30.09.2025	£114.98	£0.00	£114.98 Interest	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Bank - Instant Access
25.09.2025	£23.20	£0.00	£23.20 Astro hire	GC	Unity Trust Bank - Current
24.09.2025	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00 Tennis Game	MJ	Unity Trust Bank - Current
24.09.2025	£41.50	£0.00	£41.50 Astro hire	JF	Unity Trust Bank - Current
23.09.2025	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00 YCB Hire	SJ	Unity Trust Bank - Current
22.09.2025	£51.50	£0.00	£51.50 Astro hire	JH	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00 Football income	J4K	Unity Trust Bank - Current
05.09.2025	£475.00	£0.00	£475.00 Football income	BHJFC	Unity Trust Bank - Current
04.09.2025	£235.00	£0.00	£235.00 Astro hire	PM	Unity Trust Bank - Current
04.09.2025	£31.15	£0.00	£31.15 Astro hire	JF	Unity Trust Bank - Current
02.09.2025	£20.75	£0.00	£20.75 Astro hire	JP	Unity Trust Bank - Current
02.09.2025	£421.15	£0.00	£421.15 Interest	CCLA	Working Account
01.09.2025	£235.00	£0.00	£235.00 Astro hire	JA	Unity Trust Bank - Current

03.09.2025	£10.67	£2.13	£12.80 keys	E B Smith	Equals Card
03.09.2025	£20.40	£4.08	£24.48 Printing to A3	Battlefield Printing Group	Equals Card
04.09.2025	£17.49	£3.50	£20.99 Printer Ink	HP Instant Ink	Equals Card
08.09.2025	£0.90	£0.00	£0.90 Refreshments	Daisy & Tilly's Shop on the Hill	Equals Card
09.09.2025	£24.56	£1.23	£25.79 YCB Electricity	Octopus Energy	Unity Trust Bank - Current
09.09.2025	£25.96	£1.30	£27.26 Office electricity	Octopus Energy	Unity Trust Bank - Current
09.09.2025	£94.84	£4.74	£99.58 Pavilion electricity	Octopus Energy	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£20.52	£0.00	£20.52 milage		Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£4,070.70	£814.14	£4,884.84 Street lighting electricity	Shropshire Council	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00 Training	Salc	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£139.65	£27.93	£167.58 Office 365 Licence	Web Orchard	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£73.50	£0.00	£73.50 Grass cutting	Boyd's Groundcare	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£439.00	£87.80	£526.80 Street light repairs	Highline Electrical	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£27.46	£5.49	£32.95 LOPPERS	Amazon	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£38.95	£7.79	£46.74 White line paint	Agrovista	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00 Window cleaning	Tom Korczynski	Unity Trust Bank - Current
10.09.2025	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00 refund	Autonomy	Unity Trust Bank - Current
19.09.2025	£3.90	£0.00	£3.90 Postage and Packaging	Spar	Equals Card
22.09.2025	£117.79	£0.00	£117.79 Pavilion water	Water Plus	Unity Trust Bank - Current
24.09.2025	£5.45	£0.00	£5.45 Refreshments	Sainsbury's	Equals Card
26.09.2025	£5.05	£0.00	£5.05 Postage and Packaging	Spar	Equals Card
26.09.2025	£24.99	£5.00	£29.99 daffodil bulbs	Jamieson Bros	Equals Card
29.09.2025	£95.10	£19.02	£114.12 Phones & call charges	Daisy	Unity Trust Bank - Current
29.09.2025	£71.62	£14.32	£85.94 Waste collections	Veolia	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£340.00	£68.00	£408.00 White line paint	Agrovista	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£8.66	£1.73	£10.39 CLOCK	Amazon	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00 Training	NALC	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£19.24	£3.85	£23.09 hooks for football nets	Amazon	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£408.94	£81.79	£490.73 BENCH	Glasdon UK Ltd	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£413.44	£82.68	£496.12 Wildflower A49	RL Wildflower Seeds Ltd	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£364.00	£0.00	£364.00 Grass cutting	Boyd's Groundcare	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£1,060.00	£0.00	£1,060.00 playground inspections	Shropshire Council	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00 alarm repair	Wilson Alarms	Unity Trust Bank - Current

30.09.2025	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00 payroll services	James, Holyoak and Parker	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£101.75	£0.00	£101.75 Longmeadow Toilets - Water	Water Plus	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£1.20	£0.00	£1.20 Bank charges	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£2,578.92	£0.00	£2,578.92 Pension Contribution	Shropshire Council Pension Fund	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£1,382.11	£0.00	£1,382.11 Tax & Employee NI Contributions	HMRC	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£6,132.12	£0.00	£6,132.12 Salary	Salary	Unity Trust Bank - Current
30.09.2025	£13.05	£0.00	£13.05 Bank charges	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Bank - Current



'protecting and improving the quality of life for all Bayston Hill residents'

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss

Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Clerks report October 2025

The Macmillan event was very successful and raised £247 which will go up slightly with giftaid and online payments, thank you to everyone that helped on the day.

Staffing is reduced currently due to ill health/holidays, there are also significant issues with pieces of machinery which does take time to repair.

