowen and St Martins, and Gobowen and Oswestry being affected by overgrown

verges, drastically reducing the pavement width.

Maintenance of pavements and highways is the responsibility of Shropshire Council but, in response to the comments and complaints, the Parish Council has agreed to take action.

We are employing a contractor to clear the grass and weeds that have grown over the pavements to make the useable path as wide as possible and improve safety for anyone using the pavement. As this is a costly project, we will be completing the work over two or more years, starting with the pavement between Gobowen and St Martins. The work will start in the next few months.

This project has been part funded by a grant from Shropshire Council.

## Parish Council meetings

Full Council : 13 December 7pm

Full Council : 10 January 7pm

Full Council : 14 February 7pm

Full Council : 13 March 7pm

## Committee meetings

Finance & Executive: 10 January 6:30pm

Amenities & Services: 10 January 8pm

Amenities & Services: 27 March 7pm

Agendas and venue details are posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards around the parish a few days before each meeting. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and observe the meeting or talk to the Council about any of the matters on the agenda during the public participation session.

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## Grants for home improvements to reduce fuel poverty

Shropshire Council has secured funding to help retrofit the homes of residents living off -gas and lift them out of fuel poverty. Fully funded works will include insulation, heat pumps, first time double glazing and solar panels.

The Council's affordable warmth and energy efficiency team are inviting landlords and residents whose properties may benefit from the scheme to apply. Qualifying residents will receive a free assessment to identify the types of measures that will be most effective for their home.

There are a number of ways that residents can qualify. For more information, to check eligibility and to apply, visit [www.shropshire.gov.uk/sws](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/sws). Anyone requiring support with an application can contact Keep Shropshire Warm on 0800 112 3743.

## Good Neighbours

Community Resource (formerly Shropshire RCC) provide support for communities to set up Good Neighbours Groups, as well as providing support to existing groups that provide this type of support. Community Resource have contacted Parish Councils across the county and asked for support to spread the word about Good Neighbours Groups and the support available.

Good Neighbours groups are run by local people for local people. Volunteers provide support with practical tasks such as shopping or light gardening and can also offer

emotional support through befriending.

Good Neighbours Schemes can support anyone in the local community who might need a "helping hand". This could be due to illness or bereavement, they may be elderly or a single parent, are new to the area or are feeling isolated and alone.

If you feel that there may be a need for a Good Neighbours group in this community and are interested in getting involved in establishing a scheme, please contact Sara Edwards at Community Resource.:

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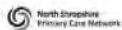
## WHO FOR?

Anyone who would like to speak confidentially with a mental health practitioner

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# Local Matters

## Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Local residents have set up a Neighbourhood watch scheme for Gobowen Village.

To get involved, register your membership at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/172046/gobowen](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/172046/gobowen)

## Community Litter Pick

Gobowen's newly formed Neighbourhood watch group invites all residents to join them on **the last Saturday of each month** for a Community Litter Pick.

Meet at Gobowen Pavilion 10am—12noon.

## Grants available from The Rural Charity

The Rural Charity has grants available of between £250 and £500 for local causes or community projects. Pick up an application

form at The Rural Charity Shop, 7-9 Albion Hill, Oswestry, SY11 1QA. Tel: 01691 688650.

## Please send us your news!

The next edition of the Parish Roundabout magazine will be out in early February 2024.

We are on the lookout for news articles, reports, photographs, local info 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 receive, so please keep us in the loop!

If you have anything to contribute to our next edition, please send it to the Parish Clerk (see page 2 for contact details) by **12 January 2024**.

## Oswestry Rural North

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Chirk Surgery.....	772434
Gobowen Pharmacy .....	652377
Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre.....	655844
Signature Smiles Dental Practice.....	662719
SHROPOC NHS Out of Hours.....	111
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## Hospitals

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

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Marches School, Oswestry.....	664400
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Selattyn School .....	659744
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## Churches

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Gobowen Station Ticket Office .....	681010
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Traveline (public transport information).....	0871 200 2233

## General

Age UK.....	0800 678 1602
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Citizens Advice Shropshire .....	0808 278 7894
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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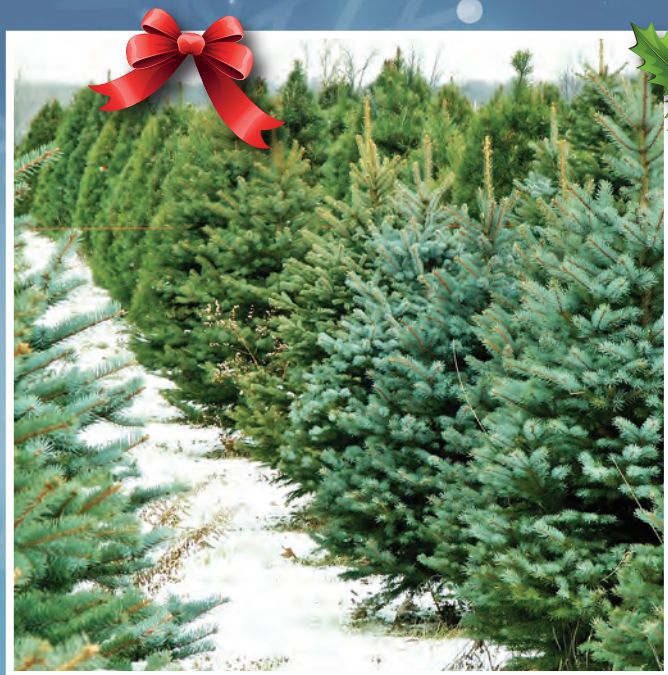
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