

Local Joint Committee Annual Report 2009/10

Name of Local Joint Committee	Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Cllr Trevor Davies Cllr Steve Davenport
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Cllr David Boyce Cllr Mark Turner
Lead Officer	Simon Kenton

Budget Available: £32,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
22	24	20	23

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Youth Issues
- Flooding in St Martins/Weston Rhyn
- The needs and aspirations of smaller dispersed communities through section action for comments from the floor
- Crime and Disorder issues
- Cross border health issues
- Local Development plan consultation
- Alcohol Free Zones

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- Getting people to meetings
- Giving people a voice, a place where anyone can come and get heard and their concerns and comments can go right to the top.
- Involving all communities in agenda setting and discussions
- Responding quickly and efficiently to concerns raised in a transparent way (through the you said we did sheets)
- Involving younger people and schools
- Using LJC fund applications and contact to help groups pull in more from other sources
- Some successful actions include:
 - progressing Pant Glas Conservation area
 - Alcohol Free Zones developed in 3 parishes and implemented
 - Flood Forum to be re-established.
 - Chirk Bank Community Group established and supported through it development
 - Achieving road crossing at Ifton Heath School
 - 3 Parishes Youth Association started.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Getting more people to attend, particularly the hard to reach.
- Getting Parish Councils on board
- Achieving greater involvement of public, particularly young people.
- Finding out what people REALLY want to discuss.
- Being visible across all communities whilst utilising sub-optimal meeting venues (schools etc)
- Conducting meetings in appropriate but not too formalised ways so as not to discourage a wide discussion on diverse topics raised by the communities

Any Other Comments

- All councillors, parish council representatives and officers think that we are working well together.
- LJC can bring communities and parish councils together around common concerns and themes e.g. Youth, Crime and Flood Forum.
- Together we are strong enough to achieve; e.g. Alcohol Free Zones and 3 Parishes Youth Association
- 'If we all pull together we can make something great from our three parishes.'

Name of Local Joint Committee	Ellesmere
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Councillor Ann Hartley Councillor Brian Williams
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Councillor Pat McLaughlin Councillor Chris Symes
Lead Officer	John Rowley

Budget Available: £28,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
30	30	38	38

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Policing and community safety
- Road Safety, speeding, HGVs
- Rural Transport, Parking, Parkright
- Adult services, elderly services
- Shropshire Core Strategy
- SAMDev

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- The LJC area within its first year of establishment has reached a rich mix of community organisations and has evenly distributed funding across the area spreading money widely to include small organisations. Within those small organisations the LJC has been able to support the hard to reach groups, which has allowed the LJC to be inclusive of all within the community. The support in relation to meetings has been very good with a regular following showing continued interest and additional groups also highlighting new interest in the process.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- The greatest challenge has been in trialling different formats in order to consider which options work best for involving and consulting with the community. This has varied depending on the topics of discussion but has been vital in grounding the LJC and for continuing to improve on procedures.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Wem and Shawbury
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Cllr Chris Mellings Cllr Pauline Dee
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Russell Purslow
Lead Officer	Janet Graham

Budget Available: £54,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
20	20	35	19

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Local Bus Service Provision - particularly the 511 bus route which when re-routed did not go through Grinshill
- Community Transport and Shropshire Link
- Speed Management – speed limits
- Planning and the Local Development Framework
- Wem Town Hall
- Budget Consultation
- The Role of Youth Parliament
- PACT

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- 18 community projects successfully funded across the area
- Successfully merging with Shawbury, with good integration of members from both committees
- Learning from good practice experienced at Market Drayton LJC
- Calling Shropshire Council and Arriva to account regarding re-routing the 511 bus
- Co-opting members from the Police and RAF Shawbury
- Continued support from CRO, who helps to inform the meetings and enrich the process
- Planning meetings being open and honest, with the opportunity to discuss issues before discussing publically.
- Good Democracy within the Committee
- Good relationships with police with regular updates through PACT

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- The LJC area changing and merging with Shawbury and surrounding areas.
- Ensuring the effective working relationship of committee members

Any Other Comments

- The committee will continue to be forward looking, seeking to engage further with the community.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Whitchurch & Prees
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Gerald Dakin
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	John Patrick Paul Wynn
Lead Officer	Tom McCabe

Budget Available: £50,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
50	40	25	35

