



HEADING INTO 2026 WITH TWO NEW MEMBERS

We're heading to the end of 2025 with another two new members.

Andy Hall, a former Mayor and chairman of Whitchurch Town Council recently added to his community service when he was elected one of the town's three new Shropshire County Councillors. Now, he's a Rotarian too.

Andy – who has a university honours degree in Youth and Community work and child psychology and is a qualified teacher – is also a former Chair of Whitchurch Chamber of Trade. He has owned and run several

businesses in Whitchurch and is currently employed as the Youth and Community development manager for Shrewsbury Town Council. He is also well known as a DJ for a number of radio stations, public events and private functions.

Jayne De-Wyrrall has a 32-year career as an NHS nurse, including 15 years as a Respiratory Ward Sister at Leighton Hospital in Crewe, before transferring onto the community – carrying out home visits and running her own clinics.

Jayne is also a Whitchurch Town Councillor as well as being an RSPCA volunteer at the rehoming cattery in Stapeley, Nantwich. But she is, perhaps, equally well known as a founder member of the local voluntary group 'We Are Whitchurch' where she regularly works in the Harry Richards Garden at Jubilee Park and tends the Sensory Garden and Memorial Garden. She is, maybe even better known as a demon baker of legendary fairy cakes.

KEEP WHITCHURCH TIDY



As well as co-ordinating our contributions to the international 'Tools with a Mission' project – which collects unwanted tools, refurbishes them and ships them to Africa to help emerging businesses there – our Environment Officer, Mike Wildi, has been planning new levels of litterpicking initiatives closer to home.

He's currently working with Mike McDonald at the Town Council to help form a joint community litterpicking group that could smarten up the town.

But, in the meantime, we'll soon be teaming up, again, with youngsters from Whitchurch Junior School to tidy up an area around their part of Station Road.

HANDS UP ...!

IF YOU NEED CASH, QUICKLY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP!

Watch out for the latest news update about our 'Helping Hands' fund which offers financial help to local people and projects. We'll be making a new statement, soon.

So, if you're hard pressed to cover the cost of that new school uniform, need help to overcome a health problem, want to launch a small local community project that could make a real difference in the town, or perhaps something else, we might be able to help. And we aim to be quick off the block to deliver that help.

In the meantime you can learn more, or download an application form, from our website - <https://whitchurchrotary.org.uk>



THE 'DG' IS BACK IN TOWN

Whitchurch is one of 53 Rotary clubs in areas of Shropshire, Staffordshire and part of the West Midlands. That is what we call 'District 1210' and, with 41 members, ours is the largest club in Shropshire and among the biggest in District.

Each District has an elected 'Governor' who co-ordinates a day-to-day support system. And that District Governor makes official visits to each club during their term of office. Last month it was our turn to welcome this year's 'DG' – Cressida Dickens.

'Crez', as she's known, (pictured with our president Brian Acty) is bucking the public perception of a 'typical Rotarian'. If we were once seen as groups of stuffy, elderly, retired businessmen, in collars, ties and suits, she is out to challenge that vision. Crez, who belongs to Rotary in Kidsgrove and district, is a former journalist and consultant psychologist (... and you don't get many of those either!).



TOWN COUNCIL SAYS 'WELL DONE' ... TWICE

Our relationship with Whitchurch Town Council has always been a good one – and the community has benefitted from the resulting support and funding that we receive from time to time. But it's always nice to get recognition too ... and in the past few weeks we have had two pats on the back from the Council.

The first came when the town received a silver award from the RHS Heart of England in Bloom Awards. And Rotary, with our partners in the Inner Wheel Club, were thanked for our joint contributions to the beds and planters that we grow and maintain, throughout the year, around the town centre. It was, said the Town Council "a spectacular job". So, next year, Whitchurch is 'going for gold'...!

Next came the councillors' congratulations for "the hugely successful" prostate cancer screening event which, they called "a phenomenal result that will, undoubtedly lead to lives saved." It was, the Council added "not a small undertaking, particularly with all the effort in following up these tests." The congratulations went not only to us but also to the NHS nurses, Inner Wheel members and other volunteers "who all play their part."

Our thanks to the Town Council, in return, for the generous donations we receive from their Small Community Grants Programme which helps cover the five-figure costs of this annual project.



YES ... IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN



After 11 months of hibernation the Rotary Christmas Float is out of storage, again, for its annual springclean and facelift ready for the Big Red Man to take his place next month. Rotarians braved mops, brushes, cloths, hosepipes, a vacuum cleaner and buckets of soapy water to get the Santa seat fit for purpose. If you need to track where Santa is going to be, and when, see the schedule on page 3 ... and we'll see you there! Meanwhile, the Tree of Light is up and you'll see it as you leave the tills at Sainsbury's. Remembrance dedications to loved ones are seen on hand-crafted tree ornaments as well as on our website - <https://whitchurchrotary.org.uk>

Father Christmas will visit these areas on these nights, from 5pm to 9pm

Monday 1st DECEMBER – Malpas. Springfield Rd, Springfield Av, Old Hall St, Well St, Leach Rd, Mercer Close, St Oswald's Close, Church St, Battarbee Bank, Berwyn View, Dimelow Court, Wrexham Rd, Sunnyside.

