

# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

September 2021

A good deed, berries and  
sun-bathing

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## Octogenarian Funds Five Lifesaving Missions

Becky Read - Shropshire Air Ambulance

Snailbeach man, Doug Boulter, 82, along with his friends has helped fund five critical care car missions for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Eighty-two-year-old Doug with "support crew" Vicki, Jo, Thelma, Emma and Claire completed a four and a half mile sponsored walk across the rugged terrain of the forest and farmland in Snailbeach, in aid of the lifesaving pre-hospital emergency service. Doug raised in excess of £1,300 funding five of Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's critical care car missions.

A longstanding supporter of Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, Doug has fundraised for the service on multiple occasions in the past. Following a recent incident which was attended in the local area and required the enhanced pre-hospital expertise of the charity's aircrew, Doug challenged himself to start fundraising again, this time with a physical challenge.

Doug Boulter said: "I would like to thank everyone who supported us so generously with their kind donations and for sponsoring our walk."

Maria Jones, Shropshire fundraising executive for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, added: "It is thanks to generous people, like Doug, who participate in challenges and sponsored walks and their kind supporters who donate, within the local community, that we are able to keep our helicopters in the skies and our critical care cars on the road."

"I'd like to say a huge well done and thank you to Doug his loyal support over the years and for his continued fundraising efforts."

To find out more about fundraising within Shrewsbury and the Shropshire area, get touch with Maria Jones via email:  
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## FROM THE EDITOR

### **Inside this month**

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Where have all the whimberries gone - long time passing.

The freezers at the Stiperstones Inn should by now be filled with fruit

ready to be made into crumble but they lie almost empty.

Age seems to have caught up with some of our older pickers while the next generation seem to lack the enthusiasm or the need for a few shillings..

Checking out social media it seems there are people picking right across the country and I have included a few comments from Instagram. My wife, Susan has recounted some of her youthful experiences on the hill and in the market.

A good friend and village stalwart has sadly passed on. During my time as village hall secretary Brenda Jones was a tower of strength. Brenda and husband Tom acted as treasurers for a generation and the community owes them a great debt. Brenda supported all village functions and was a devil of a whist player. The only time I saw her lost for words was when Madame Za Za (alias Dougie Boulter) told her fortune in a caravan on the mines site. Goodbye Brenda.

Brenda's Family would sincerely like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them following their recent sad bereavement.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the Funeral and their generous donations which amounted to £600 shared between Snailbeach Methodist Churchyard Fund and Snailbeach Village Hall.

Special thanks to the Reverend Shalome MacNeill Cooper for conducting the Service to the organist Sue Priddy and to Derek and Jean and Les and Carla for their kind support, also Phil and Lara for the refreshments at the Village Hall.

Many thanks to Frank Painter & Sons for their help and professionalism.

## Village Hall News

The hall is fully open for business, and we are pleased to be welcoming back some of the regular users. The existing pledge scheme rates will apply to 1 November when a new scale of hire charges will be introduced. We are looking for a bookings secretary for the hall to join the committee. This involves managing the bookings diary and sending out and logging bookings forms and co-ordinating hire payments. Most of this can be done on-line. If you are interested or would like further details, then please let me or another member of the committee know.



The hall is grateful to the family of Brenda Jones for a donation from a collection following her funeral. Brenda was a former committee member and great supporter of the hall.

The hall AGM is scheduled for 3 November. Other upcoming dates include:

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September 8pm – play 'Jabs, Behind the Scenes' see elsewhere in SDN for details

Sunday 17 October – Live acoustic blues music, details TBC

Thursday 18 November 7.30pm – Sarah McQuaid, Singer

Saturday 27 November 11-3 Christmas Fayre, sellers to contact Pam Bickley to book tables

Sunday 12 December carol singing with the brass band at 3pm.

Julian Bromhead, Chairman  
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10th, 24th Sept, 8th Oct	Nature Connection Course, Shrewsbury
10th Sept	Wildlife Photographic Display, Church Stretton
11th Sept	Drop-in Clothes Swap, Shrewsbury
11th Sept	Shropshire Agroforestry Project Tour, Wem
12th Sept	Litter Pick with Shropshire Young Ramblers, Shrewsbury
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bells smiled in the desolate wild, On the far away  
moorland scene?



