

INTRODUCTION Our small village hall in Ashford Carbonell, Ludlow, forms a vibrant and friendly hub in the heart of our community.



During 'Village Hall's Week 2026' we hosted a Wellbeing event. The aim was to share information and signpost others to the diverse array of support in the community. As a result, volunteers put together this directory of helpful organisations, charities and other useful public groups. If you would like to add to the directory, please email secretary@acvh.uk

Addresses and active links are correct as of March 2026

1.	SAMARITANS (24/7) PHONE 116 123	Feeling Anxious, Confused, Down, Lonely, Upset or Suicidal? Get in Touch Now. We Won't Judge or Tell You What to Do.	WEBSITE www.samaritans.org PHONE 116123
2.	ACRE NATIONAL The Village Halls Network <i>formerly the National Village Halls Forum</i>	Provides opportunity for trustees to share views + assist ACRE representing the needs of rural community buildings	WEBSITE www.acre.org.uk AND www.acre.org.uk/village-halls-network EMAIL contact@acre.org.uk PHONE 01285 653477 POST Acre, PO Box No. 7195
3.	AGE UK Lonely advice support	Supporting older people + working hard to reassure everyone that its services are still available Open Mon - Fri 10.00 – 16.00 Telephone Mon - Fri 09.00 - 16.00	WEBSITE www.ageuk.org.uk EMAIL enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk PHONE 441743 233 123 POST Bellstone, Shrewsbury SY1 1HX, UK
4.	BEAUMARIS SINGERS Newport	Chamber choir, approx. 25 voices. Wide range of both a cappella + accompanied music 19.30 Tuesday evenings Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport, Shropshire. TF10 7LD.	WEBSITE www.beaumarissingers.org EMAIL membership@beaumarissingers.org
5.	BEYOND AUTISM NATIONAL CHARITY Online support + telephone numbers	Our mission is to ensure every autistic child and young adult accesses the education + support they need to belong, succeed, + lead lives full of opportunity, choice and independence.	WEBSITE www.beyondautism.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM

6.	BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY LUDLOW Maintains a list of independent hedgehog rescue centres across the UK	Raising awareness of practical steps can to help reverse the decline of hedgehogs in the wild, improve their welfare + safeguard the future of this much-loved animal. Offers advice to those with sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs Online First Aid page	WEBSITE www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk EMAIL info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk PHONE 01584 890 801 POST British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire. SY8 3PL
7.	BRITISH LEGION (NATIONAL)	Local groups search Fundraising opportunities	WEBSITE www.britishlegion.org.uk
8.	CHARITY CONCERTS Friendly, non-auditioning choir	Performing a wide range of classical and contemporary choral works to a high standard	WEBSITE www.shropshirecharityconcerts.org.uk EMAIL info@shropshirecharityconcerts.org.uk
9.	CHESS GROUP Ludlow. For people aged 50+	Friendly, free. Chess sets are provided or bring your own. Beginners welcome + supported Every Friday, 14.00 – 16.00 Ludlow Library, Corve Street. SY8 2PG	EMAIL enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk POST 441743233123
10.	CHOIR IN THE SHIRE Shrewsbury	'Sing, have fun and make new friends!'	WEBSITE www.choirintheshire.com ONLINE CONTACT FORM POST 1-2 Princess Street, The Square, Shrewsbury. SY11JZ
11.	CITIZENS ADVICE A range of services for all	Working for a range of needs, including most complex or where the number of people affected is small	WEBSITE www.citizensadvice.org.uk FREE HELPLINE 0808 223 1133 Mon-Tues + Thur-Fri 10am -4 pm

