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**COMMUNITY WORKING UPDATE****Olympian Festival June 2011**

To mark Shropshire's connection to the modern Olympic movement, a series of events will be held in the county in the build up to the 2012 Olympics in London. These include the Shropshire Olympian Festival which will be held in the Quarry in Shrewsbury on 17-19<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The organisers of the event would very much like all parts of the county to participate in the fun and games and to fly the flag for your important part of the county. There are various ways in which this can happen. The programme is still being drawn up, but the outline of the Festival is as follows:

**FRIDAY JUNE 17** is a Schools Day, when schools from all over the county will compete in some of the athletic events held in 1864 and some others just for fun. There will also be exhibitions and competitions in poetry, painting, dancing and story-telling, as well as Victorian entertainment.

On **SATURDAY JUNE 18**, we collaborate with the Shrewsbury Carnival, which brings thousands of people into the town centre. We are also holding sports and games, exhibitions and competitions for adults. It would be great if there was a team from each part of Shropshire competing. There will be an opportunity to march in the Grand Procession through the town with a banner and much else to enjoy through the day and into the evening. After Old Time Music Hall at Theatre Severn, the Quarry will be brilliantly illuminated.

On **SUNDAY JUNE 19**, there will be mounted games and a regatta, music and a Grand Victorian Picnic, more entertainment, prize-giving and a Grand Finale.

In order to generate interest in the Festival a series workshops will be held around the county to encourage community groups to get involved and take part in the events. Details of these workshops are listed below. Please pass on the details of these to any community groups you work with and encourage them to attend.

All sessions start at 7.30pm and will last about an hour.

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2010	Shirehall, Shrewsbury
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2010	Pontesbury Public Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	Bridgnorth Library
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	The Qube, Oswestry
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2010	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2010	Festival Drayton, Market Drayton

The organisers are particularly keen to meet representatives from Young Farmers, Choirs, W.I, Arts & Crafts Groups (including knitting and embroidery), Church Groups, Senior Citizens and other Community Groups, but anybody is welcome to attend.

There will be opportunities to represent your local town, village, club, group in Sports (like tug of war, three legged races) and Arts (i.e painting, embroidery, choral singing), to help decorate the quarry, to join in the Shrewsbury Carnival and to enjoy the Victorian entertainment and spectacle. Professional sports and arts specialists will advise and assist.

The person to contact for further information and to register to attend a workshop is – Sarah Rollason on 01743 252305 [sarah.rollason@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.rollason@shropshire.gov.uk)

### **Community Games 2011 and 2012**

The Community Games project aims to bring the inspiration of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics to the West Midlands through a series of "Community Games". Across the West Midlands they aim to run 500 events and involve 100,000 people. The project in Shropshire is being run by Energise Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

The aim in Shropshire is to hold 88 events across the county, and involve 21,000 participants in a wide range of activities. These could be linked to sports clubs, but also the organisers are keen to get communities across Shropshire to think about what "community games" they can run in 2012 to mark the Olympic games. The only real stipulation for a group to take part is that they must hold an opening and closing ceremony. Some ideas of events are:

- Taster sessions run by existing sports or arts groups to offer people a chance to try new sports or activities.
- Photography or arts competitions within a sheltered housing scheme
- "Its a Knockout" style events on a village green.
- "Battle of the Bands" involving youth groups
- Events celebrating local food such as a cake baking competition and

They are particularly keen to involve groups who don't normally take part in these events, and to work with community groups and community facilities, to bring long term benefits as a result of the games.

If you are interested in holding a community games event in your community please contact Alison Evans for more details.

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### **Local Joint Committee Web Pages**

Shropshire Council is in the process of updating the Local Joint Committee pages on its website. The new pages are designed to be more attractive and interactive for members of the public visiting the site. The new pages will include links to committee papers; information about projects funded by the LJC; news about the area and pages where members of the public can report issues within their LJC area.

The new pages also allows us to do features on projects and events taking place in each area, so if you have any interesting events planned please contact the community working officer so they can be featured on the website. We would also like to use photographs from the area on the new pages, so if you have any good photographs of your area you would like featured on the new pages, please send us a copy onto the Community Working officer.

There will also be links to all of the parish council websites, as we hope to encourage people who have attended the LJC to also attend their local parish council meetings as well.

### **Community Fund 2010**

The projects that were successful in applying to the Shropshire Council Community Fund were announced in September. Nineteen projects have been awarded grants of between £5,000 and £40,000 to create and improve arts, community and sports facilities in the local community. A total of £322,000 was awarded in total.

In this area Bicton Village Hall received a grant of £6000 but unfortunately Bomere Heath Village Hall was unsuccessful with their application. Those projects that were unsuccessful with their applications are being offered advice on alternative funding sources, such as the lottery based Awards for All scheme.

It is hoped that the National Lottery Community Buildings Grant, which provides grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 will be re-launched in 2011. Should this fund be made available it will be a further possible source of funding for community venues to apply to for larger redevelopments or upgrades of their facilities.

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