## ***This August has not given us good whimberry picking weather***

but then what is good whimberry picking weather. I am a child of the fifties and probably the last generation to pick whimberries as part of our family income but for a very long time local people have picked whimberries in the valleys and on the slopes of the Stiperstones hills. It was often fun out on the hill chatting and calling to each other in fine weather but sometimes we were wet or bitten or stung and always we were stained and dirty.



So important was the income from whimberry picking to the local economy that older people talk about walking long distances to pick them. People walked from Pontesbury and Minsterley to the Stiperstones Rhadley and the Longmynd. There were often more pickers than whimberries which prompted the long trek. Joe Smout said several families walked together from Pontesbury to the Stiperstones. A breakfast stop was made at the edge of May Salters field where they mashed tea and some of them cooked bacon before they started to pick. Some dealers came to the hill to collect whimberries from the pickers but often they would pick all day and then carry heavy baskets home for cleaning ready for collection.

They were not picking to have money for a holiday. The whimberry picking was the holiday but it wasn't always enjoyable. The school register for Minsterley records that many children were absent for whimberry picking and other farm labouring activities before and probably after the official summer break. They were picking so that they could afford essentials like shoes and clothes for the winter.

As a teenager in the early 1960s I was considered old enough to take the whimberries I had picked to sell at the Market Hall in Shrewsbury. I would pick the whimberries during the week ready to sell on a Saturday. Cleaning them was a laborious business but every tiny leaf or bit of grig had to be removed. In our family we used trays for cleaning. A small pile of whimberries was placed at the narrow edge of the tray and then any debris was picked out as they were rolled slowly to the other end of the tray. The cleaned whimberries were piled into a basket lined with grease proof paper ready to be carried into town on Bert's early morning bus.

The Market hall was a huge building with bricks or terracotta on the outside and imposing steps up to the main floor. It was cool in summer and I imagine it was freezing cold in winter. On a Saturday morning the market was bustling and full of life so there would be plenty of customers about. Trestle tables were arranged in rows for people like me to sell produce. I can't recall what I paid to have about a yard of space at the end of one of these trestle tables. I measured the whimberries with a stamped half pint beer mug and they were sold at so much a pint. Half a crown a pint comes to mind but that seems like a lot of money looking back. The whimberries must have been decanted into paper bags, plastic bags were not so readily available then I think. I imagine that the juice would soak through the bag before the whimberries reached the customers home. Adults sometimes asked where the whimberries came from and then commented that they had picked on the hills when they were younger. Those customers knew picking whimberries was no picnic. (cont on page 7)

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My mum said every time she picks bilberries she thinks about all the people that have walked through those same woods over hundreds of years, doing exactly the same things - marvelling over their stained fingers, popping berries straight from the plant into their mouths and enjoying that sweet tangy burst, complained about their backs aching while they bent to let their fingers search under the leaves for the hidden berries, and compared the weight of their basket to their friends.

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Last year, for the first time in twenty years we had a failed crop. Covid and no whimberries how bad could life get. Hardly any whimberries were picked and we thought we would have to buy in whimberries for puddings at the Stiperstones Inn. As it was we had enough...just to last out the pandemic. This year for the first time nobody is picking whimberries to sell. Old age and illness has seen off several of the people who regularly pick and it seems like for the moment at least we have come to the end of an old tradition.

Sue Sproson

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## **Your Bog needs you!**

### **Volunteering at The Bog Visitor Centre**

Since reopening following the Covid lock down period the Centre has struggled with staffing its daily shifts. Covid protocols and an increase in the number of visitors have stretched our resources in terms of volunteers available to staff shifts and we are therefore keen to add to our list of available volunteers. The shift rota is

flexible and volunteers cover as many or as few shifts as they wish. In a normal year the staff carry out their first hours as volunteers and thereafter at an hourly rate of minimum pay. Currently staff are being paid the hourly rate as will any new staff joining the team this year. Next season we will revert to the voluntary element of 30 hours.