12.	COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS West Midlands Ambulance trained volunteers who respond to 999 calls within their local community Many local volunteer groups	Providing immediate treatment until an ambulance arrives Also, emergency, non-emergency, major incidents, maternity, event safety	WEBSITE www.wmas.nhs.uk/get-involved/our-volunteers/community-first-responders PHONE 01384 215555 POST Millennium Point, Waterfront Business Park Brierley Hill, West Midlands. DY5 1LX
13.	COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE National charity	Committed to supporting churches + community groups to help people overcome money problems	WEBSITE www.communitymoneyadvice.com EMAIL info@communitymoneyadvice.com PHONE 01743 341929 POST Community Money Advice. c/o Illuminate 18, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY1 1XB
14.	COMMUNITY RESOURCE One of 38 charitable local development agencies that make up the ACRE network	Making life better for people + communities facing challenges	WEBSITE www.community-resource.org.uk EMAIL enquiries@community-resource.org.uk PHONE 01743 360641 POST Community Resource, 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG
15.	DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin	Brings together communities, organisations, groups + individuals committed to improving lives of local people affected by dementia.	WEBSITE www.shropshiretelfordandwrekindementiaactionalliance.com ONLINE CONTACT FORM
16.	ENERGIZE Health + social care, Education, Communities in active partnership, in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin	Eliminate inactivity so that everyone can have the benefits of an active lifestyle	WEBSITE www.energizestw.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 01743 297191
17.	FEED THE BIRDS Befriending charity	Reaching those experiencing loneliness, social + self-isolation through the simple act of feeding the birds.	WEBSITE www.feedthebirds.org.uk EMAIL info@feedthebirds.org.uk 07497 451838

18.	FRIENDS OF SHROPSHIRE ARCHIVES support + promote the work of Shropshire Archives	Events, properties of interest, local history days, celebrating the work of special people . Online links to community archives	WEBSITE www.friendsofshropshirearchives.org ONLINE FORM
19.	HANDS TOGETHER in + around Ludlow. Improving wellbeing + creating a more equitable community Several projects + groups	CHARITY WITH PARTNERS Befriending, Community Lunch, Walks for All, Good Grief Café.	WEBSITE www.handstogetherludlow.org.uk EMAIL general.admin@handstogetherludlow.org.uk PHONE 01584 873062 POST 15 Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RU
20.	HEALTHWATCH SHROPSHIRE Local health + social care champion	Making sure NHS leaders + decision makers hear your voice and use your feedback to improve care. Also providing an Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service	WEBSITE www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk EMAIL enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk PHONE 01743 237884 Mon – Thurs 08:45 – 17:00 Healthwatch Shropshire, 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6LG
21.	HOME FROM HOSPITAL (Only available to people living in south Shropshire) Free social + practical support for up to six weeks	Support people to remain at home + lead active, independent lives	WEBSITE www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford/our-services/home-from-hospital-205d5048-a4da-ec11-bea2-00155d806b13 EMAIL hfh.enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk PHONE 01584 878 046
22.	JIGSAW SOUND	large, mixed voice, adult choir based in Shrewsbury	WEBSITE www.jigsawsound.org ONLINE EMAIL + CONTACT FORM PHONE 01743 244195
23.	LARKS COMMUNITY CHOIR Community choir meeting every two weeks	CHARITY The group is open to all genders and abilities for a good, hearty sing. Meets Wednesday evening Women's Centre, Ludlow,	WEBSITE www.facebook.com/larkscommunitychoir EMAIL info@oak-barn.co.uk PHONE 01584 823604

