

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### A53 ROAD SIGNS:

Attempts have failed to get Shropshire Council to improve and up-date the mandatory warning signs on the A53 entering Shawbury from the direction of Shrewsbury because of lack of funds. The original signs have been repaired but the Council is seeking a written assurance that these meet the legal standards, which would enable the police to take action against drivers ignoring the speed limit. Request have also been made to have the notices on the road re-painted, where they have been worn away or covered by tarmac.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

Another reminder of the Community Service Awards which were mentioned in the last Council news report. These awards were established in 2011 to give residents the opportunity to nominate anyone living or working in the Parish for giving outstanding service. Since then well over fifty varied awards have been made including several to those under eighteen, illustrating the high level of support provided within the Parish.

One nomination has already been received this year but there is still time for others to be considered, so if you know of someone deserving to be commended please send the details to the Parish Clerk

### TREES :

The generous gift of £1,000 from an anonymous resident has enabled the Council to purchase and plant twelve new trees in the Parish and sincere thanks is extended to her and the owners of Oakgate Nursery for supplying and planting the trees at a discounted price.

### WASTE:

If you decide to get someone to dispose of your rubbish, then ensure that it will be dealt with legally because when you pass it on it becomes commercial waste and is not considered as household waste. If it then gets disposed of illegally and your waste is identified you may find yourself being prosecuted for 'fly tipping'.

### ELECTIONS:

Every four years there is an opportunity to elect new people to serve on the Parish Council and this will take place in early May this year. All twelve seats will become vacant as the current Members have to stand down and then seek re-election and local residents have the opportunity to put their name forward. If you are over eighteen and live in the Parish you can apply - you do not need to have a string of qualifications, just the desire to serve the community in various ways.

By making sure the children's play areas are safe, the burial ground is maintained, the streetlights work, litter is collected and footpaths are accessible are just some of the areas you will be able to support.

If you feel you would like to get involved but would like some information on how to apply, make contact with the Parish Clerk who will be happy to give you help and advice.

### CONTACT:

A full list of Council activity, meetings and policies can be found on the Council's web site - [www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.shawbury-pc.gov.uk) or you can contact the Clerk by email on [shawburypacclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:shawburypacclerk@talktalk.net) or by 'phone on 01743 236810