

NEWS



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FROM ERCALL MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Please visit our new website: www.ercallmagnaparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman's Message

It was an honour to have been re-elected as the Chairman for a further year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parish Councillors for the work they do around Ercall Magna as well as attending meetings.

Once again, we were able to keep the precept at the same figure for 2024/2025. This was possible by working together on our priorities and ensuring wherever possible, that we get best value for money.

This year, already, has seen some challenges. The excessive rain has caused significant flooding around the Parish and we have continued to keep in contact with Telford & Wrekin Council, as the Highways Authority, but as you can imagine, they have been dealing with flooding right across the Borough.

We have, however, also seen the completion of Phase One of the Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall project. This has been a long time in the planning and we are grateful to highways officers for listening to our concerns and designing a scheme that will include a pedestrian crossing in Phase Two to support residents, especially parents and children, to have a safe place to cross.
Councillor Kevin Connor OBE

Thank you, Graham

*It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Graham Barrow. Graham was dedicated to the role and worked hard to ensure that the Parish Council represented everyone at every opportunity. The Clerk and Members attended his funeral at Shrewsbury Crematorium to say **Thank You** to him for his outstanding service to the Parish.*

SPEED CONCERNS

Thank you to everyone who has contacted the Parish Council with concerns regarding the speed of traffic in the Parish. We have been working with the police, TWC and our Ward Member to collect data and identify the areas of concern. The SID located in Shrewsbury Road has provided essential data (copies are available) and records vehicles in both directions. The location was identified by the Highways Authority to meet the criteria and, although we accept that there are times when drivers drive without due care and attention, the results do not support the thought that vehicles are travelling over the speed limit. The provision of a pedestrian crossing is part of the Parish Council plan to make this road safer for all. Monitoring will continue.

Our Vision

“To improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors to Ercall Magna Parish and to work with partners and the community to create a safe, welcoming and neighbourly place to live, work and visit.”

Our Priorities

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| Community Safety | Enhance the Locality |
| Work in Partnership | Encourage health & well being |
| Good Communication | Climate Change |
| Use our Neighbourhood Development Plan to protect our villages | Recognise the needs of everyone – all ages and abilities |

Your Parish Councillors:

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| Elaine Aston | Stephen Bentley |
| Richard Bruckshaw | Kevin Connor OBE |
| Christopher Grant | Richard Hartshorn |
| Roger Higgins | Louise Hughes |
| Chris Purves | Sandie Noyes-Thomas |
| Sam Taylor | Sandy Walker |
| Raymond Wickson | |

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Emergency & Resilience Planning

Never say 'That won't happen to me here'. You never know what might be round the corner and life has a funny way of trying to prove us wrong.

We want to be able to help and support each other when the unthinkable occurs. Emergencies happen and they could have a big impact on you, your neighbours, friends or property. Being Prepared is the most powerful tool and having a Plan can help everyone involved to keep calm. The involvement of the community to produce an effective Plan is key – we need you to be involved.

We know that if something happens, local people will want to help, if they can. Telford & Wrekin Council has an Emergency Plan for the Borough. Officers, Police, Fire, Ambulance etc. will get to any emergency as soon as they can, but we want to be able to help when the incident happens.

For this our Parish will be split into three general areas:

- Roden & Poynton
- High Ercall & Walton
- Ellerdine & Rowton

Within these areas, identifying volunteer skills and resources will ensure the success of our Plan.

We would like to compile a register of key contacts and how they can help and what they can offer.

The list is endless, but examples are:

- Those who are medically trained – with experience, expertise and qualifications
- Contacts for access to community buildings – to be used for evacuation or as rest centres
- Details of vehicles, machinery and equipment – such as tractors, lifting equipment, generators etc
- Access to water, food, blankets

Please put your name forward and let us know what you can offer. This information will remain confidential to the Community Response Group and will not be shared with any third party and only used in an emergency situation.

Finally, do you know of anyone who could be at risk in an emergency situation? Please take time to discuss with them their own household emergency plan so that you can be on hand to support them if the need arises.

Household Emergency Plans

Local Emergency Responders will always have to prioritise those in greatest need during any emergency situation – especially when life is in danger. During difficult times, you need to know how to help yourself and those around you.

General Advice on Being Prepared

- **Make sure you have suitable insurance**
- **Write an emergency contacts list**
- **Think about where you would stay and how would you get there**
- **Make an emergency plan and discuss it with family and neighbours so they know what to do**
- **Put together a 'grab bag' of things to take with you in an emergency**

Take time to find out:

- **Where and how to turn off water, gas and electricity**
- **Emergency procedures for children, if at school**
- **Emergency procedures if you are at work**
- **If a neighbour may need help**
- **How to tune into a local radio station**

If you find yourself in the middle of an emergency situation, common sense and instincts will help, however, it is important to:

- **Make sure someone has called 999**
- **Do not put yourself or others in danger**
- **Following the advice of emergency services**
- **Remain calm**
- **Check for injuries – help yourself before attempting to help others**

We are always pleased to hear from you or see you at our full council meetings. You can find a lot of information about our work on the website.

We are continuing to work with TWC on highway signs, verge maintenance, blocked drains, visibility concerns, traffic speed, use of narrow lanes by unsuitable vehicles, play areas, churchyards and much more.

Finally, thank you to everyone who 'does their bit' to keep our Parish safe, clean and tidy – your support in this way is always appreciated.