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Road Safety, Speeding, HGVs in Prees
- Rural Transport, Parking, ParkRight
- Youth Opportunities/facilities
- Police and Community Safety
- Highways
- Broadband issues in rural areas
- Community Working/Allotments/Temp signs for Whitchurch Waterways Trust
- Customer Service Provision, LDF Core Strategy Consultation, Bollards in Belton Rd, Funding applications
- Shropshire Council Budget Consultation
- Funding Requests
- Whitchurch Town Plan presentation
- Community/Village Halls: Advice & Support

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- The inclusion and involvement of Local Policing PACT within the meetings.
- Allocation of funding to a diverse range of projects.
- Allocation of Youth Funding proved a successful way of including young people in the democratic process.
- Raising the issue of poor Broadband reception at Adderley and finding a solution that is being progressed
- Partnership working and distribution of poster
- Press coverage and insertion in local parish and free magazines.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Whitchurch Prees and surrounding Area LJC was an established Pilot and already working well.
- Making Moreton Say, Adderley and Ightfield feel included in the newly formed area was a challenge. Meetings were arranged in both parishes and this assisted in developing the relationship.
- The funding process did not seem transparent to the public. This has been improved in the last 6 months, and we have also developed the feedback process for successful projects.
- In some instances, special interest groups/individuals have tended to dominate at meetings with topics that effect specific areas are not necessarily of interest to the wider meeting. e.g. Belton Road Bollards, Prees Conservation issue. These matters were handled by the chair which eventually let to what appears to be a solution acceptable to the majority

Name of Local Joint Committee	Market Drayton and Rural Areas
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Karen Calder
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Ron Lucas
Lead Officer	Laura Rowley

Budget Available: £66,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
70	60	55	67

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Community Services within the Market Drayton area.
Youth Activities.
Market Drayton Inner Relief Road and Development.
The Local Development Framework.
Community led planning.
Household Recycling.
Love Food / Hate Waste.
Shropshire Council Budget Consultation.
Community Speedwatch.
Grant Applications.
Progress of projects funded reports.
Issues raised reports.
Police updates.

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

Suggestions were requested from the Committee. Comments received are as follows:

Sarah North, Hinstock Parish Council
I personally think the Local Joint Committee scheme is excellent as it gives local communities opportunities to receive funding for projects that would normally only be on people's wish lists. In Hinstock it has helped projects that would normally have taken years to fund and the pay back for Hinstock Parish Council is people see us as a proactive "can do" council.

Mike Hill, Cheswardine Parish Council
My immediate observation is that the Cheswardine Community Shop has been a great success which without assistance from the LJC would not be in existence today. This project is probably the second largest project undertaken by the community; the largest being the restoration of the Parish Hall where £125k of Lottery money plus a £25k loan taken out and paid for by the Parish Council enabled the task to be done. The Community Shop was driven by a small group of enthusiastic and talented people who drew together local people from many walks of life and marshalled their efforts into a cohesive force. The outcome is that the Shop is there for everyone to use and enjoy, regardless of age, ability or general infirmity. It has also resulted in improving the High Street scene, in that what was once a neglected piece of ground with a disused building, is now a smart and tidy area and a place of relaxation. Without assistance from the LJC the Shop would not be trading, but I feel that the spirit and resolve demonstrated by those directly involved would still be present in their endeavours to reach their objective.

Ron Lucas, Norton-in-Hales Parish Council
Thanks for this invitation to comment. I believe the strength of the LJC is the formula which was adopted from the start which is to give a local voice in decision making not least in the allocation of funds for local good causes. I know that here in Norton-in-Hales we have greatly appreciated the help given to our village hall, baby swings and the community pavilion (via the Community Building Fund). It makes Shirehall less remote than otherwise would be the case. The other strength is the opportunity for the general public to attend meetings and air their views, thus enhancing local opinion. I cannot pick out one thing to mention which has been the biggest success in 2009-10 but overall I believe the current formula works well. I personally liked the opportunity to give feed back on the upcoming budget, as we did in Hodnet

Name of Local Joint Committee	Oswestry
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Martin Bennett
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Elaine Channon
Lead Officer	George Candler

Budget Available: £54,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
22	38	25	48

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Key issues for Oswestry
- Developing the local economy
- Shropshire Council Budget Consultation / Water Quality / Enhancement Project in New Street
- Oswestry as Tourist Destination

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- Successfully managing the transition from the Pilot scheme and retaining engagement with public.
- Kick starting the refresh of the town plan

