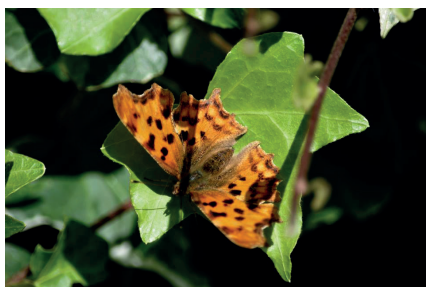
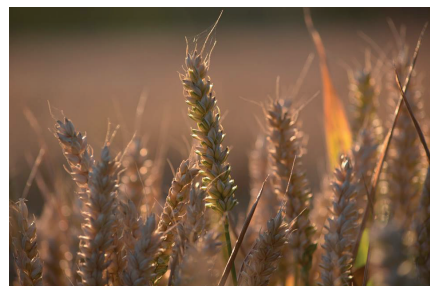


## Shotteswell Parish Council Chairman's Report 2016





### **A Year in Review and News:-**

On behalf of the Parish Council may I extend a warm welcome to all of our new residents and hope that you are all settling in. My thanks to existing residents for their continued support in keeping Shotteswell a nice place to live.

### **Elections:**

In May 2015 the local Parish Council and District Council elections were held. The retiring Parish Council was re-elected with Cllr Omer taking the place of Cllr Nell who did not seek re-election. We are grateful to George for all of his hard work on the council and welcome Anne as the new member.

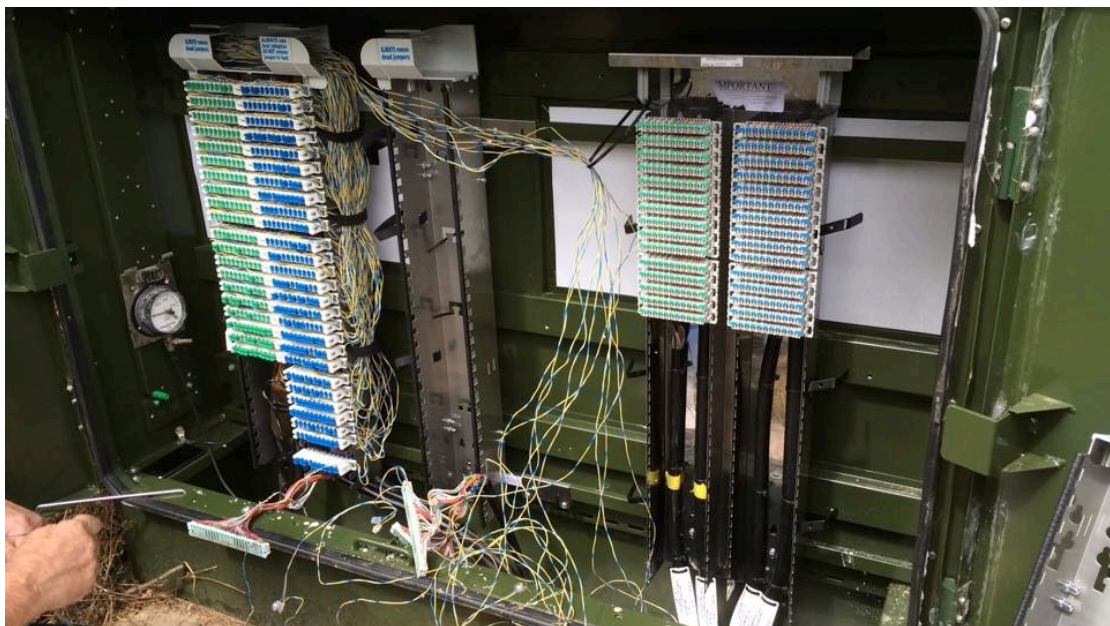
Cllr Simon Jackson, who had been our District Councillor, also retired after many years of exemplary service to the community. It was with great sadness that just after Christmas we heard of the tragic loss of Simon's wife Liz who was well known to many in the area, our sincere condolences to Simon and his family.

Cllr Bart DallaMura was elected to represent the Red Horse Ward and we offer our support and good wishes to him in looking after our interests at Stratford.

### **Superfast Broadband:**

The arrival of Superfast broadband in November 2015 was a huge boost to the community with the network now capable of offering the capacity to deliver speeds of up to 40meg and 70meg respectively.

