



CLUN DIVISION

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PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

INFECTION RATES IN:

BISHOPS CASTLE AND CHIRBURY AND WORTHEN AREAS: 18 cases over last 7 days: Infection rate: 302.8 per 100,000

CLUN AND BUCKNEL AREA: 8 cases over last 7 days: Infection rate: 126.2 per 100,000

Information from: <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>. Correct as we go to press.

NATIONAL COVID ALERT

STAY HOME

5 NOV – 2 DEC

Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work

You must work from home if you can

Avoid travel unless essential

Schools and essential shops will remain open

Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

STOP PRESS

The Community College, Bishop's Castle will be back to normal opening on Wednesday 25th November after being closed due to Coronavirus.

CLUN BRIDGE CLOSURE



Urgent repair works will mean that Clun Bridge will be closed between 7th and 11th December.

The repair works will involve taking down and rebuilding two areas of displaced parapet following impact damage. Unfortunately, because of the narrow nature of the bridge, it will be necessary to close the bridge to traffic for the duration of the repair work. **A DIVERSION ROUTE WILL BE SIGN POSTED**

Wildlife crime within England and Wales - online event.

Martin Sims, former head of the Rural Crime Unit, will talk about the types of wildlife crime that occur across England and Wales,

allowing time for questions and advice on how to report wildlife crime.

The meeting will be presented on Zoom: a link will be sent out to everyone booked on the day of the talk. 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th November

<https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/wildlife-crime-online>





RESTORING SHROPSHIRE'S VERGES

Click on the link below to see a 4 min film describing the work and success of Restoring Shropshire Verges. Anyone who wants to find out more or to help in any way can contact Charlie Bell at the National Trust charlie.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk
Restoring Shropshire's Verges Video www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/films/



STAR NEWSAGENTS

Over the past few months, the main objective of the Bishop's Castle Community Land Trust (BCCLT) has been to secure a future for the former Stars Newsagent at 68-70 Church Street. The Trust tried to get Shropshire Council to take out a compulsory purchase order on the building without success. However, an online petition has attracted over 300 responses and many supportive comments which will continue to be used in the dialogue with Shropshire Council.

The aim is to create two units of affordable housing above, and to use part of the ground floor for a community resource centre, to provide a 'shop window' and focal point for a range of local and community initiatives, such as Grow Local.



Farmers Market

Enterprise House
Car Park

on the 3rd Saturday
of Nov. Dec. & Jan.
9am - 1pm

HELP FOR SELF EMPLOYED

See:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-businesses-and-the-self-employed/local-restrictions-support-grants/>



The Middle Marches Community Land Trust

The Trust was launched in April 2019, to provide a vehicle for the local ownership of land that can provide a haven for wildlife, better connectivity between habitats; promote regenerative agriculture and stimulate local food production.

Since then, the main achievements have been:

Working with the Stretton Wetlands Interest group on an appeal to buy a three-acre field on the edge of Church Stretton. It hosts 141 plant species, and 45 different types of insects,

Obtaining a 7 acre site just North of Bishops Castle, which has not been intensively managed for over 12 years. Part of the ground will be fenced off to allow for brief periods of mob-grazing to break up the turf and allow more plants to germinate. The rest will be rewilded.

Buying 94 acres up on Norbury Hill (below). The £100k was raised in a very short space of time from local donors. Securing it means that Norbury Hill will become the largest 'Stepping Stone' for nature between the Long Mynd and Stiperstones.

The Trust's first General Meeting will be held in January, when a full Board will be formally elected.

If you would like more information about any of their activities, or ask about standing for election to the Board, please

email info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk or call Jonathan on 07497 142 485



Financial support during lockdown

Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team is here to help all residents across the county during the pandemic

If you need financial support, help is available:

Test and Trace payments of £500 are available for people on low income who need to self-isolate

If you are of working age and receive council tax support, you have been awarded up to an additional £150 hardship payment on your council tax bill

If you have been financially affected by coronavirus, you may be eligible for grant funding
Call us on 0345 678 9078 to find out more

Visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits for further information

For further support visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or call the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shropshire Council Helpline on 0345 678 9028



Suffered a bereavement?

NEED TO TALK?

0345 678 9028

www.Shropshire.gov.uk



FREE COUNSELLING

Help is just a phone call away

If you live in Shropshire and you're struggling with the loss of a friend or loved one, give us a call.

Healthwatch Shropshire - Home Care

Healthwatch Shropshire have recently published a report into domiciliary care (also known as home care) in Shropshire. The findings are from a project undertaken before Coronavirus when people who received domiciliary care were asked for their views and comments about the service they received. The full report can be found at

<https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/report/2020-09-03/home-care-shropshire>



Postal Voting

Anyone can apply to have their ballot papers sent to them by post, instead of going to vote in person at a polling station. By completing and submitting a postal vote application form, you can choose to vote by post:

Contact: Electoral Services at Shropshire Council:
elections@shropshire.org.uk or 0345 678 9015

'JUST' THE FLU?

Flu can easily spread to those around you who are more vulnerable. If you are in receipt of carer's allowance or the main carer for an older person or someone with a disability, the free flu vaccination is the best protection.

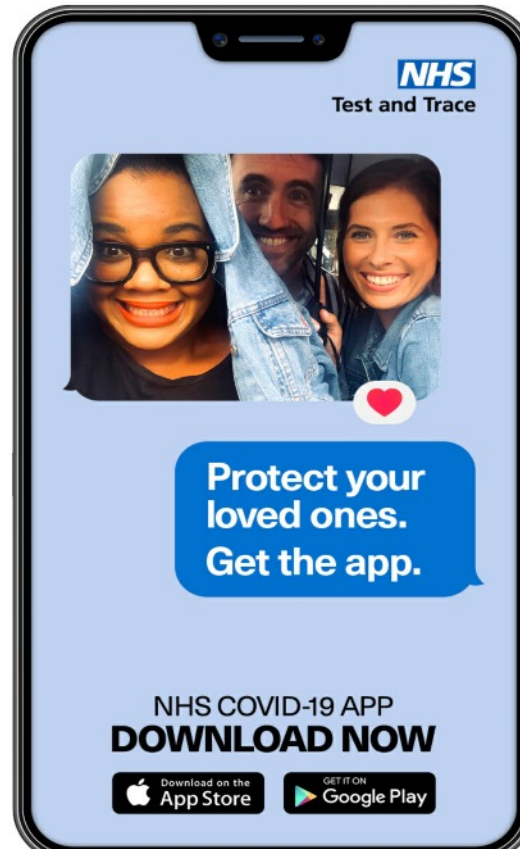
JUST GET YOUR FREE FLU JAB

Ask your pharmacist or GP if you're eligible.



UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The impact of Covid-19 is affecting many people and households in different ways including financially. If you need to check potential eligibility for Universal Credit, including support with housing costs, the following link will help to determine eligibility prior to submitting an application: www.entitledto.com



INTERACTIVE COVID MAP

See link below to interactive map illustrating cases by post code:

<https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

