

CABINET
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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Rob Wilson

In January 2020, the Shropshire Star reported that the Welsh Bridge in Shrewsbury needed to undergo “an extensive and ‘very costly and disruptive’ repair programme”. According to Shropshire Council’s engineering services and bridges manager at the time, “A comprehensive maintenance/refurbishment scheme will... be required to replace the entire parapets on both sides of the bridge.”

What is the current status of the Welsh Bridge? What works have been carried out and what is still required?

Cllr Andy Boddington

With food waste collection due to be suspended from 1 October 2024 until 1 April 2026:

- 1) What is estimated tonnage of food waste that will not be collected?
- 2) What is the estimate of how much of this will be consigned to the back bin, rather than composted?
- 3) What is the estimate of additional CO² emissions from the incinerator as a result of burning food waste?

Cllr Alex Wagner

Taking better care of The Square

The Square is at the heart of Shrewsbury, with footfall higher than anywhere else in town – almost 2,000 people per day visited in August, with footfall of 58,419 in total.

Despite this, many of the iconic York Stones remain shabby, cracked, and in many cases have been ‘temporarily’ repaired with tarmac, rather than stone. This is in part due to the use of Princess Street as a cut-through, with many cars and HGVs passing by every day, despite the fact the area is meant to be access only. Alongside this, a very concerning situation has developed where people park anti-socially on Market Street for free, which residents and business find very frustrating and which demeans the area.

What is Shropshire Council planning to do to rectify this situation, in which the part of Shrewsbury with the highest footfall and some of the county’s greatest heritage is being impacted very negatively by anti-social driving and parking?