



SHROPSHIRE  
RURAL HOUSING  
ASSOCIATION



# Christmas Newsletter



## GARDEN PHOTO COMPETITION

The winner of our Garden Photo Competition was **Glyn and Mary Jones** from Shawbury, with these beautiful display of their front and back garden and them receiving their voucher from our Scheme Manager.



Please see our back page for our Christmas opening hours



# Shawbury celebrates its 30th Anniversary



In September 1989... The Princess Royal, Princess Ann visited Shawbury to officially open Shropshire Rural Housing Association's only Sheltered Housing Scheme, aptly named Princess Court.

Fast forward to September 2019... Princess Court hit the big **30**. So, to mark the occasion a Celebration get together in the local Scout Hall was enjoyed by the Residents and Scheme Manager, along with the SRHA team, Board & Committee Members and representatives from Shawbury Air Scouts and RAF Shawbury.

With a scrummy buffet, a tipple or two, flower bouquet presentations to Mr & Mrs Jones and Mrs Barker, who have been in residence the longest to date for 19 and 17 years respectively, rounded off with brilliant entertainment from residents Jan and PJ, ... a **Marvellous** time was had by all.



A picture of the Scout Hall, where all the celebrations were held.

Mrs Barker, one of our longest serving residents receiving her beautiful bouquet of flowers.



Annette, our Scheme Manager receiving a bouquet of flowers for all her hard work on day to day basis and putting the celebrations together. Thank you!!





Our Vice-Chair, Sam Hine, and Chief Executive, John Green, saying a few words.



Madge Shingleton, one of our longest serving Committee members, saying a few words. Madge was member when Shawbury was built, having been a member since June 1987, and is still a member of the Association today.

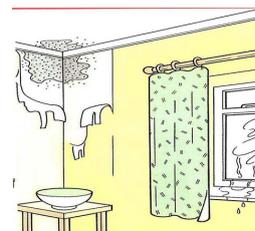
## RESIDENTS, GUESTS & MEMBERS ENJOYING THE CELEBRATIONS



## Keep Your Home Free From Damp and Mould This Winter:

### Condensation Tips.

During the cooler months condensation can build up just from carrying out normal activities such as cooking, washing and from the air you exhale when you breathe. Moisture in the air in your home will settle on cool surfaces, forming black mould spores, usually found at the edge of ceilings, by windows and external walls. You can help reduce the likelihood of condensation and mould growth by doing the following:



- ◇ Make sure extractor fans are switched on in the bathroom and kitchen
- ◇ Keep kitchen and bathroom doors shut when cooking and bathing
- ◇ Keep window 'trickle vent's open
- ◇ Keep the property temperature consistent rather than heating in short bursts and then leaving rooms to cool down.
- ◇ Dry clothes outside or use a tumble dryer that is vented externally. If you have to dry clothes indoors do it in the kitchen or bathroom when the extractor fans on to remove as much moisture as possible.
- ◇ Wipe any moisture off glass or cold surfaces when condensation has occurred. This will avoid it evaporating back into the air.
- ◇ Moisture and condensation traps are available for most DIY and home stores for around £4. Placed on window sill these can reduce moisture in the room.



## Rent Payments During the Christmas and New Year Period.

We all want to enjoy Christmas and New Year but please do not forget that the rent will still be due over the festive period. Due to the various Bank Holidays, your payments may go out from your bank account later than normal.

That being said we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Total Response, have now merged with another Housing Association and have changed their name to Connexus. Keep an eye out for their new vans, which should be around in the area.

## Repairs at Christmas

**Only emergency repairs will be carried out between Christmas Eve and 2nd January:**

In deciding whether a repair is an emergency, please note the following information:

- \* Whether there has been a total loss of essential services such as gas, electricity or water
- \* Whether a delay in carrying out repairs would endanger your family
- \* Whether a delay in carrying out repairs would cause further damage to your home.

When our offices are closed,

Emergency Repairs should be reported by telephone on **0300 303 1190**.

## Mutual Exchanges

Did you know that as a tenant of Shropshire Rural, you can request to swap your home with the tenant of another Housing Association. This is known as a mutual exchange.

When two tenants want to exchange, they first of all have to get consent from their landlords. Consent will not normally be refused, but we can refuse in certain circumstances. Such refusal could be because of tenancy breaches, where the exchange might result in over-crowding or under-occupation, or where the property has specific criteria, for example, where accommodation is for over 55's and the incoming tenant is under 55.

Shropshire Rural tenants wishing to find somebody to exchange with, can do so via HomePoint Website— [www.shropshirehomepoint.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehomepoint.co.uk), by clicking on the 'Home Swap Direct' tab at the top of the page.