Tuesday 2nd DECEMBER – Whitchurch, Dodington, Earl Edwin Mews, Mill Street, Park Avenue, Darwin Court, The Wharfage, Scotland Street, Highgate, Liverpool Road, Hillewood Avenue, Highgate, Alkington Road (to the Old Stores), Alkington Gardens, Kingsway, Rosemary Lane.

Wednesday 3rd DECEMBER - Mill Gardens, Foundary point, Rylands Drive, Ash, Ightfield, Calverhall.

Thursday 4th DECEMBER – Whitchurch Salisbury Road, Talbot Street, Talbot Crescent. Castillion Drive, Yockin's Gate, Egerton Road, Gambrell Way, George Street, Prince William Close, Elizabeth Street, Blakemere Close, Osmere Close, Worthington Street, Bath Street.

Friday 5th DECEMBER - Whitchurch Waterfront view, Chemistry, Bathfields Crescent, Heronbrook, Meadowcroft, Plovers Rise, Greenfields Way, Greenfields Rise, Stags Leap, Barnfield Close, Smallbrook Road, Brookfield, Westbrook Avenue, Waterside Close, Sherrymill Hill, Yardington, Roman Way, Bargates, St. Alkmunds Meadow, Tarporley Road, (to Haroldgate), Wellfield Way, The Squirrels, Badger Crescent

Monday 8th DECEMBER – No-Mans-Heath, Forts of India, Witney Lane, Ashford Close, Back Lane, Cholmondley Rise, Cross-o'th-Hill Road, Hampton Cres, Dean Park, Meadow Ct, Chester Road to Hamptons, Tushingham, Grindley Brook, Horse & Jockey.

Tuesday 9th DECEMBER – Prees Heath, Manor House Lane, Manor Place, (via Mill Lane), Heathwood Road, Towers Drive, Gorse Meadow, Woodlands Grove, Twemlows Avenue, Birchwood Grove, Twemlows Avenue, Sylvan Close. Longwood Park.

Wednesday 10th DECEMBER- Wrexham Road, Joyce Way, Park Road, Wrexham Belton road, Manor close, The Croft, Drive to bottom of Thompson Drive, Thompson Drive, Caldecott Crescent, Sharps Drive, Linden Avenue Meadow View Road.

Thursday 11th DECEMBER– Malpas, Oathills, Hollowood Rd, Chester Rd, Sandstone Gate, Waterfield, Penny Court, Lychet road, Barn croft, Deline Cres, Greenfields lane, Hughes lane, Oak Tree Rise, Tilston Road to St Joseph's Court.

Friday 12th DECEMBER – Whitchurch (Fraser Court, Queensway (all the way to the junction with Kingsway), Beech Avenue, Wheatsheaf Drive, Oatfield Close, Walnut Drive, Elm Close, Oak Drive, Saddlers Walk, Highfields Avenue, (walk to) Westune, Highfields Avenue, Alkington Road.

Monday 15th DECEMBER - Prees, Mercian Place, Mill St, Brades Rd, Havern Gardens, Cricket meadow, Lighteach Road, White Brook Meadow, Fairhaven Close, Prees Meadows, Station Road, Church Street, The Pinfold, Moreton Street.

Tuesday 16th DECEMBER - Tiltock Road and Tilstock Village, Cambrian Close, Meadowlands Road, Talbot Place, Cheery Orchard way, Mossfield Way, Hollins Lane, Tilstock Lane, Horseshoes Pub, Church Close, Crab Mill Meadow, Vicarage Gardens, The Pastures, The Raven, Argus Gardens,

Wednesday 17th DECEMBER – Whitchurch Wayland Road, Station Road, Bridgewater St, Brook Road, Anchor Close, Newport Road, Edward German Dr, Neufchatel Close, Churton Drive, Newport Road, Edgeley Road, Rydal Avenue, Edgeley Gardens.

Thursday 18th DECEMBER – Whitchurch, Fairways Drive, Alport Rd, Clayton Drive, Talbot Manor, Newbrook Close, Dugdale Drive, Church Meadows, Blackmore Grove, Claypit Street, The Mount, Tarporley Road, (from Haroldgate), The Grove, Chester Road, The Firs, Bryn Estyn Ave, The Beeches, Chester Avenue, The Orchards, Oak Tree Way, Croft Gardens.

Saturday 22nd November – Turning on of Christmas lights in the Bullring
Saturdays 6th Tesco, 13th Whitchurch Alport, 20th Tesco Whitchurch



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