Our friendly team of volunteers is aged between 16 and 80 plus and new staff receive three shifts of training alongside our more experienced members. The role of staff is to provide a welcoming atmosphere for our visitors, to provide information about walks, local history and the landscape and also to serve visitors with refreshments.

Opening hours are currently 11am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday, the weekend days being split into two shifts. The centre is closed on Mondays.

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At our most recent committee meeting, it was decided that we try to start our monthly meetings. Our priority would be to make all our members feel comfortable and safe in these difficult times with Covid still active. Guidelines have been set out by the village hall and we must abide by them.

It was agreed to book speakers for two meetings and gauge interest, if the Covid situation was improving. However, we were able to have our annual dinner at The Stiperstones Inn which was much enjoyed by 19 members.

September 9th will be our first meeting when local resident Alex Chidley Uttley will be our speaker. On October 2nd Bridgett has booked an interesting outing to Shrewsbury Battlefield with Dorothy Nichol giving us an insight into its history.

When we look back over these last few months, we have been able to have the occasional meet-up, albeit outdoors by various walks, picnics and the successful garden party at Bridgetts'. We have also tried to keep in touch by way of our monthly newsletter.

We would be happy to welcome any new members to our friendly, active group. We meet every second Thursday in Snailbeach Village Hall at 7.30pm, or if you wish, contact Pat (President) 01743 792959 or Sue (Secretary) 01743 537269.

For any newcomers in the Bent Lawnt/ Hope area contact Sue on 01743 891505 who would be happy to welcome you.

Take care everyone Joyce.



### **TRY Something NEW in for the Autumn of 2021 -**

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#### **A Celebratory Open Meeting of the Pontesbury and Rea Valley u3a**

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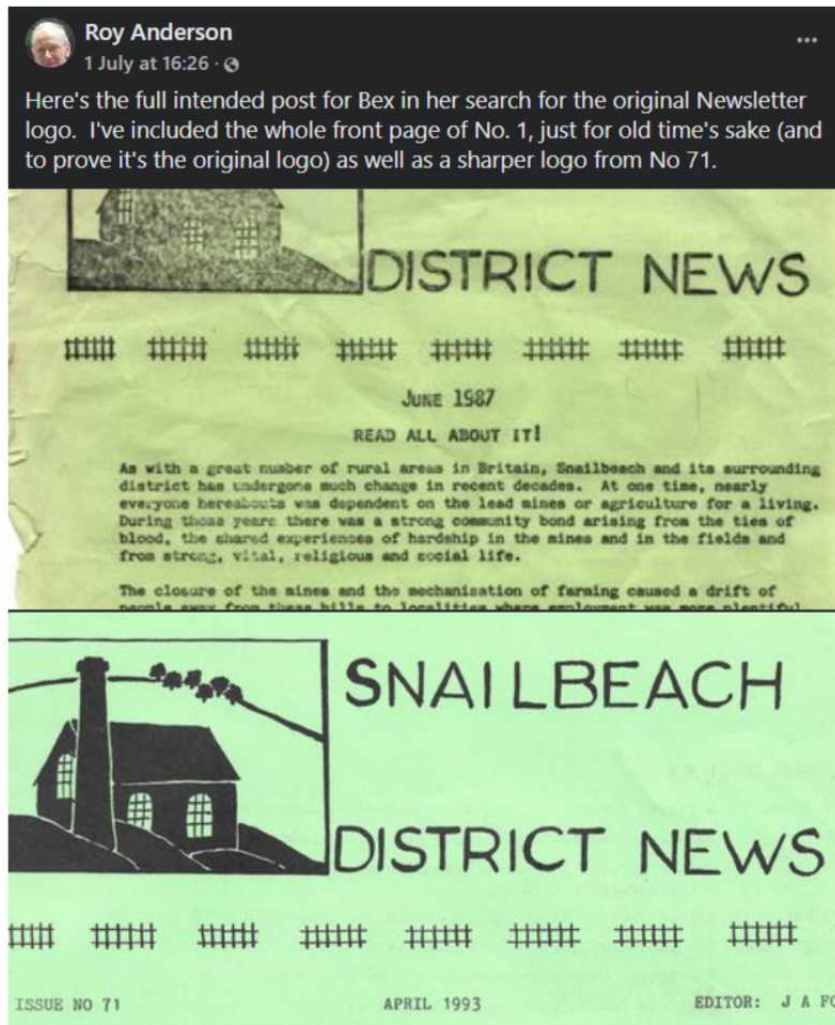
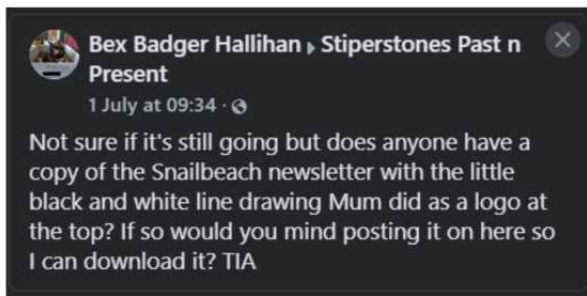
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This is the time of the year when the hill looks at its best, due to the common heather being in full bloom, turning the heathland a deep lilac-purple. Common heather or Ling is as the name suggests, the commonest of three species of heather found on the Stiperstones. Naturally it would be found scattered sparsely underneath birch and oak woodlands and on rocky outcrops. The large expanses of heather called heaths are almost always the result of human tree clearance and subsequent grazing of livestock on poor acid soils. The Stiperstones is no exception and may well have been heathland since the iron age.