24.	LEAGUE OF FRIENDS Ludlow Hospital Cares and provides support for patients	Volunteer shops and bedside trolleys. Fundraising for the hospital	WEBSITE www.udlowlof.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM
25.	LEAGUE OF FRIENDS Hereford Hospital Cares and provides support for patients	Volunteer shops and bedside trolleys. Fundraising for the hospital	WEBSITE www.friendsrjah.org.uk/branches/hereford PHONE 01691 404401 01691 404527
26.	LEAGUE OF FRIENDS Royal Shrewsbury Hospital Cares and provides support for patients	Volunteer shops and bedside trolleys. Fundraising for the hospital	WEBSITE www.rshlof.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 01743 261007
27.	LOVE2SING Supported by Ludlow Hospital League of Friends	CHARITY A monthly sing-a-long at Ludlow Assembly Rooms for those dealing with memory issues, their friends, and anyone who just likes to sing.	FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/groups/307818632937908/permalink/2606692866383795/ EMAIL leagueludlow@gmail.com
28.	LUDLOW & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION Furthers the interests beekeeping in South Shropshire, North West Worcestershire and North Herefordshire	CHARITY Can be found at various shows in the region. Has its own apiary near Ludlow, taster sessions and training courses are held	WEBSITE www.ludlowbeekeepers.org.uk
29.	LUDLOW CHORAL SOCIETY 60 singers with two main concerts a year. From traditional to less familiar earlier + more modern works	CHARITY All voice parts are welcomed, without auditions. Rehearsals Tues 19:30 - 21:30 Methodist Church, Broad Street, Membership £205 pa.	WEBSITE www.ludlowchoral.org.uk EMAIL ludlowchoralsociety@gmail.com
30.	LUDLOW MEN'S SHED Social space for men in a DIY environment	CHARITY Conversation, laughter and a cup of tea	WEBSITE www.handstogetherludlow.org.uk/our-projects/men-s-shed EMAIL sheds.handstogetherludlow@gmail.com PHONE 01584 873062

31.	LUDLOW TRAINING COMPANY Full HSE compliant training in all areas of industry	From short awareness courses for parents or members of the community. First aid, De fib, plant + machinery, pesticides, health + safety	WEBSITE www.ludlowtrainingcompany.com EMAIL info@ludlowtrainingcompany.com PHONE 01584 817007
32.	MENS SHED SHREWSBURY Men's Shed, over 130 members	Commitment to community projects. Plus - health and happiness, fun + fulfilment. 6 days a week	WEBSITE www.shrewsburymensshed.co.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 07863 959 472 POST Stable Block C/D. West Midland Showground Gravel Hill Lane, Shrewsbury. SY1 2PF
33.	MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION Online search engine for local sheds	Encourage people to come together to make, repair + repurpose, supporting projects in their local communities.	WEBSITE www.menssheds.org.uk EMAIL admin@ukmsa.org.uk .
34.	MYTH STORIES	learning materials freely to all educators in and out of school.	EMAIL info@mythstories.com
35.	NEIGHBOURLY NATIONAL Connects businesses with local charities, food banks + community groups	Making possible for companies to deliver meaningful support, through volunteering, financial donations + surplus redistribution	WEBSITE www.neighbourly.com ONLINE ENQUIRY FORM
36.	NHS AUTISTIC SERVICES SHROPSHIRE AUTISTIC SUPPORTERS Support group for anyone interested in autism - carers + anyone who is autistic	Information online and a monthly posted newsletter	WEBSITE www.nhs.uk/services/service-directory/shropshire-autistic-supporters/N10501587 PHONE 01743 356 298 POST 14 Dunbar, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 3PX
37.	PARKOPEDIA Online search for parking	Online map. Can seek disabled spaces	WEBSITE www.parkopedia.co.uk

38.	PCAS Peer Counselling + Advocacy Services Helping adults with any disability to maintain independence + improved quality of life	Guidance, support + help to protect vulnerable adults with disabilities with face-to-face support in their own homes	WEBSITE www.shropshirepcas.co.uk PHONE 01691 658008/07877 516243 POST Suite 1, The Willow Tree, Willow Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 1AJ
39.	PORTCULLIS SURGERY SERVICES (LUDLOW)	Services inc. Co-Co Befrienders, Carer's group, drop-ins, mental health services	WEBSITE www.portcullis-surgery.co.uk Portcullis surgery, Portcullis Lane, Ludlow SY8 1GT PHONE 01584 872939
40.	REPAIR CAFÉ SHREWSBURY Shrewsbury central	Volunteer team of over 40 repairers have skills + experience in repairing 3rd Saturday every month 10.00 to 14.00 United Reformed Church by English Bridge	WEBSITE www.therestartproject.org https://www.facebook.com/shrewsrepaircafe/ admin@shrewsburyrepaircafe.org.uk
41.	ROCK CHOIR Rock Choir led by Rowan Richards	Rock Choir in Shrewsbury, Telford and Bridgnorth	WEBSITE www.facebook.com/Rock.Choir.Rowan.Richards EMAIL rowan.richards@rockchoir.com PHONE 01252 714276
42.	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (LUDLOW)		WEBSITE www.facebook.com/LudlowRoyalBritishLegion EMAIL www.ludlowrbl@gmail.com
43.	SAMARITANS (24/7) PHONE 116 123	Feeling Anxious, Confused, Down, Lonely, Upset or Suicidal? Get in Touch Now. We Won't Judge or Tell You What to Do.	WEBSITE www.samaritans.org PHONE 116123
44.	SEA CHANGE Support	Psychotherapy and therapeutic support for children, young people, and families	WEBSITE www.seachangefamily.org ONLINE CONTACT FORM

