

Shrewton Parish Council Chair's report for August 2021

A303 tunnel past Stonehenge

As everybody is (no doubt) aware, the outcome of the Judicial Review of the A303 tunnel at the High Court was that the scheme was unlawful and the development consent order has been quashed. The Department of Transport is now considering its options, there is an A303 Community Forum this Thursday (5 August 2021) evening where Highways England are expected to provide further information about what may happen next.

Informal Area Board meeting

On Monday 2 August I attended an informal Stonehenge Area Board (the new name for the Amesbury Area Board) virtual meeting. These short informal meetings are without an agenda the concept being that attendees can raise issues of particular interest to their community. The A303 tunnel situation was mentioned but only briefly; the Chair of the meeting advised that the project was not yet 'off' and there was general agreement that nothing would be gained by talking about the outcome of the Judicial Review. Some more information given about 'paths for all' and there is going to be a meeting on 10 September to provide further information.

COVID -19

Although life is returning to a 'new normal' COVID-19 has not gone away and the local infection rate - we have had some cases in Shrewton - although falling, is still above the national average so please remember 'Hands, Face, Space'.

And to finish on a positive note...

On Saturday 31 July the Horticultural Society held the annual flower show (cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19). Once again there was a fantastic display of produce, flowers and art plus the Shrewton Silver Band and other attractions. I would like to thank the organisers and all those who took part for the time and effort they put in to providing such a lift to us all, something which was really appreciated by all.

This concludes the Chair's report.