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Challenges:
- Continuing to engage the public
 - Apportioning time to matters that will interest the public
 - Strategic thinking for use of the budget.
 - Need to focus on projects which remain sustainable.
 - Committee receives a number of applications from district wide groups which are not necessarily based in Oswestry, but people from Oswestry are members/use facilities.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Five Perry Parishes
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Steve Charmley Aggie Caesar Homden
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Trevor Benyon To be appointed
Lead Officer	Bobby Mulheir

Budget Available: £28,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
20	20	100	45

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People • Housing • Site Allocation • Health Care • Road Safety/Speeding HGVs |
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Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LJC based around Young People – the number who attended • Funding 17 projects |
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Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting people to attend • Local people only seem interested if they have a funding request – don't come to the meeting otherwise (mostly) |
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Any Other Comments

<p>We cannot force people to be interested in local politics. If they don't feel they need to get involved, if there is nothing that affects them directly, then we can't make them do it.</p>
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Name of Local Joint Committee	St Oswald and Llanymynech
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Councillor A. E. Walpole
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Councillor Mrs Bruce Councillor Mrs Gaskill
Lead Officer	James Walton

Budget Available: £31,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
17	45	35	19

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>Local issues workshop Work with Parishes Road Safety - Speeding, Highways Police and Community Safety Fire service Safe Routes to School Housing Needs Waste Shropshire Council Budget Primary Health Care services Community Fund rounds 1-3 Community Regeneration Officer updates.</p>

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<p>Delivering tangible benefits to the local community, for example: Where meetings have targeted a local issue – Highway issues at pant and the young peoples meeting. The community became involved and real feelings, ideas and plans came out of them. Providing a forum for “like” rural communities to raise common issues – no other outlet for these common issues. The six settlements are a good balance of strong PCs with community backing and have common problems Good officer support Financial help given to so many community groups. Most village halls have benefitted with repairs, new equipment etc. New groups have had support to start up e.g. Oswestry Hills wildlife watch and existing groups have had funding to help their excellent work continue. Overall the funding has spread many benefits across the wider community.</p>
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Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<p>Communication in it widest sense, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need as much publicity as possible for the meetings and the other work the LJC does apart from funding • Hampered by the name ‘Local Joint Committee’ not really engaging people • Getting people engaged with the agenda and getting them to turn up • Official approach to the ‘them’ (members of the public) and ‘us’ (councillors and officers) doesn’t help • How to keep people’s interest once they have come along for a particular issue, and encourage them to come again • How we feed the concerns of rural communities into issues/developments centred on Oswestry e.g. the supermarket, health centre

Name of Local Joint Committee	Longden Ford and Rea Valley
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Tudor Bebb Roger Evans
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Roger Evans Tudor Bebb
Lead Officer	Tim Smith

Budget Available: £26,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
6	12	22	32

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Rd 1 – Transport to Schools
- Rd 2 – Highways Maintenance and Core Strategy
- Rd 3 – Shropshire Council Budget Consultation, Parking at Schools, Rural bus services
- Rd 4 – Youth opportunities and provision of Youth Services
- Policing issues in the LJC are a standard agenda item at each meeting

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- Members of the public have said in their response forms that they feel able to ask questions of the Committee in meetings and have found attending meetings to be a positive experience.
- Funding has been spread across the LJC area
- Support of the LJC by Shropshire Youth has led to very positive presentations from young people at the LJC meetings, and the funding of a number of youth led projects.
- Involvement and engagement of young people has raised a greater awareness amongst local residents and local politicians of some of their issues and challenges. This has built trust within the local community and hopefully will lead to some positive outcomes and activities for both local children and young people and adults.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Deciding on the level and suitability of grants to be awarded to an increasing number of applicants whilst ensuring that decisions are made fairly and consistently across the whole LJC area.
- Promoting LJCs to wider members of the local community, although numbers have increased more recently.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Loton and Tern
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	John Everall David Roberts
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Betty Carlyle
Lead Officer	Stephen Chandler

Budget Available: £34,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
7	25	25	28

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Rd1 – Youth Opportunities
- Rd 2 - Severnside Housing Policies and Core Strategy
- Rd 3 – Shropshire Council budget consultation, Planning Policy
- Rd 4 – Waste and recycling

