



Albrighton Parish Council

Monthly Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome to new Councillors

At the Extra-Ordinary Full Council Meeting on Thursday 4th January 2024, two candidates were co-opted as Councillor's of Albrighton Parish Council. We would like to welcome Councillor David Benson and Councillor Rachel Wild to Albrighton Parish Council.



Councillor David Benson



Councillor Rachel Wild

We would also like to thank all of those who put their name forward for consideration, and apologies that on this occasion you were unsuccessful.

Albrighton Parish Council's Elections for its new term of Councillors will take place in May 2025.

All Councillors names and their photos are listed on our website, noticeboard outside the Red House, as well as in the Library Building foyer.

Calling all Councillors, past and present!

Albrighton Parish Council will be celebrating 130 years of forming a Parish Council. The Local Government Act 1894 introduced elected councils at a District and Parish Level, with Albrighton being one of the first to form a Council. We want to honour this at Albrighton Parish Council and Library by celebrating past and present Councillors. We will be producing a display in the Library Meeting Room throughout the year and are asking past and present Councillors to send in a baby photo of themselves for people to guess who they are!



If you are a past Councillor and would like to take part, please email admin@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk with a baby photo, and include the years you were active as a Councillor. If you do not have a digital photo available but would like to participate, you can bring in the physical photo to the Council Office for us to photocopy for you.

We hope that all past and present Councillors will join us in our Celebrations and take part in the baby photo display!

Celebrating 5 years at Albrighton Parish Council and Library

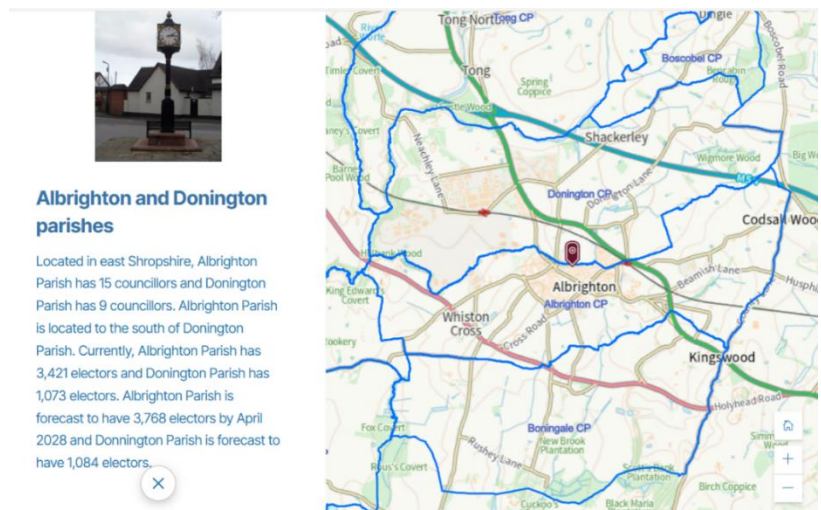
In January we celebrate 5 years of Lauren and Olivia working at Albrighton Parish Council and Library. We would like to thank both members of staff for their hard work and dedication over the years! The Chairman, Councillor Adrian Robinson, presented both with flowers to show Albrighton Parish Council's appreciation.



Community Governance Review – Concerning Albrighton and Donington Parishes

Shropshire Council is undertaking Community Governance Reviews, focusing on five areas within Shropshire. Albrighton and Donington Parishes are included in this review.

- Shrewsbury Parish and adjacent Parishes
- Albrighton and Donington Parishes
- Ludlow and Ludford Parishes
- Baschurch and Bomere Heath (Pimhill) Parishes
- Market Drayton and Adderley Parishes
- Please see Shropshire Council's website for more information on the review and how your comments and proposals can help with their decision: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections-and-electoral-registration/parish-council-boundary-review-consultation/>



Albrighton and Donington parishes

Located in east Shropshire, Albrighton Parish has 15 councillors and Donington Parish has 9 councillors. Albrighton Parish is located to the south of Donington Parish. Currently, Albrighton Parish has 3,421 electors and Donington Parish has 1,073 electors. Albrighton Parish is forecast to have 3,768 electors by April 2028 and Donington Parish is forecast to have 1,084 electors.

Consultation starts 15 December 2023 and ends on the 26 January 2024

What County Council services would you like to see prioritised?

Shropshire Council's Budget Consultation is now open. This is an important opportunity for you to share your thoughts on how Shropshire Council can achieve the spending reductions and how services will be shaped in future. These reductions must be made before 2025.

Feedback from this survey will inform the final budget proposals.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 mins.

Closing date is 28th January 2024.

<https://orlo.uk/8jGnn>

Every voice matters so please make sure you have your say whilst you can!



What's on at Albrighton Library

Bumper Booksale Update

On Wednesday 13th December 2023 we hosted a Bumper Booksale for old library stock and book donations. As we had so much stock left over, we continued the sale throughout the week! We would like to say thank you to all that came to our event on this day and put forward donations. We are pleased to say we raised a total of £76.60. This will be split evenly between Albrighton Library and Shropshire Libraries.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to 'Aunty Jean' who kindly made a Victoria sponge, coffee cake and mince pies – we can confirm these were delicious!



Photography Exhibition

Carol Ann Langford School of Photography and her brilliant photographers have their annual display up in the Library until the New Year. Please do come along to the Library to see all the amazing photographs in person!

We are open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm - you don't need to be a member of the Library to come look at the display!

Upcoming Events and Community Groups

- *Every Third Tuesday of the month- Shropshire Council and their partners*

Shropshire Council and their partners attend Albrighton Library every third Tuesday of the month, this is a free information, advice, and support session. You can expect help and support with:

- Housing Support
- Children's Health and Wellbeing
- Dementia Support
- Financial Advice
- Healthy Living Advice
- Home Fire Safety
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Drug & alcohol Support
- Getting Older

Available every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Dates: 20th February 2024. Further dates to be announced in future.

- First Wednesday of the Month – Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join Lauren for Rhyme Time every first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am for stories, songs and lots of fun! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds, but older siblings are welcome to come along during half term. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

*Available every first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 11.30am
Dates: 7th February 2024 and 6th March 2024*

- Fourth Wednesday of the Month – Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Meet up with friends or make new ones from your area at Age UK's Albrighton Social Group, starting Wednesday 22nd November 2023 from 2pm-4pm. The social group is for people aged 60+ and is a great way to catch up with friends or meet new people while enjoying a cup of coffee/tea or a slice of cake.

For more information, please call 01743 233 123 or email enquires@ageukstw.org.uk

We will also be having a Community Blood Pressure Champion at the session.

Available every fourth Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm
Dates: 28th February 2024 and 27th March 2024

- Every Day – Warm Space

Our Warm Space is back open for Winter 2023 until 1st April 2024. Open to all members of the public to have a cup of coffee/tea, cup of soup and biscuits.

We are pleased to confirm that our Warm Space is now open to the public to have a tea/coffee, biscuits, or cup of soup. Keep warm this winter! We have lots of puzzles and games to keep you occupied.

**Please note that our Warm Space is open at different times to our actual opening hours; this is to allow for groups and activities, as well as allowing our staff time to tidy up at the end of the day.
Our Warm Space will be open until 1st April 2024*

More news...

Watch this space to see what Albrighton Parish Council are doing for Easter!