



Leighton and Eaton Constantine Parish Council

November 2021

Grass cutting in the Parish

We have had some good feedback from residents after we took on the grass cutting at the vision splays at the Cressage Crossroads and also at Bennetts lane on to the B4380. Although this was going to be a cost to our Parish Council which we pay from our Precept, we felt it necessary for safety reasons. Thanks to all residents who responded to us.

We are looking at tidying up some of the verges in Leighton village which are not cut as regularly as we would like by Shropshire Council. Again there is a safety aspect to this as well as aesthetic. If the village looks well maintained then drivers may realise that there could be pedestrians around and hopefully slow down. We know this is going to add an extra cost to the Parish Council so would really welcome your views. Is this something you feel we should be spending money on? Please contact our clerk, Lorna Pardoe, at lecparrishcouncil@gmail.com.

Traffic Calming Measures

We will hopefully getting more details regarding the proposed Traffic Calming Measures for Leighton in the New Year. We are pleased that Shropshire Council have taken our request and need for measures on board. As soon as the details are available we will let you all know. In the meantime, the Police will continue to speed check Leighton

village using Police on bikes and the Camera Safety Partnership. We thank the Police for their help in this matter.

At our Parish Council meeting on 2nd November we looked at the possibility of providing some kind of Traffic Calming Measures to Garmston Village. We are looking at the cost of providing some signage to hopefully slow traffic down in the narrow lanes of the village. We would probably have to fund these ourselves so it is something we will look at carefully as we set our budgets. We would inevitably have to put up our Precept to cover the costs. Again we would like your opinion on whether this is something you are happy for the Parish Council to spend money on. Please contact our clerk, Lorna Pardoe, at lecparishcouncil@gmail.com.

The Parish Council has asked Shropshire Council Highways to look at repainting the road markings which are part of the Traffic Calming Scheme at Eaton Constantine. They are now faded and in need of attention. We have also asked for a replacement 'Welcome Gate' to replace the one which was damaged in a road traffic accident.

Crime

We were lucky to have 2 police officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team attend our meeting on November 2nd, PCSO's Lyn Birch and Stuart Roberts. They informed us that they are increasing patrols in open areas such as Haughmond Hill, Lythill and The Wrekin as the evenings are getting darker.

They also informed us that there is an increase in crimes on farms and sheds in our area, particularly theft of machinery and SatNavs on farm vehicles. We urge everyone to be extra vigilant particularly at this time of year. We do have Smartwater available to those in the Parish who have yet to pick up their free pack. Please contact Lorna

Pardoe at lecparishcouncil@gmail.com if you would like a pack. It is a very good deterrent as well as an aid to help find stolen goods and catch criminals.

The Police officers also informed us about a new scheme to help inform residents about crime in the area called '**Neighbourhood Matters**', a free community messaging service. They have invited anyone in our community to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages, crime alerts or witness appeals local to our area. We encourage residents to sign up as it gives them the opportunity to contact local police officers directly with any concerns as well as receiving information on crimes in our area. You will not be bombarded with every incident and you can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive. For details on how to register see online at:

<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

We wish you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas.

Sue Jones

Chair LEC Parish Council

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