

NEWSLETTER



Much Wenlock Town Council

Affordable Housing

The Town Council is eligible to receive £36,000 from the affordable housing development at Callaughton Ash. All these houses are occupied with people with a strong local connection. However, there is still a waiting list of 15 priority families. In great need. Connexus is to establish a new Project Group that will include community members whose remit is to find more land for the delivery of affordable homes.

WW1 Commemorative Events

We are organising a series of events to mark the centenary of WW1. These include donating books to the libraries at



William Brookes Academy and Much Wenlock Primary School, giving commemorative coins from the Royal Mint as competition prizes, installing 2 Silent Soldier silhouettes, displaying lamp post poppies around the town and lighting up Holy Trinity church as a focal point for the town.



Mary Webb

We have named the new committee room at the Corn Exchange the "Mary Webb" room in recognition of her association with Much Wenlock. Mary spent her formative years in Much Wenlock inspired by its people and its landscape. As a reminder of her time here there is a bronze plaque sited on a piece of Wenlock stone within the garden to the rear of the Guildhall. Please contact the Town Council if you would like to hire this room.

Charter Day Celebrations

As part of the 550th anniversary Charter Day celebrations there will be story telling at Much Wenlock Primary School during Friday morning on 16 November and again on Saturday afternoon on 17 November at the museum. There will also be activities at the Guildhall and Holy Trinity church during Saturday including medieval music provided by 'A Merrie Noyse' on Saturday 17 November 2018.



Ironbridge Power Station

Cllr. Mary Hill, Chairman of the Council's Planning & Environment Committee, represented the Town Council at a stakeholder day with Harworths where she and a number of stakeholders with various skills were briefed about development plans for Ironbridge Power Station. Attendees were divided into groups and each group asked what they would like to see happen to the site after which all these ideas were put together. Attendees were also taken on a tour around the site. Harworths are based in Yorkshire and are responsible for clearing the site and directing activities. This is the second site they have managed. It is comforting to note that they don't appear to have any pre-conceived ideas and their main aim is to gather ideas from people who live and work in the area. They have submitted a planning application to clear Great Crested newts and, once permission is granted, the site can be cleared and this will take about three years. Development proposals include a mix of housing and industrial as well as green space.

Improvement Works

During works to lay new electricity cables at the top of the High Street earlier this year, Western Power's contractor, Morgan Sindall accidentally knocked down a cast iron lamp post which turned out to be unrepairable. The lamp post was used for hanging floral baskets, so the Town Clerk requested some compensation from Western Power and the Town Council has finally received a cheque for £500. This money will be put towards the newly installed floral planters at the top of the High Street which have been installed by Shropshire Council as part of road improvement works to prevent HGVs from driving through the town. New planters have also been installed on Sheinton corner. The Council is grateful to Rod Hall for supplying the flowers which brighten up our town during the summer months and now will brighten those dull winter days.



Sponsorship of Floral Displays

The Town Council is inviting local businesses to sponsor the new floral planters situated at the top of the High Street and Sheinton corner. Anyone interested please contact the Town Clerk.