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- Public engagement and participation in the meetings has increased during the year and at each meeting.
- The members of the committee have developed as a cohesive group.
- Development of clear guidelines for funding requests.
- Two specific local concerns raised at the LJC relating to anti-social behaviour and bus routes have been followed up and actioned successfully.
- Members of the public have said in their response forms that they feel able to ask questions of the Committee in meetings.
- Attendance from ten parishes has been good
- Funding has been spread across the LJC area

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Finding single projects that unite the ten parishes of the LJC has been difficult due to large area covered by the LJC
- Some parishes worry that the LJC could undermine their role in the community

Any Other Comments

- John Everall - I think from my perspective the most satisfying thing about the LJC is how members of the panel have joined in the spirit of the LJC and its remit. This is particularly satisfying, when it was very obvious that there was considerable scepticism in the beginning. Whilst this may not have entirely disappeared, there is no doubt that the members and the Parish Councils now take the LJC seriously and believe it does good work. I also believe that the first class representation by the Council Officers does make a major contribution to, dare I say it, this success

Name of Local Joint Committee	Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Peter Nutting
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Keith Roberts
Lead Officer	Nick Taylor

Budget Available: £76,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
24	55	28	49

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Availability of Community Venues and Sports Facilities
- Arriva Bus Service Review
- Young People's issues in local area
- Cycleways
- Refuse Collection in bad weather
- Community Led Planning
- Local Planning issues. (Shelton Hospital, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and North West Relief Road)
- LDF
- Budget Consultation
- Sustainable Community Strategy
- Police and Fire
- Public Questions

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

Community Led Planning process commenced April 2010. Household questionnaire due to go out to 7536 households 1.9.10.
Young people engaged in meetings.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

Handling of vociferous persons at meetings. Persons who initially could be disruptive are now more engaged in the LJC process due to regular contact/briefing from the Community Regeneration Officer and Committee Clerk.

Any Other Comments

The LJC has been consistently well attended with a broad range of issues being discussed and resolved. If matters could not be answered at meetings then they were noted for action. To date forty nine actions recorded directly from meetings have been dealt with.
Eight grant applications being developed.
Councillors commended the work of the Community Regeneration Officer for the broad range of engagement from nurseries and youth clubs, sports clubs and societies, residents through to sheltered accommodation.
A lot of contact/action with the Community Regeneration Officer happens outside the formal process of the LJC meetings.

Name of Local Joint Committee	North East Shrewsbury
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Alan Mosley
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Mal Price
Lead Officer	Celia Bahrami

Budget Available: £37,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
40	10	45	6

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Funding Requests/Applications
- PACT meeting/Police issues
- Possible Local Action Plan
- Progress on the Flaxmill
- Young Peoples Issues/Youth opportunities
- Shropshire Council Budget Consultation 2010/11
- Sundorne School and Sports College and it's links with the local community
- Speed Limits and major roadworks at Sundorne
- Update on Matrix Medical Development
- Shropshire Fire & Rescue
- Housing needs/Sevenside
- Streetscene/Litter
- Waste
- Highways
- Road safety, speeding, HGVs
- Open space leisure and play
- Northern Corridor

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

To have maintained the involvement of Castlefields and Ditherington residents in the LJC. The LJC has also been the catalyst for improvements across the area and helped to develop stronger partnerships in North East Shrewsbury.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Engage more effectively with communities in the Sundorne & Battlefield areas.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Harlescott & Bagley
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Cllr Vernon Bushell Cllr Beverley Baker
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Cllr Beverley Baker Cllr Vernon Bushell
Lead Officer	Steph Jackson

Budget Available: £28,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
18	25	25	20

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT) Grant Funding Applications Highways Issues in the LJC area Connect 2 Cycle Shrewsbury Routes Arriva Bus Service The Work of Severnside Housing in the LJC area Esteem Project Shropshire – reduction of energy consumption and fuel poverty Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service – fire safety in the home West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership Shropshire Council’s Budget Consultation Moving of local Medical Practices to shared Premises Young People’s Issues Drugs & Alcohol awareness

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging the public and ensuring a growth in attendance from meeting to meeting.
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Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicity and engaging the business community

Name of Local Joint Committee	Eastern Shrewsbury
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Tony Durnell
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Jo Jones
Lead Officer	Kevin Malone

Budget Available: £40,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
18	29	30	43

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Community Led Plan for the Area.
 Local Policing in the Community.
 Shropshire Council Budget Consultation.
 Community Regeneration.
 Local Bus Services.
 Shrewsbury in Bloom.
 Funding Applications.
 Public Question Time