Ling has had a variety of uses by man over the years including fodder, bedding and building materials. The flowers can be used to make an orange dye, a sweet tea and have been used for flavouring beer and gin. It is favoured by beekeepers for making heather honey, which is supposed to have beneficial properties for bladder and kidney complaints.



Common heather

Although large expanses of heather moorland can sometimes seem a bit monotonous, they are particularly important for a number of bird species, not least of which is the red grouse, a sub species of willow grouse that is only found in the British Isles and is dependent upon heather as a food plant. Another bird that is found in particularly high densities on heathland is the meadow pipit that nests on the ground under the heather. On moorlands the meadow pipit is the most common bird used as a host to raise cuckoo chicks. So ultimately its due to heather that we have a good population of cuckoos on the Stiperstones.



Bell heather

Heather is also important for a range of insects and invertebrates; the shrub structure is important for spiders, bare ground can be important for beetles, bees and ants and a number of moth caterpillars feed exclusively on heather.

Two other species of heather can also be found on the Stiperstones: bell heather which is found on the south facing slopes and flowers earlier than Ling and the cross-leaved heather that can be found in some of the wetter areas of the hill. These heathers are similar, both being Erica's, but the cross-leaved heather has flowers that cluster on one side of the stem.

The Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival, which this year was held at the Discovery Centre in Craven arms, was a great success with over 500 people attending and a great range of stalls, music, activities and of course scything. The festival is aimed at raising awareness of the value of flower rich hay meadows in the area.

The other bit of good news is that the Stepping Stones Landscape scale conservation project has been successful in their bid to Natural England for funding under the Green Recovery Fund.

Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.



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Here in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), over £700,000 is available to distribute this year to projects linked to farming that can demonstrate benefits to climate, nature, people and place.

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership is supporting farmers and land managers to apply for grants to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses.

The programme is open to farmers and land managers (including from the private, public and charity sector) with land within the Shropshire Hills AONB.

Protected Landscapes are special areas and need to be managed, enhanced and protected while also supporting the farmers and communities who work within them and the wider local economy. Farmers and land managers are being encouraged to look at project opportunities on their holdings and to get in touch with the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership to discuss them.

Farming in Protected Landscapes Adviser, Alison Jones, will be able to offer advice, help with the development of projects and guide individuals through the application process.

Further information is available on our website at [www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes](http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes)

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### **Patricia Evans**

Patricia has always had a passion for painting and a love of nature, which is reflected in her choice of subjects. She paints in Watercolour and Pastel and is particularly inspired to paint the atmospheric moods of the landscape.

