

Chairman's Report For Full Council 4th October 2021

- The Bayston Hill Big Green Week was the main focus since the last Council Meeting.
 - 400 people attended the Eco Fete at Oakmeadow Church of England Primary School and we had the Mayor of Shrewsbury, Julian Dean in attendance.
 - Two guided tours of the Community Woodland were undertaken by Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
 - Three litter picks were completed up at Lyth Hill, around the Top Pitches and down Pully Lane. A total of 16 bags of rubbish were taken up to the Battlefield recycling centre.
 - The Wildflower verge was prepared and then sown by seven children from Oakmeadow Primary, Matt Wilcoxon, Open Space and Countryside Manager for Shrewsbury Town Council was present to talk to the children and take questions.
 - Two church services were held at the Methodist Church and Christ Church attended by over 100 people in total. James Hindson an environmental scientist from the village gave a talk on "Our God is Green"
 - An amount of Duck weed was removed from Parrs pool by a group of volunteers from the village under the supervision of Tim Owen from Owen's Aquatics. This activity was in truth just tackling the problem and is not a long-term solution, following a discussion with Tim Owen's he will be providing his thoughts on a long-term solution for Council to consider.
 - The library fully supported the week and had a display up throughout the week and had identified a number of Climate/environmental themed books that were available for loan.
 - A project for Hedgehog connections ran throughout the week.
 - The only disappointment was the attendance of the two, climate change themed films, Age of Stupid and Chasing Ice, on Saturday 25. We had 6 people at the 2pm showing and only 1 person at the 7pm showing. There will be another opportunity to see both films at Christ Church later in October/November during an evening in the week.
 - A short survey is being prepared to share with the community following this event.

I hope that this event has raised awareness of what we already have as a village and are doing and prompted residents to think about what else we could be doing.

- I was contacted by a lady from Conover College who will be having a group of young people living in the village in assisted accommodation. She would like these youngsters to become integrated within the community through attendance at suitable activities that are run in the village. I provided what information I could but realised that we did not have knowledge of all activities that are undertaken currently. I have contacted the Methodist Church and Memorial Hall and asked if they could provide a list of activities that currently go on at these venues, I will provide a similar list for Christ Church. Please let me have any thoughts you may have on this that would not be captured by these venues.