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- The work undertaken with the Underdale, Monkmoor & Abbey Community Committee (UMACC) has been a great success and will be of significant benefit to the community in the long term.
- Also, the numbers of members of the public attending has increased at each meeting.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

There have been difficulties finding a suitable venue (in size and layout) in 2 of the 3 wards as there are no Parish or Community Halls. This has been addressed for future meetings and it is hoped that we will have adequate space to undertake workshops and presentations at future meetings. There has been a learning point in respect of applications for various allotment sheds around the area as their committees had been unaware that planning permission was required prior to building. This has been addressed.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Meole Column & Sutton
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Liz Parsons Jon Tandy
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Kath Owen Jackie Brennand
Lead Officer	Graham Chidlow

Budget Available: £36,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
14	60	30	25

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Workshop on local issues
- Highways issues
- Shropshire Council Budget Consultation
- Town Centre Road Enhancements / Community Planning

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

During the last year the Meole, Column & Sutton LJC has considered strategic issues alongside more local issues and has received positive comments regarding the structuring of agendas to incorporate both strategic and local issues.

During the last year the Committee has supported a wide range of projects including a number of projects that offer support to young people. The Committee has used the feedback received at meetings to inform Directorates of service requirements which has lead to changes to services provided in the locality.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

The greatest challenge over the first year of the Meole, Column & Sutton LJC surrounded the initial setting up of a new but effective local joint committee. Engaging with the community, establishing a structure for the meeting and the associated arrangements took time and effort from both officers and Members. The work completed in between Committee meetings has been key to establishing a successful local joint committee for the Meole, Column & Sutton area.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Burnell and Severn Valley
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Claire Wild Tim Barker
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Tim Barker Claire Wild
Lead Officer	Chris Edwards

Budget Available: £36,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
5	18	29	40

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>Planning compliance and enforcement. Environmental maintenance/enforcement. (permit changes at recycling centre and fly tipping.) Public transport. (Shropshire Link) Resources consultation. Housing – LDF consultation, SAMdev.</p>
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Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enthusiasm from Shropshire Councillors and Parish Council delegates. •Increase in public attendance. •Large number of groups and organisations that have been supported by grants.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Getting to Cardington Village Hall in the snow. •Having the appropriate presentation for public interest •Ensuring that the LJC message got across all 14 Parish Councils.

Any Other Comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't feel that the budget is sufficient to meet the communities' needs in such a vast rural area. Time wise and for grant application ease we would like to move to 3 meetings a year.
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Name of Local Joint Committee	Shifnal and Sheriffhales
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Gordon Tonkinson Stuart West
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Stuart West Gordon Tonkinson
Lead Officer	Val Beint

Budget Available: £24,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
25	40	50	30

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>Budget Applications; Police Activities; GP Surgery/PCT Rural Roads & Highways – maintenance; Shropshire Sustainable Community Strategy/Local Development Framework – Core Strategy; Shifnal Town Plan Steering Group Budget Consultation Shifnal Youth Council Public Question Time</p>
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Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<p>23 community projects awarded grants (totalling £24,000 annual budget of £24K). Young people and even Scarecrows in attendance</p>
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Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting local people to take ownership of the agenda and not just using it to “have a go” at the Councils

Any Other Comments

<p>Initially, the LJC started slowly and there didn't seem to be much in it. Since then it has gained in momentum and the feedback is that it is much better than Lets Talk (which happens only annually), and it seems that there is a lot getting done. People would like them to continue and they are happy with the format. They now attract a decent turnout. There has been talk about combining the LJC's, but some members do not feel this is a good idea. The only place Shifnal could combine with is Albrighton and this wouldn't work as they would be bidding for the same funding.</p>

Name of Local Joint Committee	Albrighton Area
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Malcolm Pate
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Paul Lusk Bob Tummons
Lead Officer	Mike Morris

Budget Available: £21,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
13	17	34	30

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>Waste collection / Household Recycling Centre Local Development Framework – consultation Youth provision Choice Based Lettings Skateboard Park, Albrighton Highways issues, in particular pavements around Elm Road Parking issues at Ashgrove housing estate PACT</p>
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Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<p>Consistent commitment and attendance of officers, members and public after a pessimistic start, Parish Councillors and Shropshire Councillors working well together. 17 community groups awarded grants (annual budget of £21,000) 4 LJC meetings and 4 LJC pre meetings held in various venues around the LJC18 area Public participation – enabling members of the public to participate in the meetings via presentations to the committee to get over their point</p>

