

SC report for BHPC – Sept. 2021

Covid infection remains high throughout Shropshire and major efforts continuing to encourage those still unvaccinated to present for injection. Mobile clinics are currently visiting FE sites, enabling students to drop-in for inoculation.

Meetings of full Council (74 members) are currently held at Theatre Severn, with the 74 councillors and principal officers seated, socially distanced, across the entire auditorium. Lap-tops precariously balanced on their knees throughout the meetings.

Statutory Committee meetings (panning/licensing etc), all previously held “remotely” on IT, are now resuming in Shirehall. The building is otherwise still very empty, with most staff “working remotely” from their own homes and reliant on IT equipment.

In partnership with the British Museum a new gallery is being established within Shrewsbury Museum to display artifacts and history of Pre-Roman Shropshire. The famous bronze age “golden sun pendant”, quite recently discovered by an Ellesmere metal detectorist, is now on display.

The large new block at Meole School, designed and constructed using carbon neutral principles, is now completed. Planning permission for complete replacement of the aged Belvidere secondary school, incorporating the same principles, has now also been agreed.

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