### **Phil Petford**

Philip has worked as an artist for over 25 years. He works in acrylic and oils mainly but also watercolours from time to time. His love of wildlife and countryside scenes is reflected in his work for these are the scenes which interest him most.

### **Roy Evans**

Roy produces pots that have bold design and strong forms, with earthy colours. In contrast, he likes working in porcelain, producing fine delicate pieces with subtle colours and shades, but still with a functional purpose.

### **Noel Evans**

Noel has always had a connection with and has been inspired by the diversity of the wonderful Shropshire landscape. Noel also undertakes Publishing and Giclee printing work for other artists, which comes complete with a professional and friendly service.

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***8.00pm Monday 12th November***

### ***Pub Quiz***

***8.00pm Monday 26th November***



Today's lock down job for me, was to sow bilberries (wild blueberries - *vaccinium myrtillus*). They need to be sown under glass in January, so I took these old shower doors. I raked away the wood chips from the area I've chosen, put down a layer of old pine needles for acidity, since bilberries like acidic soil. Surface-sowed the bilberries, covered with the glass panes, and closed off the sides with two slab pieces.



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## Letter to Westminster – September 2021

### Road to COP26

With the upcoming COP26 UN Climate Conference in Glasgow in November, more focus is rightly being placed on what steps we can take beforehand to demonstrate global leadership in the fight against climate change.



The Prime Minister laid out his vision of a Green Industrial Revolution last year, and shortly thereafter published an Energy White Paper to set the framework for the next critical phase of renewable energy rollout. But there remain several detailed strategies of how to get there still awaiting publication, now expected in coming weeks, as part of the preparation for COP26.

Last month the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released their latest report, making clear the impact of human activity on global temperatures, and the vital need to take action to avoid a climate catastrophe.

As Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee, I have been vocal in saying the government needs to meet rhetoric with action. The private sector, galvanised by a mix of greater awareness of environmental issues by senior management and the realisation customers expect companies to play a role in combatting climate change, is ready and willing to invest. But government needs to set a clear direction, to drive investment into net zero technologies.

Unfortunately, industry's confidence has taken several knocks by delayed strategies and some cancellation of policies. The Green Homes Grant voucher scheme for owner occupiers to make energy efficiency improvements for their homes, since cancelled, was overly bureaucratic, and proved difficult to access for both building contractors and homeowners.

Notwithstanding this, to its credit the government has outlined significant ambition on net zero. But there are deep rooted challenges. There remains a shortage of skills in green engineering disciplines, the green automotive sector and qualified installers for energy efficiency measures like heat pumps or insulation retrofits.

The Environmental Audit Committee has undertaken a number of inquiries to help inform debate around achieving Net Zero Britain, and to provide recommendations to government on how to focus policy. Homes account for 20% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions, but there is significant underestimation in government of the cost of addressing this, and we are still awaiting a Heat & Buildings Strategy.

To support the move to electric vehicles, we must invest in Gigafactory capacity for battery production and EV charging capacity, as other countries have. There have been some encouraging announcements on investment in battery plants recently. But grid connection and regulatory issues continue to hold back community energy schemes, as well as tidal power and further progress in our offshore wind sector – which has proven a real UK success story.

Of course, COP26 is an international conference, and fostering international commitments to combat climate change must be the focus. The UK has made admirable progress in cutting our emissions while growing the economy. So we are well placed to demonstrate to developing nations that combatting climate change does not mean curtailing growth or improving living standards for their citizens. The UK government must seek to be a benchmark to inspire others.

I have been promoting community engagement in COP26, including through presenting the COP26 President, Alok Sharma MP, with a community action plan from South Shropshire Climate Action. I have encouraged local schools to give pupils the opportunity to learn more about COP26 and the issues it is seeking to address. Next month I am hoping to arrange screening locally an educational film on the environment for young people.

This is going to be a major topic for coming months, so if you are interested in learning more about COP26, please visit <https://ukcop26.org>.

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### No foreign holidays this year !