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating the meeting date via posters, press releases etc. Doesn't appear to be working as well as you would expect although 100 posters sent out – definitely room for improvement. No substitute for word of mouth and encouragement from local residents and members. • Potential to overload the agenda with too many presentations which then doesn't allow full consideration or public participation and can appear to be rushed

Any Other Comments

<p>Notwithstanding the comments about publicity for meetings above, a recent one-off special on housing needs, called at very short notice, had more than 60 people attending – emphasising the power of word of mouth communications and the relevance of an issue to local people.</p>
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Name of Local Joint Committee	Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Nigel Hartin Heather Kidd
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Colin Pendry
Lead Officer	Claire Porter

Budget Available: £49,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
30	30	10 (bad weather conditions)	25

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>Budget Applications; Police Activities; Bus Services/Shropshire Link Service; Provision of Affordable Housing; Rural Roads & Highways – maintenance; Broadband Coverage in rural areas; Shropshire Sustainable Community Strategy/Local Development Framework – Core Strategy; Teme Leisure; and Switch off of analogue radio.</p>

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment and attendance of all 13 parishes. • 32 community groups awarded grants (totalling £46,158.24 from annual budget of £49K). • 8 LJC meetings (including pre meetings) in 7 different community venues all over the LJC19 area. Ambition is to use different community venue each time. • Re-instatement of several “withdrawn” bus services in the local area.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting commitment from representatives from all the parishes, some of whom were initially reluctant and couldn't see the point of the Committee. • Engaging with the public across such a large rural area. • Use of LJC meetings as a communication and consultation tool between Shropshire Council and the parishes.
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Name of Local Joint Committee	StrettonDale
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr James Gibson
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Mel McFarland
Lead Officer	Liz Nicholson (09/10), Sam Hine (10/11)

Budget Available: £22,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
50	35	23	30

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

<p>July 09 – IT/Broadband/Digital reception + Church Stretton Traffic management September 09 – Setting Priorities + Pact January 10 – SC budget + Fly tipping, dog foul and graffiti March 10 – Local food + PACT</p>

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad spectrum of activity support through the grant schemes. • Stronger relationship between local parishes and elected members

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of local people attending and involvement of other parish/town councillors • To connect with the youth • Geography not reflecting town and hinterland
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Name of Local Joint Committee	Much Wenlock, Brown Clee and Highley
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Robert Tindall
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr H Lane
Lead Officer	Wendy Marston

Budget Available: £44,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
25	30	15	15

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Youth Provision in the LJC Area
 Inclusion of Bridgnorth Area in the Shropshire Phone Book
 Planning – process for application and determination of planning applications.
 Speeding
 LDF Core Strategy

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

The Parishes are so different in so many ways – there is no common ground - difficult to assess achievement.
 Chetton has only a village hall – grant successful but took an age to come through.
 An excellent first meeting held at the Severn Centre, Highley. The LJC generated some very real enthusiasm and interest within the village.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

Challenge
 Trying to make it work with the two largest settlements so far apart, both in geographical terms and completely different communities.
 Not all Parish Councils in the LJC have been represented.
 What will be the effect of cuts on the budgets of all LJC's?
 Maintaining interest. The very extensive/prolonged bidding structure of some applications appears to have drowned the enthusiasm in Highley.
 Keeping costs down.

Any Other Comments

Public numbers fell by half in the two latter meetings. It remains to be seen if any would attend when funding is no longer available.
 There is a perception within the parish that Highley is not receiving a fair share of grant funding given it is approximately 1/3 of the LJC population and the socio-economic make-up of the village.
 An application for the cricket club for £8,000 which I understood was to remain on the 'back-burner' from the February meeting appears to have fallen off!
 Otherwise, all meetings have been quorate, well administered by Chair/Vice, and officers have efficiently supported business.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Broseley & Barrow
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Jean Jones
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Shirley King
Lead Officer	Karen Bradshaw

Budget Available: £20,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
12	18	16	25

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Leisure/community facilities in Broseley
- Local Development Framework Consultations : Core Strategy and Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMdev)
- Public transport connections to William Brookes School
- Shropshire Council Budget consultation 2010/11
- Social Housing in Broseley area: maintenance issues

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- Commitment and attendance from parish council reps to the meetings
- Town Councillors, Parish Councillors and Shropshire Councillors working well together.
- Range of organisations accessing funding, meeting the needs of the wider community
- Targeting part of the funding to support developments identified by the LJC i.e. leisure facilities and dissemination of information to local communities

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- Getting relevant and topical items on the agenda to interest members of the public to attend. Posters and newspapers advertise the meetings but word of mouth and encouragement from local members is more effective.
- After a year without any additional local criteria for the awarding of grants, it was felt that there was a need to introduce some criteria which should help the committee award grants in a more structured way.
- Don't overload the agenda with too many presentations to allow enough time for questions without rushing attendees.

