



TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter AUTUMN 2019

Broseley Library Updates

Broseley Town Council is very pleased to welcome three new Library Assistants to our team. Wendy Croft, Angela Egginton and Dawn Martin are now firmly settled in and are working hard alongside a growing band of volunteers to promote our friendly library and services. Held every first Thursday of the month, **Rhyme Time Sessions**, are always popular with little ones and parents alike and **Food for Thought** continues to address topical subjects with knowledgeable speakers.

Adding to the offering we have a number of new events; **'Meet the Author'**, **'Books Aloud'** for adults; come and hear lovely voices reading beautiful words from favourite books on a theme, as well as a recent **Dementia Awareness** session. If you have an idea for an event at Broseley Library or are looking to start your own interest Group speak to our team to share your thoughts. There is a real bubble of energy – come and be part of it.

Dates for your Diary:

Books Aloud	Monday 11 th	Nov	11.30am-12.30pm	Theme: Remembrance
Rhyme Time (under 5's)	Thursday 7 th	Nov	10.15am – 11.00am	Songs and stories for under 5's

Find out about forthcoming events at shropshire.gov.uk/libraries

Can you Help Broseley Library?

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help support us develop new library services and events. Please contact the **Librarians** on **01952 882172**, or visit the Library to find out more.

Introducing "Friends of the Red Church"

Permission has now been given by Shropshire Council to allow a volunteer group to restore the neglected Churchyard at the old Red Church. The **"Friends of the Red Church"** is now being formed with the aim of improving access and finding a balance between conserving its nature and preserving it as a memorial site. The group will develop the stories of the 1,250 or more people buried there and events that shaped their lives when the district was at its industrial peak. Their history and that of the Church are important assets of Broseley's heritage.

One of the group's main partners is "Caring for God's Acre," a national body based in Craven Arms, which aims to restore overgrown and neglected graveyards. The Friends of the Red Church will be open to all and has no religious or other bias. As soon as the necessary formalities are complete, public meetings will be held, along with our partners, sharing plans and giving everyone a chance to throw ideas into the hat.

If you have a spare hour or two every so often the group would welcome help with a whole range of tasks such as clearing the site, surveying the trees, plants, animals, insects and birds, promoting and publicising the site, as well as background research. As representative of the owners of the site, **Rev. Fr. Christopher Penn** will Chair the Friends, **Anna Bunning** will be Treasurer and **Graham Hollox** will act as Secretary. Please contact him at grahamhollox@sky.com or by phone on **01952 884186** to volunteer or raise questions.

Broseley's Neighbourhood Plan

Over the summer, the Neighbourhood Plan team has conducted further public consultation, which showed that there was strong support for the proposed policies relating to development and valued green spaces in the town. A summary of the results can be found on the Town Council web site under the heading 'Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Results'.

A public meeting is planned for the autumn to discuss these results and provide a further update on progress. A specialist consultant, Michael Barker, who was successful in helping Newport complete its neighbourhood plan, will be working on fitting our policies into the required legal framework, after which all Broseley residents will have a chance to vote in a referendum next Spring to decide on its submission to Shropshire Council.

Local Police Update

Throughout the summer there have been burglaries from sheds, garages and other outbuildings of residential properties in the area. These appear to have been committed by offenders using at least one vehicle and probably a trailer. The items stolen have been an assortment of power tools, garden equipment and high value bicycles. These are the sort of items that can be sold on the second hand market.

Some advice to prevent burglaries from your property can be found on the West Mercia Police website. www.westmercia.police.uk/article/1955/Home There is also advice on how to mark your property on the West Mercia website www.westmercia.police.uk/we-dont-buy-crime.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team are conducting patrols around the rural roads in our area and in the towns and villages, but the best asset in Crime Prevention are the reports received from people concerning suspicious activity. Please report something that seems out of place, providing as much detail as possible. Especially relevant is a vehicle registration and a good description of anybody seen in suspicious circumstances. You can do this by ringing 101. However, if a crime is actually taking place, or you believe someone is in physical danger call 999.

If the issue you want to report does not require an officer to attend and is not urgent, you can email bmw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk. Please do not use this email address to report a crime or incident as it is not monitored 24/7.

Follow your Safer Neighbourhood Team on Twitter [@WenlockCops](https://twitter.com/WenlockCops) for advice & updates about Policing issues that affect your local area. Remember, don't use Twitter to report crime, dial **999** or **101** as detailed above.

Ironbridge Road Repairs

Officers from Shropshire Council attended the Town Council meeting in July to report on the problems at Ironbridge Road. Ground instability has caused part of the eastern edge of the road to become unsupported, so it has been necessary to reduce the carriageway width temporarily and install two-way traffic lights.

Shropshire Council are monitoring conditions on a regular basis whilst plans are drawn up to reconstruct this section of road. This will be complex project, and is not expected to start before July 2020. In the meantime, the Town Council is continuing to press Shropshire Council to improve the reliability of the temporary traffic lights.

Severn Trent Works, Ironbridge

Severn Trent will be carrying out sewer works in the Ironbridge Gorge until 17th Jan 2020. This will lead to some disruption and extended journey times. Please visit the Transport and Highways section of the town council website for updates or contact Severn Trent.

Angel Gallery has recently opened its doors and is a welcome addition to our bustling Broseley High Street. Owners Ann and Mike Fraser are keen to exhibit local creatives too. If you are a keen local artist or crafter you can submit your work at their website www.theangelgallery.co.uk, or by emailing mikeann@theangelgallery.co.uk. Why not drop into **17a Broseley High Street**, open **11am - 5pm, Wednesday to Saturday**.

Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00pm. Public participation is from 7.00 - 7.10pm. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on town notice boards and on the Council website.

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Broseley Food Bank Please don't forget that any donations can be dropped into Broseley Library, local churches or the Broseley Social Club. Anyone seeking help can request a referral via Social Services, GP, the local Church or Head Teacher of child's school.

Visit Broseley Website:

Your guide to events in town: visitbroseley.co.uk. You can also let people know about your group or event by providing details.

The Birchmeadow Centre: For information and news about forthcoming events, availability birchmeadow.org.uk