

Shawbury Parish Council:

News Items

First World War Graves:

Having identified six uncared for service personnel graves in the grave yard of St. Mary the Virgin Church, in what is the RAF Centenary Year and 100 years since the end of World War 1, Councillors Jill Manley and Sam McIntosh decided action was needed.

So on a wet and blustery September Saturday, with the permission and backing of the Reverend Rich Cresswell and the support of fellow Councillors and volunteers, enthusiastic and respectful work was carried out to clean and tidy all the graves.

Grateful thanks are extended to Reverend Rich and all those involved for their support and help with this worthwhile project

This is not the end of the project as Sam and Jill are continuing to look into the history behind the WW1 burials and more information will eventually be published on the Council's web site.

Smartwater:

Together with representatives from the Council, Smartwater are arranging to distribute packs of the kit to residents who were unable to get to the Village Hall when the original distribution took place. This will take place on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>. between 4.00 and 6.30pm and Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>. between 10.00am and 12.30pm.

Projects:

A few months ago the Council published details of projects it was hoping to deliver with money received as part of the housing development taking place in Poynton Road. The refurbishment of the paths in the Moat and Glebe areas has been successfully completed but work on the other projects has stalled as the Parish Council has not yet received the money from Shropshire Council to fund them.

Shawbury Parish Paths



After ten years of maintenance and repair the volunteers, led by Richard Bailey, who have done a grand job in opening up some previously overgrown paths, replacing stiles and finger posts are calling it a day. The council are now looking for someone to lead and coordinate the group. The work is voluntary but there is a small fund available for materials. If you think you could help with this worthwhile task, please contact Jack Wilson the Parish Clerk [shawburypcclerk@talktalk.net].

At present the group give about 80 hours a year but it can be as little or as much as the group wishes to do. There is some equipment available but training in the use of machines such as strimmers would need to be undertaken before they could be used.

The group liaises with Shropshire Council via its Outdoor Recreation Department regarding materials and training and advice.

External Audit:

Once again the External Auditors have not raised any concerns about the financial management of the Council's accounts and the administration of the service. Full details of the accounts are available or can be found on the Council's web site.