Good news for some of these travellers who were not so happy with their trip! -

"The food was so cheap by the time we got home I'd put on half a stone,"

"The restaurant said 'Children eat free' but my 19-year-old daughter still got charged for her meal,"

"My husband drank the local beer and ended up violently drunk. They must put something in the alcohol here."

"My fiancé and I booked a twin room but we were placed in a double. I'm now pregnant."

"When we arrived we were given free cocktails but I don't like Sex On The Beach."

"The water in the Gulf of Mexico was too salty. No one told me that there was going to be salt in the water. It was gross."

"There was no sign telling you that you shouldn't get on the hot air balloon ride if you're afraid of heights,"

"We went on a canoe trip but were very disappointed that no one told us there would not be a bathroom onboard. It was very inconvenient."

"We went to Australia over Christmas and were shocked when it wasn't cold,"

"The weather at home was nice while we were away so the whole holiday seemed a bit pointless."

*A cruise ship passenger is looking out to sea when he sees a small island. On the island, he spots a thin, suntanned man, with wild hair. He can see the man jumping up and down and waving. The passenger turns around and sees the Captain, so he draws his attention to the man.*

*"Captain, what's up with that guy?"*

*The Captain shrugs his shoulders.*

*"No idea. He's always that happy when we sail past."*





Bilberries looking lush and abundant up in the moors in Yorkshire. A common plant throughout the UK, but down South and at lower altitudes they're not particularly productive, sometimes an entire patch will have no fruit to show. The further North and higher you go the better chances you have of finding more and better fruit.

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We've all experienced the aggravation that speeding motorists have caused in our villages. As a long-time campaigner on this issue, I am happy to back this campaign. It urges Shropshire council to bring forward plans to implement a county-wide 20mph default speed limit in residential areas.

This is what they say:

"The 20 Is Plenty campaign would make Shropshire roads a safer place for all of us. Over 20 million UK residents now benefit from 20mph limits including our near neighbors - Wales and Herefordshire. Based on overwhelming evidence it is known that 20mph wide-area speed limits on the majority of streets and roads reduce death and injury, increase rates of walking and cycling, improve public health, reduce air pollution and climate-damaging carbon emissions. 20mph limits are supported by many Shropshire residents.

There is a petition you might want to sign if you haven't done so already in support of this campaign and you can do so by going to this page –

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If it reaches 1000 signatures by September then

Shropshire Council will have to debate the issue."

Long Mountain School in Worthen has had speed pipes, to monitor traffic speed, laid down with a view to installing 20 mph around the School. These will also be put down at Chirbury School in September and hopefully, the traffic speed will mean both villages will have 20mph limits. I am also pressing for them to be put down outside of Stiperstones School.

### SEVERN TRENT

Although I've had many issues with some of Severn Trent's work in the past, I must express my thanks to the team that has been laying a new pipe between Folly Cottages and Chirbury over the last few weeks. They have been helpful and flexible whilst undertaking quite a substantial piece of work.

I have also established a direct contact line with their local team. Let's hope that their unannounced and disruptive road repairs are a thing of the past.

Heather

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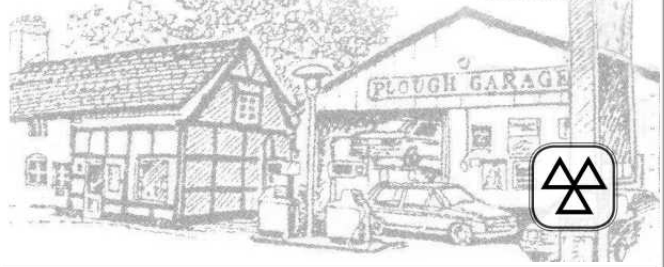
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**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &  
STIPERSTONE**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Assault Stemming from boundary dispute -Worthen**

**Harassment - Hemford**

**Malicious communications - Bromlow**

**Assault - Snailbeach**

**Livestock worrying - Dog became loose and got into a field with sheep - Hope**

**Advice given to owner at request of land owner**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Burglary - Outbuildings broken into, 2 Stihl chainsaws and a Stihl disk cutter stolen**

