

Shropshire Council's **Community Working Team**



What is Community Working?

Community Working is a new council service centred around people and communities. Our work enables residents to have a greater say in issues affecting the community in which they live. It is about the Council and its partners working together with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone in Shropshire.

What does the Community Working Team do?

Help with community projects

We can provide help and support to people developing community projects, from initial ideas through to implementation. We are able to advise on how to apply for funding from Shropshire grant schemes, such as the Local Joint Committees, or help to find other funds that might be available for local projects.

Seeking solutions to local problems

We can support communities to find local solutions to local concerns. We can signpost people to relevant Council departments or agencies. We work with communities to help solve local problems such as anti-social behaviour, bringing together the right people to make a difference.

Community Led Plans

We work closely with the Community Council of Shropshire to support local groups to develop community led plans, whether this is in a rural parish, a neighbourhood or a market town. We can help with setting up local meetings, facilitating workshops, providing advice and guidance, developing and analysing community consultation, and, once the plan is completed, helping to implement local projects.

Local Joint Committees and Area Partnerships

The Community Working team supports Shropshire's 28 Local Joint Committees and 3 Area Partnerships. To find out more about how to get involved in these, please contact your local team who will tell you more about them.

Case study:

Hope Village Hall was re-built in 1995. Over the years the hall has become a popular venue for public events such as concerts and plays and is used by the local primary school. The hall needed a new stage system so the local Community Regeneration Officer recommended they apply to the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. This grant scheme is eligible only to organisations based in specific geographical locations near to an area where there is, or has been, mining activity. Hope Village fitted the criteria so they applied for £1,260 and were delighted that the application was successful.

Case study:

The Local Policing Team for Wem Rural asked the local Community Regeneration Officer to help in improving opportunities for young people and in tackling under age drinking in the Shawbury area. A Multi Agency Team made up of a range of partners including RAF Shawbury, Shawbury Parish Council and Shropshire Youth came together to develop solutions to the problem. A range of projects are being developed to provide activity sessions for young people in the area. A well attended trial of 3 coaching sessions held in the summer attracted young people from Shawbury village and the RAF base.

Case study:

Bridgnorth Town Council was keen to embark on developing its community plan. Following discussions with the local Community Regeneration Officer and the Community Council of Shropshire, 3 public sessions were held on community planning with the support of the Town Council and the Town Clerk. Attendees were invited to express their views, concerns and aspirations for the town. Following this, a feedback session is to be held to form a Steering Group of local people. Once established, a process of consultation to involve all members of the community will begin. With support from the Community Working Team, there is now renewed optimism to develop the plan.

Contact details

To find out more about the Community Working Team, or to talk to your local Community Regeneration Officer, please contact us on the details below:



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If you can read this booklet but know someone who can't, please contact the community working team on **01743 253077** so we can provide this information in a more suitable format.

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