Any Other Comments

The LJC is highly valued by this community and its local representatives and we are currently trialling more innovative venues/presentation styles in order to attract the "hard to reach" sections of the community. Our next meeting is being held on a Saturday, and in an outdoor location, and linked to other community activities

Name of Local Joint Committee	Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Christian Lea
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Tina Woodward
Lead Officer	Michael Hyatt

Budget Available: £71,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
9	17	22	35

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Mapping exercise identifying strengths/weaknesses of the area
- Grant Criteria and Funding Applications
- PACT
- Road Safety (particularly regarding motorcyclists)
- Traffic Management for Events
- Environmental Maintenance
- Planning Policy

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

Nearly 100 people have helped to set local priorities for development through the LDF consultation
Raising awareness and engaging local people in partnership action to tackle anti-social speeding and potentially dangerous motor cycle riding
Helping local people understand and engage in the review of the local health service provision
Starting to work on a national pilot with Keep Britain Tidy engaging local people in improving their street scene services by better understanding the links between these and citizen satisfaction levels
Assisting 30 groups with grant contributions towards their projects and events
Consistently increasing attendance with each meeting

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

To make some changes to how the Local Joint Committee was run, following the pilot year and the change in parishes included.
To use a cabaret layout so that members, officers and the public all sit together, was a change for the committee to begin with but now works well. It enables more people to feel engaged and able to be actively involved
Using village halls and moving the meetings around the area, can cause some parking issues at times but does spread the LJC word and encourage more people to attend
Attendance has dramatically increased and is no longer dominated solely by potential grant recipients

Name of Local Joint Committee	Craven Arms and Rural
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cecilia Motley
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Peter Bellamy
Lead Officer	Kathryn Edwards

Budget Available: £30,000 plus £13,500 legacy funding from Craven Arms Partnership

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
20	17	11	14

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Highways and Transport Public Transport Budget Local Priorities Sustainability Flood Alleviation Health Care – relocation of Ludlow Hospital
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Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Craven Arms and Rural LJC focused its attentions throughout the year on the state of roads in South Shropshire, this culminated in a Highways report going to the Development Scrutiny Committee in June 2010. Although this is outside the date parameters the work to achieve this was completed within 2009/10. • The Committee was also pleased to be able to support local causes and the local community through the allocation of funding.
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Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

<p>There was undoubtedly a challenge in knitting together a cohesive committee out of the LJC and the area partnership; in proving that we could take action rather than just being a 'talking shop'. A problem shared is often a problem halved and one of the strengths of the committee has been this willingness to consider problems constructively for the ultimate benefit of the community. All this is helped by the fact that members became comfortable with the balance of the committee (vis a vis town council/parish councils) and were prepared to work together for the community.</p>

Name of Local Joint Committee	Ludlow and Clee Area
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr. Rosanna Taylor-Smith
Vice Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr. George Williams
Lead Officer	Richard Thomas

Budget Available: £49,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
18	45	45	200 (approx)

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Police and Community Safety issues
- Rural Transport (special meeting on Ludlow town bus routes)
- Shropshire Link
- Village speed limits and road safety
- Youth Opportunities (Youth Services and South Shropshire Youth Forum)
- Streetscene
- Local Priorities Area Action Plan
- Local Health Care Provision in Ludlow (New Ludlow Hospital)
- Shropshire Council's Budget Consultation

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

The LJC meeting on Local Health Care Provision in Ludlow debating local health issues and the proposals for a new hospital in Ludlow and relocation of 2 existing Doctors' surgeries from the town to the new hospital site.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

Funding element of the LJC – grant allocation and development of revised grant giving criteria
 Finding ways of making the meetings attractive to encourage attendance by local people.
 The difficulty in engaging with large numbers of residents across the LJC area, young people in particular. The LJC will be considering alternative methods of engaging with people for future meetings

