

# Albrighton Parish Council



Albrighton Parish Council work for and on behalf of the community of Albrighton.

## Community Partnerships

Albrighton Parish Council not only work with organisations and businesses, but they also work with voluntary groups to engage in community partnerships. One of these community partnerships is with the Albrighton Craft Group.

Albrighton Craft Group not only hold a monthly community group for FREE the third Wednesday of the month. The group will be available to teach anyone to knit or crochet or help people advance their skills. They will be holding these craft sessions at Albrighton Library every third Wednesday of the month from 1pm to 4pm and all are welcome.

They also provide wonderful and decorative displays of their crafts throughout the village and parish area. We are looking forward to their Christmas displays in the coming weeks.



## Albrighton War Memorial

The Albrighton War Memorial Committee is making steady progress in developing the project and specification for the renovation works for our wonderful War Memorial.

The specification is one of the important elements for the project to ensure that the works being completed are correct. This piece of work requires lots of input from specialist restorers and the Council and Committee want to get this right.

Thank you to John Stretton who has identified, located and collected a copy of the original documentation and plans from Shropshire Achieves for the War Memorial. This has been invaluable for the project in making sure the restoration works are in keeping with the original works completed.

A new updated War Memorial report has been produced and we will be discussing this at our next Working Group meeting.

Our Office Administrator has been working on updating the War Memorial page on Albrighton Parish Council's website. Thank you to local family members who have provided information and to John Stretton who has provided information from his research. We are still hopeful that more family members will offer any information they have to be included on the website to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

If there is a family member whose name is inscribed on the Albrighton War Memorial please let us know and we would welcome any information. Please contact Olivia at the Parish Office - Tel: 01902 375455 or email: [admin@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Albrighton Parish Council are very proud to be supporting our local community during a time where people are concerned about the rising costs of living and fuel bills. We are starting to see a few regulars using the Warm Space and hope that as the weather is turning colder, we will see more residents using this opportunity to keep warm without worrying about their heating bills. All are welcome to attend the warm space regardless of your circumstances.

Don't forget the Parish Office and Library meeting room will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on a Saturday morning 10.00am to 1.00pm.

This warm space is working in partnership with Shropshire Libraries and Albrighton Parish Council have pledged £500.00 towards the set-up costs for this initiative. Thank you to Donington with Boscobel Parish Council who have also pledged money towards this vital project for our community.

There is free tea, coffee and cuppa soup available and a selection of games and activities for those who wish to join in. There will be a community jigsaw puzzle available to complete by everyone and a daily crossword. Also available will be a selection of newspapers and magazines.



Thank you to those who have helped with our community jigsaw puzzle, we have now completed 2 puzzles and look forward to working on the next puzzle with the community in the coming months.

If you are worried about transport, don't forget the Albrighton Flyer is available Tuesday to Friday, telephone 07543869754.

### **Albrighton Extravaganza - Christmas Light Switch On**

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November residents of Albrighton and surrounding areas gathered to watch the Christmas Light Switch on which took place during the Albrighton Extravaganza. Thank you to all the shops and businesses that stayed open during the Extravaganza.

This year Albrighton Parish Council have invested in upgrading and purchasing new Christmas Lights for the centre of the village and are also trialling solar powered LED miniature Christmas Trees. The new Christmas Lights look fantastic when entering the village and will really brighten up our village during darker months.



Thank you to The Vice Lord Lieutenant, the Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, the Chairman of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council and the Red House for their assistance and support with turning on the Christmas lights. Thank you to the Shifnal and Albrighton Safer Neighbourhood Team for their attendance during the evening.

## Christmas Close Down

Albrighton Parish Council and Library will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period.

Albrighton Parish Council Office will be closed Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Albrighton Library will be closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5:00pm.

Albrighton Parish Council Office and Library will be open from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at 10:00am.

We look forward to seeing our local residents and borrowers in the New Year.

## Shropshire Local – Accessing Shropshire Council services

It was fantastic to see so many residents visiting Albrighton Library during November when a team member from Shropshire Local helped residents accessing Shropshire Council services. We are pleased to hear that Shropshire Local will be returning Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 10am to 2pm. A Team member from Shropshire Council will be on hand to help residents accessing the following:

- Bus passes
- Blue Badges
- Waste and Recycling
- Reporting local issues from streetlights, potholes etc.

We hope to see residents using this opportunity to speak with a Shropshire Local Team Member.

## Streetlights

Shropshire Council are updating streetlights to LED lighting across the county. Some of these planned works and repairs are taking longer than expected. The streetlighting issue on the High Street from the junction at Meadow Road to Shaw Lane were out for a number of months, but we are now pleased to see the streetlights are working again. This was due to an issue with the switch on when it was passed over to National Grid (formerly WPD). Thank you to our local Shropshire Councillor, Nigel Lumby and our Office Administrator for their hard work in reporting and chasing this issue up with Shropshire Council.

To report a streetlight issue, please visit: <https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk/> or telephone 0345 678 9000

## Chairman of the Council's Update - Councillor Adrian Robinson

It is with sad regret to that our Parish Clerk, Clare Turner, left Albrighton Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for a new position at a local Town Council. On behalf of the Council, Councillors and the Community I want to thank her for her hard work and dedication. I know she is going to be dearly missed by the staff, Councillors and the community, but we wish her well for the future and hope she comes to visit us very soon.

We are hopeful to appoint a new Clerk in the new year, and we will provide an update and introduce the new Clerk/Locum Clerk once they have been offered the position.

For my term of office 2022/23, I have chosen Albrighton Foodbank for my charity of choice. As it is coming up to Christmas as I write this, I wanted to ensure local children had something to enjoy at this time of year, therefore I have purchased 20 chocolate oranges and selection boxes to be gifted to local children who use the foodbank.

