

Green View

Porthill Ward edition

News and views from Julian Dean, Community Campaigner for Porthill, Frankwell & Kingsland



Julian Dean - your local campaigner

Keep fighting to protect A&E services in Shrewsbury

Our recent community survey highlighted that 97% of you said you were “very concerned” about the future of A&E in Shrewsbury. Whilst the combined strength of Shropshire GPs and *Shropshire Defend Our NHS* had pressured the Clinical Commissioning Group to vote **against plans for only one Shropshire A&E**, partly due to worries that longer travel times will lead to unnecessary deaths, those behind ‘*Future Fit*’ have not given up. They have mounted a propaganda war with ‘artists impressions’ of a new single A&E centre accompanying a major article in the Chronicle.

Future Fit originally claimed to be about better local services so people would rely less on A&E, but those extra services are nowhere to be seen. Campaigning has already succeeded in putting *Future Fit* on the back foot and pushed our MP to ask for a rethink. **Julian says, “I support *Shropshire Defend Our NHS* and urge everyone concerned about this issue to link with them on social media or at shropshiredefendournhs.org to back the campaign”.** Councillors need to know that it will never be forgotten or forgiven if they allow vital services, already under unacceptable pressure, to close.

Will our green spaces survive the cuts to council services?

Shropshire Council plans to slash spending on a huge range of services, including upkeep of green spaces, one of the things people most love about this area. They want town councils to take over these services, likely at a reduced level, and to foot the bill. **This plan would also mean huge increases in the tax we pay for town services;** the ‘precept’.

However, the people who use and need these services, me and you, have yet again not been asked if we want these cuts. **We should be asked if we are happy to pay more to receive less.** Town and County Councillors have no mandate to cut services further whilst at the same time increasing local taxes. Julian says, “I believe that they should be leading a campaign against the cuts, but unfortunately Shrewsbury Town Council is planning to cooperate with these plans”.



Julian visiting the Frankwell Community Garden

Other campaigns

Julian also supports the Keep the Pool in Town campaign and the newly-launched Shrewsbury Food Hub. Please go to www.quarrypool.co.uk or www.shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk to find out more.

Julian Dean - working for the community of Porthill, Frankwell & Kingsland throughout the year

