

Highways and social support teams have been much occupied with the impact of recent severe river flooding along the Severn.

An Ofsted inspection of SC children's services has rated performance provided across the county as "good overall". Further improvements are now to be implemented.

There are plans to create new swimming facilities at Shrewsbury Sports Village on Sundorne Road.

Two thirds grant funding has been obtained for a major refurbishment of the historic Cambrian Railway building in Oswestry.

Parking charges in Shrewsbury town centre are to be raised. All-day workers/visitors are being further encouraged to use car parks outside the river loop and then walk into the centre of town.

The river bridge at Cressage is to be closed until April for full span strengthening works.

Efforts continue to try and address the serious shortfall in required funding for essential services.

There is widespread support for the Labour group's calls to urgently address the rising costs of contracting out Highways management by bringing the service back inhouse.

*Locally:* Much distress was caused to some of our residents by the encroachment of storm water into their properties. We are now arranging for emergency sandbags to be made available up here.

The temporary closure of the Pulley Lane access off A5112 is cause of worry and inconvenience to all who use that entry into our village. Bellway's work on the main road is scheduled to continue for some months. We are lobbying for the Pulley Lane restrictions to be lifted as soon as its possible . . .

The 27 bus service (Bayston Hill/Shrewsbury) has improved but is still far from being reliable. The new "Connect On-Demand" bus service has been used by some IT savvy residents in Lyth Hill area.

*Belated Happy New Year to all*

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