

Bayston Hill Parish Council Report

1st June 2026

Local Update

It has been another busy few months across the village, with a real mix of community events, local issues and positive initiatives taking place.

One of the highlights recently was organising a visit for the Oak Meadow Primary School Council to The Guildhall in Shrewsbury to help the children experience local democracy in action. I first met the pupils at the beginning of the academic year during their own School Council elections and it was wonderful to welcome them to Shropshire Council.

During the visit, the children enjoyed a guided tour of the Guildhall including the new Guildhall Café before taking part in a question and answer session with Chairman of Shropshire Council Duncan Borrowman, council leader Cllr Heather Kidd and cabinet member for children and education Andy Hall. The pupils asked thoughtful and intelligent questions about local government and representing communities.

The children then held their own mock council meeting in the Council Chamber where they debated ways to improve school lunchtimes and learned more about how council meetings work. One of the highlights of the visit was when each child had the opportunity to ring the historic HMS Shropshire council bell, traditionally rung at the beginning of Full Council meetings.

I also attended the Community Day on the first May Bank Holiday Monday which was a fantastic event and very well supported. I spent part of the day helping Friends of the Glebe with their stall, including running the tombola. Huge thanks go to the local businesses who generously donated to the prize hamper for the raffle draw.

It has also been lovely to get out and about on some of the community walks organised by villager Emma Plover. These walks are proving to be a really positive way for residents to connect, get outdoors and spend time together.

I wanted to share an update from Anne-Mari Gordon and the Lower Pulley Lane toad patrol volunteers. This year's patrol safely helped 1,256 toads, 6 frogs and 9 smooth newts across the road during breeding migration season, which is a significant improvement on previous years. As the evenings became lighter and traffic reduced later in the day, the patrol came to an end and the signage has now been safely stored ready for next year. I was very pleased to play a small part in helping secure the signage for the group. A huge thank you to everyone involved in this fantastic community initiative.

Following concerns raised by residents regarding the Arriva bus service, I escalated the issues to the commercial manager. Apologies were issued and assurances have been given that the service will continue to be reviewed and monitored. Arriva have confirmed they are working to improve reliability, ensure updates are reflected properly on the live

tracking app and allow sufficient time between services to avoid some of the problems previously experienced. However, I am aware that there have been disruptions during the Half Term Holidays so please contact me with any information as I will continue to hold Arriva to account.

There was also some disruption following a changeover in contractors responsible for emptying litter and dog waste bins across the village. This unfortunately caused some missed collections and confusion. Residents were extremely quick to report issues to me, which allowed me to raise them directly with Shropshire Council. Thankfully, the situation now appears to have improved significantly and most bins are now correctly logged for collection. However, please do continue to let me know if you spot any bins that have not been emptied.

I have also continued working closely with the dog warden following ongoing concerns regarding dog fouling and discarded dog waste bags in parts of the village and on Lyth Hill. Additional dog control signage has now been installed on Lyth Hill Road and the dog warden is carrying out more regular patrols in the affected areas.

Shropshire Council Update

There have been a number of positive developments and initiatives taking place across Shropshire in recent weeks.

Shropshire Council and the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team have announced the development of a new network of accessible viewpoints across the Shropshire Hills National Landscape as part of the Open Horizons project. The initiative has been supported through DEFRA's Access for All funding and is designed to help more people enjoy and experience some of Shropshire's most iconic scenery regardless of mobility or access needs.

The viewpoints are spread across the National Landscape, including at Lyth Hill Country Park, and have been carefully selected to provide a range of accessible options. Some locations allow visitors to enjoy views directly from their vehicles while others provide short and accessible walking routes. Each site is supported by a detailed access guide giving information about parking, paths, gradients and nearby facilities so visitors can plan ahead with confidence.

Many of the viewpoints also feature audio descriptions created by partially sighted artist Zoe Partington, helping blind and partially sighted visitors engage more fully with the landscape. In addition, several locations include tactile ceramic plaques inspired by the views, created by local artists with learning disabilities supported by My Options Telford & Wrekin.

Shropshire Council has also recently launched the Local Plan Scoping Consultation. This is an important early stage in helping shape the future direction of planning policy across the county and residents are encouraged to take part and share their views on how Shropshire should develop over the coming years.

Residents may also be interested to know that Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery is currently hosting an internationally acclaimed exhibition featuring some of the world's finest nature photography. The exhibition showcases stunning images from across the globe and is proving to be a fantastic cultural attraction within the county.

In addition, Shropshire Council has appointed Tanya Miles as its new Chief Executive. Tanya brings extensive experience in local government leadership.

Further information on council projects, consultations and events can be found on the Shropshire Council website and newsroom.

Councillor Surgery and Contact Details

Locally, my councillor surgery will be on 15th June at ZAP Coffee Bar from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

You can also contact me on 07920 7773361 or by email at teri.trickett@shropshire.gov.uk.

I am always happy to answer any concerns or provide advice on local matters.