**Hampton Hall, Worthen Overnight 4th – 5th August**

**Harassment - Worthen**

**Burglary - Polaris Ranger ATV, Marin mountain bike, chainsaw and Makita impact driver stolen from farm outbuildings Chirbury**

**Occurred early hours of 21st July. Stolen Polaris found hidden by local officers. Enquires located a suspect vehicle potentially linked to this burglary, the driver and passenger of that vehicle were arrested at a separate offence in Onibury on Saturday 7th Aug.**

**Burglary - Honda 420 quad bike stolen from farm outbuildings Chirbury  
Occurred overnight 18th – 19th July. Likely linked to the above burglary.**

**Key Phone Numbers**

**NHS Help**

**111**

**Worthen Medical**

**01743 891 401**

**Pontesbury Medical**

**01743 790 325**

**Shropshire Council**

**0345 678 900**

**Care in the Community**

**0121 318 5138**

**Citizen's Advice**

**0344 499 1100**

**Rural Support**

**0300 123 2825**

**Age Concern 01743 233**

**123**

**Samaritans (Free)**

**116 123**

**Western Power**

**(Power Cut) 105**

**Severn Trent (emergency)**

**0800 783 4444**

**British Gas**

**0800 111 999**

**Universal Credit**

**0800 328 5644**

**Child Benefit**

**0300 200 3100**

**Pensions**

**0800 731 0469**

**HMRC Covid 19 support**

**0800 024 1222**

**Care in the Community**

**0121 318 5138**



# Minsterley Motors

Telephone 01743 791208

552/553 Shrewsbury to Bishops Castle

Monday to Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)												SCH				SCH			
BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:25	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:35		15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:10	
Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:32	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:42		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:17	
Shrewsbury Hospital			09:02	10:17	10:37		12:12	12:42	13:42	14:12			15:57	16:37		17:12	17:52		
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:47	08:22				11:12					14:47				16:37			18:22	
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:42	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	14:52		16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:27	
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:44	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:19	14:54		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:29	
Lea Cross, adj Jct	07:57	08:32	09:12	10:27	10:47	11:22	12:22	12:52	13:52	14:22	14:57		16:07	16:47	16:47	17:22	18:02	18:32	
Mary Webb		08:36 SCH										15:20							
Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:38	09:18	10:33	10:53	11:28	12:28	12:58	13:58	14:28	15:03	15:21	16:13	16:53	16:53	17:28	18:08	18:38	
Minsterley, adj crown & soe ptre	08:07	08:42	09:22	10:37	10:57	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:07	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:42	
Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44	
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06			15:32	16:21		17:01			18:46	
Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50	
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40					17:05			18:20	
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44					17:09			18:24	
White Grit, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48					17:13			18:28	
Llan Turn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52					17:17			18:32	
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56					17:21			18:36	
Bishops Castle Salop Street jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58					17:23			18:38	
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00					17:25			18:40	

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

552/553 Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury

Monday to Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)			SCH		SCH														
Bishops Castle, opp Boars Head			07:30				09:40			12:20		13:30			15:40				
Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct			07:32				09:42			12:22		13:32			15:42				
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct			07:36				09:46			12:26		13:36			15:46				
Llan Turn Jct			07:40				09:50			12:30		13:40			15:50				
White Grit, Jct			07:44				09:54			12:34		13:44			15:54				
Gravels			07:47				09:57			12:37		13:47			15:57				
Hope			07:50				10:00			12:40		13:50			16:00				
Stiperstones, opp Pub	06:50	07:20	07:50		08:23			11:15				14:35			16:50				
Snailbeach, Village Hall	06:54	07:24	07:54		08:27			11:19				14:39			16:54				
Plox Green, Crossroads	06:56	07:26	07:56	07:56	08:30			10:06	11:21	11:55	12:46	13:05	13:56	14:41	16:06	16:53			
Minsterley, opp crown & soe ptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:50	09:25	10:08	11:23	11:57	12:48	13:07	13:58	14:43	15:10	16:08	16:58	17:35	
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:55	09:30	10:13	11:28	12:02	12:53	13:12	14:03	14:48	15:15	16:13	17:03	17:40	
Mary Webb					08:40										15:26 SCH				
Lea Cross, Opp Jct	07:08	07:38	08:08	08:08		09:00	09:35	10:18	11:33	12:07	12:58	13:17	14:08	14:53	15:30	16:18	17:08	17:45	
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:03	09:38	10:21	11:36	12:10	13:01	13:20	14:11	14:56	15:33	16:21	17:11	17:48	
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:13	07:43	08:13	08:13		09:05	09:40	10:23	11:38	12:12	13:03	13:22	14:13	14:58	15:35	16:23	17:13	17:50	
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:18		08:18							12:17					15:40				
Shrewsbury Hospital		07:48		08:18		09:10	09:45	10:28	11:43		13:08	13:27	14:18	15:03		16:28	17:18	17:55	
Copthorne Rd, adj Barracks	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:23		09:15	09:50	10:33	11:48	12:22	13:13	13:32	14:23	15:08	15:45	16:33	17:23	18:00	
Bus Station Stand N	07:30	08:00	08:30	08:30		09:22	09:57	10:40	11:55	12:29	13:20	13:39	14:30	15:15	15:52	16:40	17:30	18:07	