Any Other Comments

The LJC hopes to identify its shared priorities in the very near future and allocate some of the funding set aside for that purpose from the 2009/10 budget allocation that has been carried forward to 2010/11.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Cleobury & Rural
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Cllr Madge Shingleton
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Michael Tomkinson (Neen Savage) David Haywood (Kinlet)
Lead Officer	Steve Price

Budget Available: 36,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
34	40	25	40

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

Police & Community Safety Youth Opportunities and facilities Housing Speeding & road safety Flooding Highways Waste collection & recycling Healthcare Toilets

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

Enabling the 9 very small Parishes to work together and making them see they have many of the same problems and together we may be able to improve them. Continuing attendance by the general public and gradually getting them to ask questions and put forward points of view. Community Groups applying for the grants which has enhanced their funds and allowed project to come to fruition early and especially the Village halls will make them more marketable.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

Continuing public support. Refining all information give by Parishes and the public into evidence for scrutinising Shropshire Council's services. Proving the LJC's are worth the effort. Sensible use of funding.

Any Other Comments

As chairman I need to know asap the results of the LJC review, we are three months into this year and a degree of certainty needs to be injected into the process. When a senior officer is requested to attend I expect them to be there or offer an alternate date. We need to reaffirm the commitment of the police to co operation.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Severn Loop
Chair 2009/10 Chair 2010/11	Mansel Williams Maxwell Winchester
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Maxwell Winchester Mansel Williams
Lead Officer	Andy Goldsmith

Budget Available: £37,000

Attendance:

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
23	85	50	55

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Local Policing Update (All meetings)
- Topics and Key issues for the Severn loop Local Joint Committee
- The Development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- The Needs of Young People within the Severn Loop area
- Discussion about Arriva Bus Route Number Seven
- Financial Priorities / Funding Requests
- Update on Consultations (when necessary)
- Progress Reports
- Budget Consultation
- Local Joint Committee Budget Report (funding application consideration)
- Update on Youth Consultation (specific update for Severn Loop LJC)
- Community Working Update
- Have Your Say (all meetings)

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10:

- Young People's questionnaire
- Wide range of local requests for funding received and funds distributed
- Steady attendance at meetings

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10:

Gaining consensus regarding funding applications
 Ensuring free running of the meeting without the public's personal agenda taking over
 Ensuring a variety of topics are raised and discussed
 Keeping to time

Any Other Comments

- Attendance has been good and debate has been lively at the meetings. The Severn Loop does not have a coherent community nor currently a community plan, therefore very local issues that are only of interest to sections of the community are often raised and debated at the meetings and thus the agendas can wander and keeping to time has been difficult.
- Police attendance has been excellent and well received and the fire service attends to give advice and support.

Name of Local Joint Committee	Bayston Hill
Chair 2009/10 and 2010/11	Ted Clarke
Vice Chair 2009/10 Vice Chair 2010/11	Alan Parkhurst Not yet elected
Lead Officer	Tim Collard

Budget Available: £17,000

Attendance

Round 1 (June/July 2009)	Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)	Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)	Round 4 (Mar 2010)
5	54	35	55

Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10:

- Parish Plan Update and Residents' Questionnaires
- Funding Priorities
- Changes to Bus Services
- PACT
- Shropshire Council Budget Consultation 2010/11
- Safer Routes to School

Biggest success or greatest achievement for your LJC in 2009/10

- The initial LJC was not well attended but a much greater effort to publicise subsequent meetings has led to an extremely good turn out particularly in the context of the small distinct village catchment area. This has enabled a very good dialogue to be established between the LJC and the local community resulting in a clear mandate to tackle the issues arising from the household questionnaire. This has enabled the LJC to earmark funding priorities in the knowledge that they have significant local support.
- At the first meeting it was decided not to offer any community grants. This has proved controversial and applications for money have still been made, but the LJC remains committed to funding projects identified as priorities through the updated Parish Plan.

Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

- It takes a long time to undertake a proper community consultation and there can be understandable frustration at a perceived lack of progress. It is hoped that at the LJC's first meeting of 2010/11 a series of funding decisions will be taken to implement the Action Plan arising from the consultation.

Any Other Comments

- An excellent relationship has been established between the Parish Council and LJC and there have been a number of working group meetings involving members and officers of both organisations endeavouring to progress the Parish Plan. There is a lot of goodwill and positive desire to make a difference with the budget allocated to the area.