Shotteswell is the only parish in Cllr Dalla Mura's Ward to have superfast broadband. For once we must be very grateful that we do live so close to the Oxfordshire borders. Our upgrade was entirely due to being part of the Wroxton St Mary exchange which enabled us to receive the service well ahead of our neighbouring parishes.



There were a few problems with the initial superfast orders, largely due it appears to the Christmas promotion by BT, with some orders being cancelled without notice



and confusion over re-bookings. The Parish Council assisted with helping residents to sort out some of these problems and in getting connected. A suggestion was made to Coventry and Warwickshire broadband that a more coordinated approach be adopted once a cabinet goes live. Although this will not help Shotteswell, it would be helpful to other communities. All residents that placed orders are now connected and without doubt this has been a very welcomed addition to village life.

**Rural Watch:** The Parish Council continues to promote the Rural Watch Scheme and it is easy to register to receive updates directly from the Police. Visit [www.shotteswellvillage.co.uk](http://www.shotteswellvillage.co.uk) for details. Following the Cremarking session we have received some signs, which will show that the village has property marking protection. There has been a spate of vehicles robbed in Cropredy and in Mollington over the past few weeks.

Please be vigilant, green refuse bins are being stolen, please mark your bins and remove them as soon as possible after refuse collections on Wednesdays.

We have been made aware of oil thefts in the area with this in mind, we may consider promoting the installation of fuel cap alarms –wireless transmitters can be placed inside the screw cap of the fuel tank. A magnetic switch on the device sets off an alarm if the cap is opened or tampered with. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or send a text message to the owners or security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling. If residents are interested we could request a visit to explore this further from the police, further details are available on the website.



### Library Dates for 2016:

To renew your books, order some more, or ask about Home Delivery Service contact 01926 851031  
Van calls at the bus shelter at 11.20am until 11.45 (approx. 25 minutes)

|             |                |              |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| April 5, 26 | May 17         | June 7, 28   |
| July 19     | August 9, 30   | September 20 |
| October 11  | November 1, 22 | December 13  |

### Daffodils:

I am sure you will agree that the village does look rather splendid with the spring display of daffodils. Further bulb planting was undertaken at New Road, Mollington Road and Church Lane this year. Our sincere thanks to Gordon Ingram, for planting the six sacks of bulbs.



Our thanks to Cllr Burgess & Cllr Ingram for the lovely tub displays during the summer months.





### Provisional Dates of future Parish Council Meetings:

10<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

### Poppy Wreath:

Our thanks to Eileen Spencer, who laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the community. This year's collection raised the sum of £191.64. Thank you to all who support the Village door-to-door collection.

### Parish Council Finance:

The Parish Council had another clean audit the figures are reproduced for you convenience.

### Compulsory Dog Chipping:

Just a reminder that as from 6<sup>th</sup> April dog owners must make sure their pet has a microchip by the time it is eight weeks old. If local authorities discover a dog without a microchip, owners will have to fit one within 21 days or they will be fined up to £500.



### Refuse:

Stratford District Council is amongst the top ten in the country (247 councils) for recycling rates. For your convenience the refuse collection dates for the year are on the back page. You will note that the calendar only goes up to October. When this date has passed we will post a note to the noticeboard and to the web site: [www.shotteswell.village.co.uk](http://www.shotteswell.village.co.uk) as we did last year. (N.B Due to monochrome print, grey collections begin 2nd March) and will be on the last page for easy reference

With so many new residents it may be helpful to remind everyone what can and cannot be recycled and which bins to use. Bins should be put out early on

**Please ensure all material is clean and dry and put loose into you bin/box for collection. Please do not put materials in plastic bags / black sacks as it will not be recycled.**

### What should go into your recycling bin:

#### Material Examples

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Paper</b>     | Newspapers, magazines, scrap paper, envelopes, catalogues & directories and shredded paper (ideally contained in an envelop/newspaper/cardboard box) |
| <b>Cardboard</b> | Greetings cards, boxes packaging material and corrugated cardboard (broken up to fit in the bin)   |
| <b>Glass</b>     | Bottles and jars   |



