# **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, they 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. This group is to teach anyone to knit or crochet or help people advance their skills.

But they also provide wonderful and decorative displays of their crafts throughout the village and parish area. This month they have put a wonderful poppy display outside the Red House and also provided a poppy window display at the Parish Council office window.

## **Chairman of the Council - Charity Race Night**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Adrian Robinson has chosen Albrighton Food Bank as his charity for his term of office.

A Chairty Race night was due to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Red House but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this event had to be **CANCELLED**.

We want to thank everyone for their support and generous donations. We will keep you updated on when this event will be rescheduled.



# **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.

Its time again to get the War Memorial ready for **Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday**.

Thank you to Sgt Chris King and his team at RAF Cosford who have spent two days tidying the War Memorial for these events. They have removed 22 bags of leaves and rubbish from the site and will be making sure this is all ready for our local remembrance events.

The Royal British Legion and its wonderful volunteers will be making sure the Remembrance Sunday parade is its usual triumph at Albrighton. This year Albrighton Parish Council and Donington with Boscobel Parish Council have agreed a grant to pay for the refreshments after the parade at The Red House.



Thank you to everyone involved for continuing to make this event so worthwhile for all the community to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. It does take hours of preparation to make this all go smoothly.

The High Street will be closed on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 10.30am to 11.30am for the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

#### **Shropshire Council Highways Planning for 2023/2024**

The Parish Council have received communication from Shropshire Council regarding the programmed resurfacing work for 2023/2024. The Parish Council are extremely pleased to inform you that essential carriageway resurfacing work is programmed to take place in our parish area as part of this programme.

**C4174 - Station Road, Albrighton** site has been identified via a combination of local engineering judgment and asset management data as needing essential maintenance. The site forms part of a countywide programme of schemes, scheduled to deliver the work in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

The scheme will involve resurfacing work, which is the placement of a new asphalt layer which is applied by a paving machine and then rolled to achieve a smooth, strong surface. Resurfacing is a vital part of Highways maintenance; it improves the long-term condition of roads, helps to prevent structural problems in the future and reduces time spent on smaller repairs, such as filling potholes.

A road closure will be required to ensure the safety of road users and those carrying out the work. The work is likely to take place between April and August 2023 during the warmer months. The Parish Council will keep you updated regarding the dates as soon as they have further updates.

Thank you to Shropshire Councillor, Councillor Nigel Lumby, who has been working hard behind the scenes to make sure that Albrighton are at the forefront and part of the resurfacing work programme. A thank you to Shropshire Council also for keeping the Parish Council updated and informed regarding the improvements to our community.

#### Warm Space at Library Meeting Room

The warm space is now open at The Parish Office and Library meeting room. 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.

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.



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

## **Pumpkin Competition**

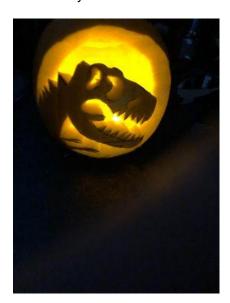
Albrighton Parish Council has this year once again held a Pumpkin Competition. This year's event was open to anyone who was school age from within the village. Children and young people were invited to collect a voucher for a pumpkin from the Parish Office and Library, this voucher entitled them to collect a free pumpkin from Cartwrights Fresh Flowers, Fruit & Vegetable shop in the High Street.

Once the pumpkin was collected those taking part were asked to carve the pumpkin and send their photos to the Parish Office to upload onto the Parish Council's social media or to upload it onto social media and include the Parish Council.

Three winners have been selected for prizes donated by the Parish Council.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this event and we have had lots of photos sent to us of the wonderfully carved pumpkins.

A special thank you goes to Cartwrights who have partnered the Parish Council for this event to supply the pumpkins for this event. The Parish Council are always looking for ways to work with and support the local community and its businesses where they can.







**Shropshire Council provision for Electric Charging Points** 

Shropshire Council have announced they have a successful bid for Government funding which has secured Shropshire Council £902,940 to install more on-street electric vehicle charging points across the county.

The Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor, Councillor Nigel Lumby, are extremely pleased that Albrighton has been selected to be part of this project and the parish will see two areas with charging points;

14	Albrighton High Street (Crown Hotel)	WV7 3JA
15	Albrighton High Street	WV7 3JU

The grant award came from the 'Office for Zero Emission Vehicles', with support of the Energy Saving Trust. This will enable the installation of on-street charge points for residents wishing to charge their plugin electric vehicles. We will now work with our charge point operator, 'Connected Kerb', to bring the number of EV charge points to 320, across 45 locations in the county. A number of members have asked where the chosen locations are, so please see the list below that we are working to and the rationale for their selection.

The project and the plan, including the dates for installation, is currently being worked on by Officers at Shropshire Council. The Parish Council will update further once the date has been confirmed. This is really good news for our Parish Thank you to Shropshire Council.

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

It is with sad regret to inform you that our Parish Clerk, Clare Turner, will be leaving Albrighton Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

I have attended a meeting with the Vice Chairman of the Council, Councillor Sylvia Pledger, where we met the new Station Commander at RAF Cosford. We welcomed Group Captain Cameron G W Gibb to RAF Cosford and the community and Albrighton. We are looking forward to developing our community partnership with the Station Commander and RAF Cosford personnel.



I am really pleased that Albrighton have started to receive communication from Shropshire Council regarding the planned works in the village during 2023/24 and it really is wonderful that our community is being recognised by Shropshire Council for this investment for the benefit of us all.

It is so wonderful to see the poppy display at the front of the Red House and see our community working in harmony to help one another and everyone's efforts being recognised.