

Tern Community News

TERN DIVISION
SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

ALAN HERBERT - STANDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



'Daily Exercise' checking out the footpaths and cycleways in Tern during lockdown

Introducing your Labour Candidate

This newsletter is my introduction to many of you. I have lived at Leaton for 21 years and our children grew up here. Our older two have moved back to the county and are struggling to find jobs and to get a place of their own here. I used to be a Lecturer in Hydrogeology at University of Birmingham, and a Director of one of the larger environmental companies in Shrewsbury, but over the last two years I have set up my own business so I am well aware of the challenges to our local economy. In our community I have worked supporting youngsters. I was a Governor of Bomere Heath

Primary – we planted the trees in the school field and got the Games area behind the village hall. More recently I ran scouts and explorers at Boreatton. Many children from Bomere, Montford Bridge and Bicton were in my troop. We had a great time, exploring the world from Bickley Coppice to Outer Mongolia. We won national school's competitions and represented the UK internationally – our fundraising made these adventures affordable to all the children. I am a trustee for SYA, a charity supporting local youth clubs. I hope to continue working for our community as your Labour and Co-operative councillor.

My priorities for us in Tern



NORTH WEST RELIEF?

There is a chance to get government funding for roads and flood defences to change how we get in and out of Shrewsbury – see my take on the debate overleaf



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

It has been a tough time for youth under Tory Austerity and now suffering more than most under lockdown – see over for how I think we need to support them



DEVELOPMENT - DONE RIGHT

Quotas for new houses are imposed and much local control of planning is to be taken away – we must fight to get the right houses built to benefit our communities



SAFER STREETS FOR ALL

Potholes, damaged road signs, speeding traffic in our villages, unusable cycle routes – this can all be fixed and should have been!



ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Labour led Shrewsbury Council is installing greener lighting and better access for pedestrians and bikes – we need to help solve the climate crisis in Tern too

NWRR: relief or ruinous folly

In Tern we have villages affected by inappropriate traffic on 'rat-runs' through the countryside and The Shrewsbury Big Town Plan will pedestrianise north-south roads so something is needed. But there are fears that the NWRR will lead to infill housing blighting villages. Many new houses are already approved but we can influence how they integrate into our villages. The NWRR could contribute to a greener new town centre with a leisure and hospitality economy – if we get it right!



The NWRR needs to be done right to integrate transport, flood risks and a new town centre (©Shropshire Council)

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Your Labour Candidate for Tern Division

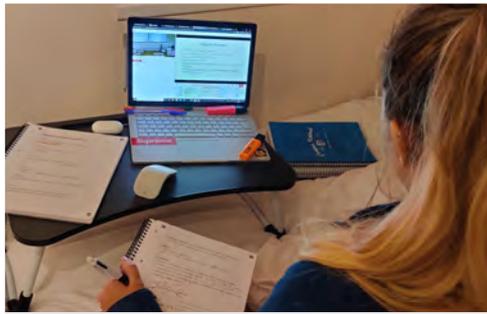
One of my pledges is to listen to you! I would normally be canvassing and get to talk to you if you wished but that is not appropriate during the pandemic. If you share my vision and want to feed your opinion into our local priorities, contact me by email, phone, or post a comment on my facebook page using the links below. Finally, of course, the most effective way to have your say will be to vote! Do make sure you register, and you may want to register for postal voting too as Covid is likely to remain a risk - go to www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter

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Youth in crisis



The worst time to be young? Zoom lectures whilst locked in your room

“The foundation of every state is the care of its youth.”

(after Diogenes, c.360 BC)

Young people today are suffering from Covid disproportionately: children hungry when they can't get free school meals, disastrous job prospects and no hope of getting an affordable house to establish themselves in our community – relying on

volunteers for youth services and families waiting 6 weeks for universal credit is not a solution. We must support youth services and mental health better. I work with SYA delivering some of this support, but the Council must accept its responsibilities.

What one thing could the Shropshire Council do to improve life for your family?

Which of the following do you worry about the most?

- NWRR Youth work Housing Roads
 Climate Other (please state) _____

If there was a General Election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- Labour Conservative Lib Dem
 UKIP Green Other

Your Details

Name: _____

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