#### Accounts for 2014/2015

| Receipts              |                  | Payments              |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Interest              | 3.39             | Auditors              | £324.00          |
| VAT Refund            | 548.76           | Poppy Wreath          | 50.00            |
|                       |                  | Brasenose             | 770.00           |
|                       |                  | WALC                  | 92.00            |
|                       |                  | Village Hall          | 663.60           |
|                       |                  | Hire of Village Hall  | 50.00            |
|                       |                  | Defibrillator         | 391.92           |
|                       |                  | Playing Field         | 4,929.94         |
|                       |                  | Plants & Bulbs        | 126.73           |
|                       |                  | Insurance             | 1,009.72         |
|                       |                  | Printing & Stationery | 374.15           |
|                       |                  | Grass Mowing          | 1,664.00         |
|                       |                  | Road Improvements     | 1,827.96         |
|                       |                  | RoSPA                 | 106.80           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>552.15</b>    | <b>Total</b>          | <b>12,380.82</b> |
| Reconciliation        |                  |                       |                  |
| Balance B/F           | 9,114.95         |                       |                  |
| Precept               | 5,500.00         |                       |                  |
| Receipts              | 552.15           |                       |                  |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>15,167.10</b> |                       |                  |
| <b>Total Payments</b> | <b>12,380.82</b> |                       |                  |
| To C/F 2015/16        | 2,786.28         |                       |                  |



|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Tins &amp; Cans</b>   | Food tins, drink cans, biscuit tins  |
| <b>Plastic Packaging</b> | Bottles, yoghurt pots, margarine / ice cream tubs, fruit punnets, microwave meal trays |
| <b>Aerosols</b>          | Deodorant cans, hair spray cans  |
| <b>Aluminium</b>         | Clean kitchen foil, cake and pie trays   |
| <b>Cartons</b>           | Drinks cartons, soup cartons and tetrapak  |

**What should not go into your recycling bin:**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Black refuse</b>                    | In your grey refuse bin   |
| <b>Plastic bags,</b>                   | Take to your local supermarket and place in 'plastic bag banks' (where  |
| <b>Cling film</b>                      | In your grey refuse bin   |
| <b>Expanded polystyrene</b>            | In your grey refuse bin   |
| <b>Nappies</b>                         | In your grey refuse bin   |
| <b>Food Waste</b>                      | In your green compost bin   |
| <b>Garden Waste</b>                    | In your green compost bin   |
| <b>Hard plastic items</b>              | Items such as coat hangers, plant pots and toys should be reused if possible or put in the grey refuse bin  |
| <b>Electrical and Electronic items</b> | Small electronic and electrical items can now be put out along side your wheeled bins for collection from the kersbide. For larger items, there is a special collection service available for a small fee.  |
| <b>Clothes, textiles and shoes</b>     | Textiles and clothes can now be put out along side your wheeled bins for collection from the kersbide. Alternatively, they can be donated to charity through doorstep collections or 'textile banks'. Shoes should be reused if possible. Alternatively they can be taken to one of the many 'textile banks' around the district, put out for charity collection or put in the grey refuse bin. |
| <b>Batteries</b>                       | Household batteries can now be put out along side your wheeled bins for collection from the kersbide. Car batteries can be taken to one of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres in the district or to a garage as part of a take back scheme.  |

For further information check out the web page and see what happens to your waste after collection! <https://shotteswellvillage.co.uk/parish-council-2/refuse-recycling/>



Incidents of fly tipping continue, with mattresses, pallets and a variety of other items including asbestos. These have been reported by the Parish Council to Stratford District Council and have been collected promptly.



### **Road Works:**

The Parish Council has reported defects and the Highways department at Warwickshire County Council have dealt these with as they arise. During the summer of 2015, some of the village roads were redressed. A considerable amount of loose chippings have been left as a result, which are causing problems. We hope this will be rectified shortly.





The junction at First Turn on the B4100 has been marked for repairs.



The posts on the traffic signs on the B4100 were reported having rotted through.

New posts were installed by the Highways dept.

The electricity works in Middle Lane, Bakehouse and Bury Court Lane was completed swiftly. Our thanks to



residents for their patience and co-operation during this period of disruption.

Passing bays were installed in 2015 on the Mollington Road, resulting in a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the road. It soon became apparent that the verge by the bench was still being driven over, the Parish Council therefore installed a further passing bay to improve the road. This bay is much longer and will shortly have reflector posts to guide people into the bay at night.





### **Footpaths:**

Plans are underway to replace the stiles on the well-used, relatively flat, circular walk footpath by the M40 motorway. The Parish Council will be paying for three kissing gates to be installed to make the path more accessible for all age groups to enjoy. We would like to extend our thanks to the landowner for agreeing to work with the Parish Council to make this possible.

We would greatly appreciate if dogs could be kept under close control and not allowed to leave the footpath, so as not to jeopardize the use of the permissive path. The field margin is set- aside for wildlife in particular ground nesting birds.