45.	SHARE SHREWSBURY Alcohol awareness	Challenge stigma, deliver early education + prevention programmes, particularly for young people	WEBSITE www.shareshrewsbury.org.uk EMAIL shareshrewsbury@gmail.com
46.	SHREWSBURY LIGHT ORCHESTRA Non-professional orchestra	Musicians of all ages + abilities to enjoy making music together. No auditions - members expected to attain competency before concerts	WEBSITE www.shrewsburylight-orch.org.uk MANY ONLINE NUMBERS
47.	SHROPSHIRE BADGER GROUP	Protecting the general interests of badgers + their habitats	WEBSITE www.shropshirebadgergroup.co.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM
48.	SHROPSHIRE CAT RESCUE Provides shelter, food + veterinary care for homeless, stray, abandoned + unwanted cats and kittens	Also, rehoming + helps feral cats with veterinary care inc. neutering. Educating the public on all aspects of health + welfare of cats + kittens.	WEBSITE www.shropshirecatrescue.org.uk EMAIL info@shropshirecatrescue.org.uk PHONE 01743 872857 POST Windy Ridge, Lyth Hill Road, Bayston Hill. SY3 0AU
49.	SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY NETWORK Facebook group connecting people	'Whether finding a friend, builder, health care professional or just to post something funny, it really doesn't matter'	WEBSITE www.facebook.com/groups/salopcommunitynetwork
50.	SHROPSHIRE DRAMA COMPAMY Performs at various venues around Shropshire	Performs challenging, worthwhile and experimental drama. Programme of workshops + other social activities.	WEBSITE www.shropshiredramacompany.co.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/ShropshireDramaCompany INSTAGRAM www.instagram.com/shropshiredramaco/
51.	SHROPSHIRE DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION voluntary organisation helping children and adults with dyslexia.	Provide advice, teaching + dyslexia screening across Shropshire.	WEBSITE www.shropshiredyslexia.org.uk EMAIL info@shropshiredyslexia.org.uk
52.	SHROPSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY	Researching, preserving and sharing the history of the families who have called Shropshire, England their home. Over 1000 members	WEBSITE www.sfhs.org.uk secretary@sfhs.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM POST c/o 48 Oakley Street, Shrewsbury. SY3 7JY