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020





## Saturday

08:00	08:35	10:05	10:45	12:30	13:45	14:45	15:40	17:00	17:40
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## Saturday

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	07:32		09:32		12:17		15:52		
	07:36		09:36		12:21		15:56		
	07:40		09:40		12:25		16:00		
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	07:47		09:47		12:32		16:07		
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07:09		09:24					14:49		
07:11	07:56	09:26	09:56	11:40	12:41	14:00	14:51	16:16	16:55
07:13	07:58	09:28	09:58	11:42	12:43	14:02	14:53	16:18	16:57
07:18	08:03	09:33	10:03	11:47	12:48	14:07	14:58	16:23	17:02
07:23	08:08	09:38	10:08	11:52	12:53	14:12	15:03	16:28	17:07
07:26	08:11	09:41	10:11	11:55	12:56	14:15	15:06	16:31	17:10
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07:45	08:30	10:00	10:30	12:14	13:15	14:34	15:25	16:50	17:29

## 745 Mondays and Fridays only

Pontesbury to Clun 745 A		Ludlow to Clun 745 B	
Pontesbury Shop	08:50	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Minsterley	08:55	Craven Arms	13:30
Hope	09:00	Long Meadowend	13:35
Gravels	09:03	Aston on Clun	13:37
White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
Lydham	09:10	Little Brampton	14:00
Bishops Castle	09:15	Clunton	14:02
Colebatch	09:20	Clun	14:05
Clun	09:30		
Clun to Ludlow 745 B		Clun to Pontesbury 745 A	
Clun	09:35	Clun	14:10
Clunton	09:38	Colebatch	14:20
Little Brampton	09:40	Bishops Castle	14:25
Lydbury North	09:50	Lydham	14:30
Aston on Clun	10:03	White Grit	14:35
Long Meadowend	10:05	Gravels	14:37
Craven Arms	10:10	Hope	14:40
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25	Minsterley	14:45
		Pontesbury	14:50

Does not run on Bank Holiday except Good Friday

## 775 Tuesdays only

Pontesbury to Bishops Castle 775 A		Newtown to Bishops Castle 775 B	
Pontesbury Shop	09:30	Newtown	13:50
Minsterley	09:35	Kerry	14:00
Plox Green	09:38	Sarn	14:10
Hope	09:40	Blue Bell	14:15
Gravels	09:45	Church Stoke	14:20
White Grit	09:48	Bishops Castle	14:35
Llan Turn	09:51		
Bromleys Mill	09:55		
Lydham	09:57		
Bishops Castle	10:00		
Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B		Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A	
Bishops Castle	10:05	Bishops Castle	14:40
Church Stoke	10:20	Lydham	14:43
Blue Bell	10:25	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Sarn	10:30	Llan Turn	14:49
Kerry	10:40	White Grit	14:52
Newtown	10:50	Gravels	14:55
		Hope	15:00
		Plox Green	15:02
		Minsterley	15:05
		Pontesbury	15:10

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