



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

For the Parish of Oswestry Rural

Local Elections

Local elections take place throughout Shropshire on Thursday 6 May 2021 and this is your chance to make a difference. You have the opportunity to not only vote for those who you want to represent you on Oswestry Rural Parish Council but also to stand for election yourself.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council can only be as good as the people elected to manage it so we are looking for councillors who are capable, enthusiastic and engaged to reinvigorate the local community and help to make Oswestry Rural a better place in which to live, work and visit.

What do Councillors do?

Councillors are elected to represent their local community as a member of their local council. Here in Oswestry Rural there are fifteen councillors which together form a team known as Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

If you become a councillor you will have an opportunity to make decisions on behalf of the community to help improve the locality and the lives of those who live and work within the parish of Oswestry Rural. As part of a team you can help to develop strategies and plans for the parish, comment on planning and development proposals, and help to solve local issues by working with partners towards a common goal.



Becoming a Councillor

If you would like to become a councillor you must be:

- ☒ A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth
- ☒ At least 18 years of age
- ☒ Live or work in the parish of Oswestry Rural

Make a difference - become a councillor

You can find out more about how to become a councillor by visiting [The Electoral Commission](#) and the [Local Government Association](#). You can also contact the Elections Team at Shropshire Council: 0345 678 9015 or [Email elections](#)

If you become a councillor you could...

Help manage the Council's business

We need you to join our team and contribute your business skills, personal skills and expertise.

The Council currently has a budget of £35,114. Help us to spend it wisely and for the benefit of the community.

Help shape local services

If you want to help make a difference by influencing decisions that affect our community then stand for election. If you become a councillor you will be able to help us deal with the challenges we face in protecting and enhancing local services.

Help to improve the locality

We currently maintain various green spaces within the parish. We are also considering taking on more land management. If you join our team you can take an active part in decisions aimed at improving and maintaining our community assets.

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Oswestry Rural Parish Wards

For Election purposes Oswestry Rural is divided into 5 wards as follows:

- Morda with Sweeney represented by 5 councillors
- Maesbury with Aston represented by 3 councillors
- Rhydygroesau with Llanforda represented by 2 councillors
- Sychtyn represented by 1 councillor
- Trefonen with Treflach represented by 4 councillors

There are 15 councillors in all.

Current Services

The Parish Council is responsible for the following:

- Ownership and maintenance of various properties and green spaces around the parish.
- Bus shelters
- Street lights
- Street furniture and notice boards
- Trefarclawdd Cemetery

The Council also provides grants to charities and local community groups and recognises a worthy individual each year who wins the 'Tony Cheetham Community Service Award'.

Parish Council Meetings

As the coronavirus pandemic continues we are not holding physical meetings and until further notice our meetings will continue to be held by Zoom video. Meeting links are on our agendas which are published on our [website](#).

Future meeting dates:

30 March 2021

27 April 2021

25 May 2021

All commence at 7 pm. You are most welcome to join us.