



CLUN DIVISION

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## COUNCILLORS' PLEA ON RURAL AND WILDLIFE CRIME



Councillors in the South West of the county have written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable asking for the urgent allocation of more police resources to the countryside following a pronounced increase in rural crime during the pandemic.

Nigel Hartin, Shropshire Councillor for Clun Division, said: "The Shropshire countryside has always been under-policed but now resources have been stretched to breaking point. Police officers are thin on the ground and in addition now have to police the pandemic restrictions. Unfortunately, criminals are taking advantage of the situation. Not only are we seeing more thefts of items from garages and outhouses but even pedigree dogs being targeted."

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The **Discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant (DARG)** has now been launched. It sits alongside the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) but is more flexible, offering support to businesses mandated to close but not in business-rated premises as well as those not forced to close but who have been severely impacted due to COVID-19. For details see:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/covid19lrsg>

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/covid19darg>

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## CHRISTMAS BUBBLE



Between 23 and 27 December you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' of up to three households

Find out more: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## SHROPSHIRE LARDER

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<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid travelling outside your area, or entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).</p>

## Covid-19 restrictions in Wales

### What's changed?

BBC

Rules in force from Friday 4 Dec

#### CLOSED

Cinemas  
Bingo halls  
Bowling alleys  
Soft play centres  
Casinos  
Skating rinks  
Amusement arcades  
Museums  
Galleries

#### ALCOHOL SALES BANNED

Pubs, cafes and restaurants banned from selling alcohol  
Close at 1800  
Takeaway food and non-alcoholic drink sales only after 1800

#### OPEN

All shops  
Outdoor visitor attractions

Travel to England?  
4 household rule?  
Travel around Wales?  
Meet-ups in homes?

TBC  
✓  
✓  
✗

#### Financial support

£340m fund for businesses affected by new restrictions

## The Natural History of Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

### Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Where do our Christmas customs originate? Dr Michael Leach will explore the natural history of the holly and the ivy, the pre-Christian roots of hanging mistletoe and reveal that turkeys never did come from Turkey, plus lots more! For further info and to book visit:

[https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/natural-history-christmas?fbclid=IwAR11W6CoXSEjVfsO9gCmlsecPG4MP8ftreQog8E6F7qKHFXV1LDH7Rqz\\_s](https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/natural-history-christmas?fbclid=IwAR11W6CoXSEjVfsO9gCmlsecPG4MP8ftreQog8E6F7qKHFXV1LDH7Rqz_s)



# Be a part of Census 2021

Census day is 21 March 2021.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community gets the services it needs.



Find out more at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

Follow @Census2021

**The Census** Since 1801 a Census has been held every 10 years in the UK. It occurs on one day of the year and in 2021 it will be held on 21 March. The Census is a count of all people and households and is the most complete source of information about the population. It is a valuable historical record often used to research into family history as seen on the BBC programme "Who Do You Think You Are" as well as being used by Government and local councils to plan and develop services.

## Keep Shropshire Warm

Helping residents in Shropshire reduce their fuel bills and the health risks of living in a cold home.

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Shropshire nurse, Claire  
Who received a first time central heating grant.



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## 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](http://www.entitledto.com)

## HEART OF WALES LINE RESUMES SERVICES



Train services are now running on this line but with a bus connection between Swansea and Llanwrtyd Road



Moves are underway to see if a new shop for Bucknell can be established on a site next to the old shop flooded recently. The landowner has agreed to a demountable being placed there. This will be supplied by Salop Leisure of Shrewsbury and Shropshire Council will fund the cost of bringing the demountable to site. This will only proceed if the demountable offered is suitable and a financial package to cover the move is found

Nigel says "We still have a way to go to get a funding package together but this is a good start."



**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](mailto:elections@shropshire.org.uk) or 0345 678 9015

[www.shropshirelibdems.org](http://www.shropshirelibdems.org)



# SpArC Bishops Castle Leisure Centre

## General & Fitness Suite Opening Times

Monday:	16:00 - 21:00
Tuesday:	07:00 - 21:00
Wednesday:	16:00 - 21:00
Thursday:	16:00 - 21:00
Friday:	07:00 - 18:00
Saturday:	09:00 - 12:00
Sunday:	09:00 - 12:00

**Centre Closed on ALL Bank Holidays**



- No Walk-Ins Permitted
- Pre-Bookings Only (this can be done over the phone and online coming very soon for members)
- Sanitiser Stations located throughout the centre
- Separate Entry and Exit points

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**SpArC:** The Leisure Centre will re-open on Wednesday 2nd December. Please call 01588 630243 for bookings and any further information. The Theatre is also open again with Uncle Vanya on December 4th and Manon Lescau on December 6th. [www.sparctheatre.co.uk](http://www.sparctheatre.co.uk)

## WILDLIFE CRIME continued from P1

"Ruth Houghton said : "We have had issues with hare coursing in the Bishop's Castle area for some time and our local police have been trying to combat it. Normally what we see is large numbers of people from out of the area descending on known hare habitats to carry out this illegal activity. What has only recently come to light is the linkage between this activity and other crimes such as theft from property. It seems that many come into our area not only to kill hares but also to steal.

"Locally there have also been a number of instances of sheep worrying by dogs which is also a criminal offence. If you see a dog or dogs worrying sheep it should be reported to the Police as a rural crime."

Heather Kidd (Chirbury and Worthen Division) concluded: " Enforcement of wildlife crime committed during development of buildings in our area is also a problem. There is a great deal of upgrading of old buildings, barn conversions and other development \*\* going on and there is precious little enforcement of planning conditions and the police frequently do not have the time or training to intervene when bat roosts or birds' nest are destroyed. I know of a number of instances of this occurring and the perpetrators have not been brought to book."

The councillors are asking for more police resources to be allocated generally to rural Shropshire but also for officers to receive more training in wildlife crime. Ideally the force should appoint dedicated wildlife crime officers like in other police force areas.

They are also calling on Shropshire Council's Planning Department to work more closely with the police on wildlife crime issues.

## SpArC Bishops Castle Leisure Centre Fitness Classes

### Monday

5:00 pm Fitness Pilates with Lucy	6:15 pm Full Body Tone with Lucy	7:30 pm Studio Cycling with Lucy
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### Tuesday

8:00 am Fitness Pilates with Lucy	9:15 am Aerobics & Tone with Lucy	10:30 am Fitness Pilates with Lucy	6:00 pm Studio Cycling with Lucy	7:15 pm Fitness Pilates with Lucy
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### Wednesday

6:15 pm Body Shock with Lucy	7:30 pm Fitness Pilates with Lucy
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### Thursday

6:00 pm Studio Cycling with Emma	7:15 pm Muscular Strength with Emma
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### Friday

8:00 am Fitness Pilates with Lucy	9:15 am Cardio & Swiss Ball Blast with Lucy	10:30 am Fitness Pilates with Lucy
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- No Walk-Ins Permitted
- Pre-Bookings Only (this can be done over the phone and online coming very soon for members)
- Strict Start and Finish times for classes to allow for extra cleaning
- Sanitiser Stations located throughout the centre
- Reduced Class sizes
- Separate Entry and Exit points



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## CLUN BRIDGE CLOSURE



**Urgent repair works will mean that Clun Bridge will be closed between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

It will be necessary to close the bridge to traffic for the duration of the repair work.

**A DIVERSION ROUTE WILL BE SIGN POSTED**