Did you also know.....

If your home is larger than you need and you would like to move to a smaller property, you may be eligible to receive a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) that can help you with your housing costs. Advice on DHPs and how to claim is available from Shropshire Council.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/benefits/>



# Left over Turkey?



Try this simple recipe for Turkey curry. It takes 5 minutes preparation, 15 minutes to cook and serves 4 people.

## INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp. sunflower oil, 1 large onion, 1 green pepper, deseeded and chopped, 2 tbsp. curry paste ( or gluten-free alternative), 2 garlic cloves, crushed, 400g can chopped tomatoes, 300g leftover turkey, diced, 300g leftover potatoes (either boiled or roast), diced, 2 tbsp. mango chutney, small pack of coriander, roughly chopped, Rice or naan bread, to serve

## METHOD

Heat the oil in a large pan over a fairly high heat. Cook the onion and pepper for 3-4 minutes until starting to soften and brown slightly. Stir in the curry paste and garlic, then cook for another 1-2 minutes. Add the chopped tomatoes and 150ml water. Bring to the boil and bubble for 5 minutes.

Turn the heat down, stir in the turkey and potatoes, and cook for another 2-3 minutes, then season and add the mango chutney. Scatter with coriander and serve with rice or naan - or if you've not already eaten too much over the Christmas period—BOTH!!



And for pudding— why not try Christmas Cookies!!



Why not try making these vanilla biscuits. Cutting the dough in different shapes. They look lovely with coloured icing on. The recipe makes a lot of biscuits—great for gifts and for Santa!!!

The recipe makes 4 dozen cookies.

## INGREDIENTS

470G plain flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 225g butter or cooking margarine, 300g caster sugar, 2 eggs, 2 teaspoons vanilla extract.

## METHOD—Prep 20 min. Cook 8 mins.

Preheat oven to 200 C/Gas 6 and lightly grease two baking trays or line with parchment.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; set aside

In a large bowl, cream together the butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy, beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend the sifted flour until evenly mixed, cover dough and refrigerate for 2 hours.

On a floured surface, roll out portions of dough to 5mm thickness. Cut out a tree shape with a knife or use a variety of Christmas cookie cutters.

Bake for 6-8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Transfer from baking tray to wire cooling racks. Decorate with icing when completely cool.



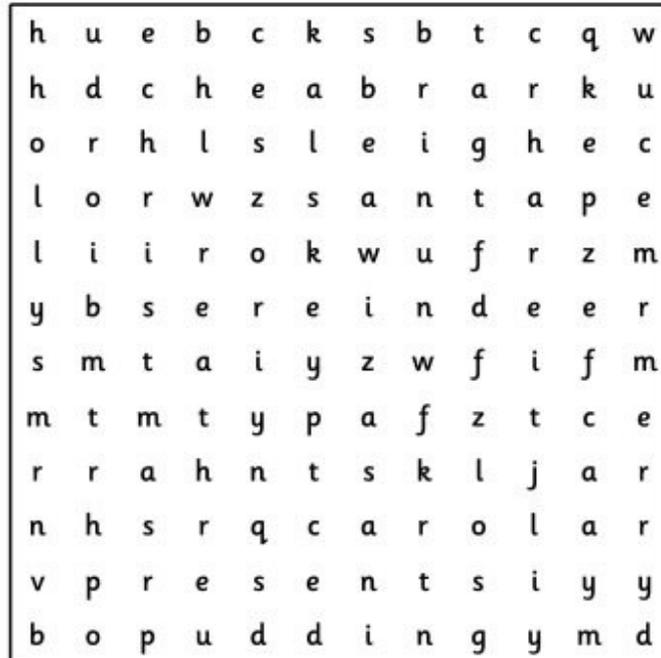
## THE CAMARADARIE BETWEEN STAFF AT SHROPSHIRE RURAL HOUSING

Despite being on opposing sides, Tenancy Management Office, Phil McVeigh and Housing Officer, Linda Talbot, managed to keep the camaraderie going for the final of the Rugby World Cup 2019.





# Christmas Word Search



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| carol    | christmas | holly    | merry  |
| presents | pudding   | reindeer | santa  |
| sleigh   | star      | tree     | wreath |

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**Our offices will close at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 24th December 2019**

**And re-open at 9.00 am on Thursday 2nd January 2020.**

**For emergency repairs when the offices are closed please call 0300 303 1190**



**The Board, Members and Staff of Shropshire Rural Housing offer you  
their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.**

