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COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT**Shropshire Council Bus Strategy 2011-2016**

Shropshire Council has been consulting with existing and potential passengers over proposed changes to the bus network in Shropshire.

Shropshire Councils Cabinet met on 11 May 2011 to review the consultation and this has resulted in alterations to some bus services in the county, although few of the buses in this area will be affected. The main change that will impact on people in this area are that concessionary travel passes will no longer be accepted on the park and ride services in Shrewsbury.

Full details of the strategy can be viewed on the Shropshire Council website at:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport>

Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) - What happens next?

Shropshire Council has over the last 12 months been consulting with the community and town and parish councils over future development priorities for Shropshire. The Council has received a large number of responses to the Issues and Options documents. These responses, together with the detailed feedback from Town and Parish Councils on local priorities for development and infrastructure and the future role of settlements, will be used to feed into the continued preparation of the SAMDev.

In accordance with the localism agenda, the SAMDev will provide a community influenced means of shaping the future of local towns, villages and the countryside. The SAMDev will enable development based infrastructure delivery directly linked to community needs. These needs are prioritised in the 18 area based Shropshire Place Plans, which will be reviewed on an annual basis. The Place Plans can be accessed by following the link below.

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning>

There will be further opportunities for communities to have their say on proposals in Autumn/Winter 2011 with the publication of a further draft SAMDev document in November.

Community Games 2011 and 2012

The Community Games project aims to bring the inspiration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic 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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