

Castlefields & Ditherington

Community Newsletter

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The Shropshire Council

Shropshire County Council and Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council cease to exist on 31st March. Elections to the new Shropshire and Shrewsbury Town Council's will be held on June 4th 2009. In the interim period **Alan Mosley** will continue to represent all residents and asks that you contact him if there are problems with the transition. He is also an interim member of the town council. Please see contact details below and an article from him over the page.

Across the County an Implementation Executive has taken over until the elections and this is made up of former County councillors and leading former district/borough councillors.



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CCTV for Ditherington

There can be no more important place for providing Closed Circuit Television than around the shops in Ditherington. At the recent **Forum Steering Group** there was anger about the number of incidents in the area which might not have occurred if CCTV was operating. Quite apart from some of anti-social behaviour, the crossing has been vandalised, there have been several arson incidents near the 'bookies' and Tesco has been raided.

Alan Mosley has been demanding action and reports:-

"These costly and disturbing incidents may have been avoided with limited spending on CCTV.

It appears that a mobile camera has now been made available and there is urgent work going on to get it fixed up. A permanent solution is promised to provide reassurance and greater peace of mind for residents. I will certainly keep up the pressure."

Sydney Avenue to Telford Way footpath.

From time to time over the last 2 years **Alan Mosley** has reported on his efforts to get the above footpath reinstated. Following meetings with senior officers and the cabinet member, consultants were employed to investigate. Their proposals involved significant land works and shoring up the river side. The proposals were accepted and officers went away to draw up plans, talk to the landowner and identify budgets.

The official footpath is 'closed' and diverted though the Darville estate but people do access the riverside walk. Recently the builders, working on the new bungalows, closed off the footpath and erected 'keep off' signs. Officers will not take action against the builders since the footpath is 'closed' and action would be tantamount to encouraging its use.

However, the really good news is that £80,000 has been allocated for the restoration work in the current year to be completed over the summer months. The path will be safe and protected from erosion for many years to come.

Obviously, this is a great result, from significant pressure, not least from residents and the Ramblers. Now the challenge is to make sure it all happens according to plan!!!

From Alan Mosley

Please excuse me, on this one occasion, for using the Newsletter to write a personal message which I hope you will spend a little time to read.

I am delighted that I have been selected to seek re-election as your representative on the new Shropshire Council and on the new Shrewsbury Town Council. The last 4 years have been challenging but very rewarding in meeting so many residents and I have been delighted with the progress I have contributed to.

One of my objectives from the start has been to keep in touch. Hence, this is the 21st Newsletter distributed to all residents and I have sent regular email messages to the large number on my email address book. I have also played an active role in a number of local organisations and gained significant funding for many of them. I have also 'kept in touch' and met many of you by regularly providing contact details, delivering Newsletters, attending meetings and being 'out and about'. I am certain that no one will accuse me of "only being around at election time".

In particular I have always responded positively and quickly to the very many requests for information, advice and support I have received. I have not always been able to achieve the ideal results but have always been energetic and forceful in attempting to do so.

I am very proud of the successful creation of the Castlefields and Ditherington Forum and the way it has brought residents into direct contact with the officers of the many organisations working in the area. Residents have had their say and actions followed. Working partnerships have developed which are making a real difference throughout the area and many local organisations have received significant grants to help their work. I promise to continue this local Forum work, if elected.

I believe that I have greatly raised the profile of our area and this has increased the chances of action being taken and things getting done. I have done this through the press, radio, campaigning, working with all political parties, senior officers, other stakeholders and resident groups.

Apart from prioritising this vital local work I also hold important positions at a county level and represent the council on some of their national organisations.

On average I spend around 4 days a week on all these aspects of council work. In this I am greatly supported by my wife Jackie and also by my children Tom and Laura. Some will remember Tom and Laura, as they grew up in Castlefields. Tom is back living in Shrewsbury while Laura is in Huddersfield, with her partner and their 3 children.

I will be standing for both the Shropshire and the Shrewsbury Town Councils because in this area the Town Council has significant responsibilities: Community Halls, allotments, open spaces and play areas. Therefore, activity at both levels should be clearly and firmly co-ordinated.

You will soon be receiving my election leaflet which will look in detail at some future objectives and policies. In the meantime I will be visiting every home, at least once, over the next few weeks to June 4th. I have visited many of you over the years and recently as part of this campaign and I have been delighted with the responses, though very aware of the issues requiring further action.

I hope that you will again give me your support and in return I can promise you that I will continue to apply all my ability, experience, energy, and determination in representing you."

Not on the electoral register or do you need a postal vote?

Contact Alan Mosley for advice or the Elections Office.

Tel: 0345 6789015 or email: elections@shropshire.gov.uk

The Closing date for completed applications is – Tuesday 19th May