

Shropshire Council are facing a shattering “budget gap” of £34m for next year, largely due to “inflationary pressures”. The administration is looking to try and address matters with “robust savings” across the piece. These further cuts in services have yet to be identified.

Grant funding to provide 320 public electric vehicle charging points in 45 locations across the County has been successful and their installation is now being planned.

Automatic number plate recognition devices are to be trialled outside 6 schools with particularly dangerous approach roads where speeding traffic is a recurring problem.

The major roof repairs at Shrewsbury baths will be completed shortly, enabling the main pool to be reopened. The other pools in the facility have remained open throughout.

The controversial “temporary closures” of the highway’s depots in Bridgnorth and Hodnet is now permanent, with both sites for sale. This is cause of much concern in Bridgnorth area.

The Avian flu epidemic has now led to strict biosecurity measures on all hen flocks over 500.

A “social taskforce” has been formed to support Shropshire residents now facing hardship.

*Locally:* The vexingly unpredictable timing of our 27-bus service is acknowledged by Arriva. We have had assurances that they are endeavouring to improve service reliability!

The discussions about the future of our local GP surgery and proposals to develop a replacement combined GP Hub on Oteley Road, will be subject of further public consultation in the New Year.

The Condover road will be subject to temporary overnight closure from 14<sup>th</sup> November, for work on a new gas main connection.

A small bucket of native blue-bell bulbs, gifted by a generous thoughtful resident, are now being planted in Parr’s wood.