Apple press, we still need someone that will fetch the press and return it to Gobowen, added to the fact that the weather meant an earlier crop and apples we have harvested are starting to turn! The kids disco had to be cancelled as the cost became prohibitive.

Most other matters are listed on tonight's agenda.

25th October – Autumn Events day – apple press, wreath making Scarecrow trail judging will take place on the morning of 25/10, scarecrows to be in place by 22nd October, to be added to the map residents need to be in touch with me before 10th October.

29th October – SALC AGM 11th November Remembrance Observance

Julie

Shropshire Councillor Report

October 13th 2025

Transport

- A new and improved bus timetable for Ludlow will begin at the end of October. This follows the poorly received timetable changes previously introduced.
- Thanks to partnership working between local members, the council, and the bus company, bus services will now better reflect community needs.
- A large number of bus contracts will be up for renewal in 2025, giving further opportunities to ensure services are reliable and community focused.
- This demonstrates the community-first approach of the new administration.

Planning and Street Scene

- Officers are preparing a guidance note for parish councils via SALC. This will explain:
 - How best to comment on planning applications.
 - The importance of using "material considerations" to strengthen observations.
 - Key timeframes for responses.
- The guidance is expected to be circulated in the coming weeks.
- A briefing on Street Scene delegation (covering how responsibilities could be managed locally) will take place by the end of October.

Strategic and Government Engagement

- A letter has been sent to the new Minister for Roads regarding the North West Relief Road (NWRR), offering details of an alternative way forward.
- A plan for the Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) has been produced, along with a letter to MHCLG requesting Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) from central government.

Highways

- Since May, the new administration has repaired over 10,000 potholes.
- This represents a 55% increase in pothole repairs compared to May–September of the previous year.

Health and Social Care

- The All-Age Autism Strategy (2025–2030) is now out for consultation until 2nd November 2025.
 - The draft strategy aims to embed a cultural shift across
 Shropshire's services, taking an all-age approach and creating more autism-accessible services.
 - The consultation survey can be accessed online: <u>Draft All-age</u>
 <u>Autism Strategy consultation | Get Involved Shropshire Council</u>
 Consultation Portal.
- A series of visits have taken place to understand Shropshire's Drug & Alcohol Services and wider community health provision:
 - With You Shropshire Service (supporting over 1,100 clients, including work with The Tannery Homeless Accommodation).
 - Sunflower House Community & Neighbourhood Health Hub, providing a wide range of community-based health services.
 - Louise House (SC Building), currently used by the NHS, Autism Charity A4U, and other service providers.

Environment – Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

- The draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy is out for consultation until 15th October 2025.
- Key responsibilities for town and parish councils (per Government guidance, May 2023):
 - 1. Consider biodiversity within their parish.
 - 2. Agree local policies and objectives to support biodiversity.
 - 3. Deliver these objectives through community action.
- Councils are encouraged to work with local wildlife groups, SALC, and other partners to develop local nature recovery plans.

- Examples of parish-led biodiversity action include:
 - Tree and hedgerow planting.
 - Creation of ponds and wildflower meadows.
 - Watercourse protection.
 - Redesigning parks and recreational spaces with biodiversity in mind.
- A case study of Oswestry Town Council highlights successful approaches to making communities more nature rich.

✓ Key Upcoming Deadlines for Councils

- 15th October 2025 Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation closes.
- End of October 2025 Street Scene delegation briefing and new Ludlow bus timetable begins.
- 2nd November 2025 All-Age Autism Strategy consultation closes.

Bayston Hill-Local Report

I am pleased to report that the Grove Lane to Yew Tree footpath has now been upgraded and retarmacked, making it much more suitable for villagers wishing to connect to the village.

On the A49, a number of improvements have recently taken place. The footpaths have been thoroughly cleaned, making a noticeable difference for pedestrians and the pedestrian crossing timings have been altered by the engineers to allow longer for residents to cross—making the road significantly safer.

Community engagement has also been encouraging. Joe Walmsley and members of his team met with residents to discuss A49 light pollution concerns and a solution has been agreed which should be implemented within the next few months. In addition, after much negotiation and persistence, residents of the cottages have now been granted access codes to the gates, allowing them to reach the rear of their properties.

I have been working closely with Cllr. David Vasmer, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment, on several matters. These include securing additional signage on Lyth Hill, reviewing dog control orders, and reminding dog walkers of the rules: dogs must be kept on a lead when using bridleways and highways. I have also requested an increase in dog warden patrols to ensure residents are fully aware of their responsibilities. While we all value our furry friends, it's important that we show responsibility when out in public spaces.

There has unfortunately been a delay to the reinstatement of the miniroundabout at the top of Gorse Lane, due to National Grid roadworks. However, with those works now completed, I will continue to press for the roundabout to be delivered without further delay. On a more positive note, many residents will have noticed that a significant number of potholes across the parish have now been filled, improving road conditions.

A49 Night Closures-update

The current night-time closures on the A49 have caused some difficulties for residents, particularly those living within the fully closed section. I contacted Joe Walmsley, the A49 Route Manager, who responded immediately. He confirmed that the roadworks team have a duty to escort residents to and from their properties so that access is always maintained. He also apologised that letters had not been received by some households, and has now confirmed that every resident living on the A49 will receive a letter explaining access arrangements and other details.