

**HUGE RESPONSE TO ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVE:** the Smartwater anti-crime initiative has proved hugely successful with residents of Church Aston Parish, and we now have around 250 homes protected. This level of uptake means that the Parish qualifies for street signs to increase visibility of the scheme and add to its deterrent effect. Installation of signs will start on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

However, our Parish Councillors are not complacent as they aim to increase coverage to around 375 homes in total or 70% of all residents in the Parish.

Parish Council Chairman, Simon Stacey said "Church Aston is already a low crime area however we want to ensure it stays that way. When the opportunity came along for us to work together with Smartwater Ltd and West Mercia Police we were delighted. The scheme has proved very popular with residents and we want more of them to benefit".

If you haven't collected your 'free' Smartwater kit it is not too late. More sessions to register residents and distribute the kits are planned at Church Aston Church Hall as follows:-

- 6.30 pm till 8.00 pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019
- 6.30 pm till 8.00 pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP OTHERS?** Newport Helpline, which operates under Royal Voluntary Service, provides inexpensive transport for local people unable to drive themselves to medical and other appointments, and also helps with shopping for the housebound. Volunteer drivers and people to man the telephone are urgently needed to keep the service running. For more information please telephone 01952 820599 on any weekday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

**ACCOUNTS OPEN FOR INSPECTION:** every year Parish Councils are subject to external audit. This process allows anyone with an interest an opportunity to look at and comment on our accounts & governance arrangements. The published dates are from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. However you may view all CAPC documents at any time with reasonable notice - email: [churchaston@gmail.com](mailto:churchaston@gmail.com)



**SNIPPETS:**

- a. the new Multi-Use Games facility on the Wallshead Way Play Area is fully up and running with outstanding landscape works and marking of the courts now complete;
- b. we have been lobbying T&WC over many months to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Wellington Road to a point beyond Moorfields Lane junction. This proposal is to help reduce traffic speeds and to observe new development boundaries;
- c. following a longstanding request from Church Aston PC T&WC have recently issued enforcement notices on a number of residents of Wellington Road requiring them to cut back verge & plant / tree encroachment that makes the footways very narrow in places;
- d. Church Aston Parish Councillors have called upon T&WC to carry out a review of arrangements for pedestrians following completion of the development at the top of Liddles Bank.

**AREA UNDER THE FORMER RAILWAY BRIDGE:** over recent months, Parish Councillors have become increasingly concerned about the poor state of upkeep of the area under the former railway bridge. Casual observations over the sides of the footbridge reveal the area to be heavily over-grown with litter and other debris detracting from this centre of the village community area.

Following discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council the Parish Council is exploring implications of taking over responsibility for the area (excluding structural maintenance of the bridge). If the proposal goes ahead the Parish Council will take-on a lease to manage and maintain the area.

All current users will continue to have access to the area and hopefully this valuable community asset will be used by local groups more frequently.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** the Parish Council are keen to maintain an open dialogue with the local community in order that (i) you can tell us about things that interest or concern you and (ii) we can tell you about things that may be of interest to you and also about our work in the community.

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