Our thanks to the outgoing footpath team for their many years of work and dedication to maintain the footpaths. We are grateful to the recently formed new footpath volunteers for agreeing to install the kissing gates on behalf of the Parish Council. We look forward to working with them and will endeavor to support them whenever possible.



### **Traffic Calming Measures:**

This has been a topic debated for many years both here in Shotteswell and most other villages. Proposals had been considered to introduce “gateway measures”, these included:

1. Different bands of coloured tarmac at the three village entrances, (now deemed unsuitable, due to ongoing costs)
2. Dragon’s teeth road markings (these aren’t it appears legal markings and would be impractical due to the narrowness of our lanes).
3. Introduction of a 30 Mile speed limit, which it appears, would be impossible to enforce due to lack of police resources. This also had the potential to see speeds increase within the village.
4. New village nameplates bearing the legend “Welcome to Shotteswell, please drive carefully”.  
(Only option four appears viable)

**WELCOME TO  
SHOTTESWELL**  
**Please drive carefully through our Village**



The County Council had informed the Parish Council that the parish would be expected to meet half the costs of any gateway measures originally forecast as £10,000. After the first three options were discounted a revised figure of £6,000 was received, meaning the parish share would be £3,000.

Investigations undertaken by the Parish Council revealed that the three new signs, signposts and fittings cost £371.88 and the installation was expected to be under £600. Despite our best efforts to illicit a breakdown from the County Council of how these costs were forecast, this has not been forthcoming.

### **Children's Playing Field:**

The playing field continues to be very popular and hosts many parties including the Village Fete. During the summer the tree house was cleaned and repainted, a very labour intensive job. Our thanks to Gordon Ingram, who saved the parish over £1,000 in labour costs.

The perimeter fencing posts will shortly be replaced to give a tight boundary.

The playing field had a clean inspection report from RoSPA.

Thank you to everyone for keeping the field litter free.

### **Hedge & Verge Maintenance:**

Owing to the limitations of the County Council budget, the Parish Council took the initiative to pay for the verges and the verge side hedges to be cut back in late autumn. Many residents warmly welcomed this and it has been decided to make this an annual tidy up. Works will be carried out towards the end of the season, to enable wildlife and flora to have the best chance of survival.

### **Parish Plan:**

The Parish Council is currently reviewing the Parish Plan before any final submission to the District Council.

### **Village Hall:**

Cllr Ingram was recently elected to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.

It was heartening to see so many of the community taking part in the revamp project the hall was transformed with new lighting, curtains and fresh new paint colours. I am pleased to report that two of our councillors joined the work party.

Cllr Burgess joined the design team and helped to decorate and Cllr Ingram helped to decorate and obtained the £4,000 grant funding for the project. A good collaborative project our thanks to the work party and to the Hall Committee for all of their hard work throughout the year, caring and maintaining the hall.



**Precept:**

This is the amount of money that the Parish Council receives to run the parish on each year. You will have recently received your council tax demands the Police, District and County Councils have all increased their share. The Parish Council is the only one to show a minus sign. The precept was frozen again this year, this is only possible due to the Parish Council undertaking many services themselves.

**Snow Clearance:**

Over the past fifteen years, we appear to have only had three years with any significant snowfall. Although the Parish Council has been approached over a potential Snow Clearance Rota, our insurers were consulted and have advised that public liability cover would not be available, so we are unable to do this.

The Parish Council will continue to provide the salt bins and the county will supply the salt. Residents may use the salt, but are advised that this is at their own risk if spreading salt on the highway. The First & Second Turns and Coronation lane will continue to be gritted by the county in their winter gritting programme.

We thank everyone who does help when necessary.

**Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations:**

Preparations began earlier this year to celebrate her Majesty's birthday. The village event will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Laurel Farm by kind permission of the Kipping family. We look forward to meeting you all. Any offers of help with the food or donations towards the event will be gratefully received.





**Due to printing in monochrome the split date will be blue and green bins and the solid block will be the grey bins.**

| April 2016 |    |    |    |    | May 2016 |    |    |    |    | June 2016 |    |    |    |    | July 2016 |    |    |    |    |
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We will publish the Christmas Collections on the notice boards when known.

**Your Parish Councillors are:**  
**Les Faulkner (Chairman)**  
**Jan Burgess**  
**Val Ingram**  
**Michael Pearson**  
**& Anne Omer**



**Village Fete**  
**To be held on**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016.**  
**At Children's Playing Field**  
**Shotteswell**