53.	SHROPSHIRE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY Explore the world of rocks, landscapes and geo-sites in Shropshire	Talks, walks + events	WEBSITE www.shropshiregeology.org.uk EMAIL sgs.chair@hotmail.com ONLINE CONTACT FORM
54.	SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST	Supporting preservation of churches events. Also opens church gardens	WEBSITE www.shropshirehct.org.uk EMAIL info@shropshirehct.org.uk
55.	SHROPSHIRE LIGHT ORCHESTRA	CHARITY A non-professional orchestra, providing an opportunity for musicians of all ages and abilities to enjoy making music together.	WEBSITE www.shrewsburylight-orch.org.uk EMAIL secretary@shrewsburylight-orch.org.uk
56.	SHROPSHIRE ME GROUP supporting people suffering from M.E/CFS	Helping people to come to terms with symptoms + the impact of living with a chronic illness	WEBSITE www.shropshiremegroup.org ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 07413 529994
57.	SHROPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT Support + Services to people in Shropshire living with Mental Health	24/7 telephone, peer support, calmer café, wellbeing vehicle AZ support	WEBSITE www.shropshiremhs.com PHONE 01743 368647
58.	SHROPSHIRE SUPPORTS REFUGEES	Shropshire Supports Refugees (SSR) was established in 2016 to bring relief and support to vulnerable families displaced by unrest in their home countries relocating to Shropshire.	WEBSITE www.shropshiresupportsrefugees.org EMAIL info@shropshiresupportsrefugees.co.uk PHONE 01743 216758 POST 8, St Julian Friars, Shrewsbury. SY1 1XL
59.	SHROPSHIREGARDENS local garden lovers	Visits + talks. Also, undertake research re. heritage of parks + gardens. And challenging negative planning decisions	WEBSITE www.shropshiregardens.org.uk EMAIL info@shropshiregardens.org.uk APPLY TO JOIN ONLINE
60.	SHROPSHIREHILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE	Annual events programme offers fundraising opportunity + a means to enrich visitor experience	WEBSITE www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 01588 676060

61.	SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE A member of the national network	Supports and assists people of all ages with visual impairment Online directory of Shropshire groups Visits by appointment (3 rd Monday month at Ludlow library 1030-1230)	WEBSITE www.sightlossshropshire.org.uk EMAIL admin@sightlossshropshire.org.uk PHONE 01743 342168/07778 956096 POST Sight Loss Shropshire Office, Vichy House 264A Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury. SY2 5ST
62.	STROKE ORG NATIONAL	Information Local groups can be found on this national website	WEBSITE www.stroke.org.uk STROKE SUPPORT HELPLINE 0303 3033 100
63.	TAKING PART	CHARITY An independent service for people with Health and Social Care needs in Shropshire including Telford & Wrekin.	WEBSITE www.takingpart.co.uk
64.	TENNIS SHROPSHIRE Online links to clubs + venues across the county	CHARITY Make tennis enjoyable, accessible, welcoming, and safe - regardless of (dis)ability, age, experience, or background. Ludlow Castle Tennis Club The Linney, SY8 1EE	WEBSITE www.tennisshropshire.co.uk EMAIL info@tennisshropshire.co.uk POST Tennis Shropshire c/o The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury. SY1 4RG
65.	THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF SHROPSHIRE A Directory of local services + opportunities	Inc. Village Halls working group and other inter-agencies who are working in partnership.	WEBSITE www.sipshropshire.com EMAIL enquiries@shropshire-rcc.org.uk PHONE 01743 360641 POST Community Council of Shropshire, 5 Claremont Buildings, Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY1 1RJ
66.	THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS Assisting grieving families	Offers personal comfort, hope, + support experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild	WEBSITE www.tcf.org.uk
67.	THE LOSS FOUNDATION Grief support and bereavement training	Offering grief support events at any stage of loss, connecting you with others who understand. Inc. Online videos + help	WEBSITE www.thelossfoundation.org EMAIL hello@thelossfoundation.org ONLINE CONTACT FORM

68.	u3a - THE THIRD AGE TRUST There are more than 1000 UK-wide u3a charities	Groups information pages, directory of interest groups	WEBSITE www.u3a.org.uk EMAIL info@u3a.org.uk PHONE 0208 466 6139 POST The Third Age Trust, 156 Blackfriars Road, London. SE1 8EN
69.	u3a IN LUDLOW Opportunity for those no longer in full-time work to come together + learn for fun.	NATIONAL CHARITY Voluntary, friendly, low-cost + open to all. Meeting 10.30 Last Monday of the month Ludlow Assembly Rooms See website for a range of interest groups meet and venues	WEBSITE www.u3ainludlow.weebly.com ONLINE CONTACT FORM
70.	VISUAL ART NETWORK Connecting creative people. Promoting Visual Arts, developing public access, interest + understanding.	CHARITY Linking; Artists, Designers, Makers to galleries + buyers. Exhibition spaces + funding Van Gallery Darwin Shopping Centre, Shrewsbury Opening Times Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11.00 – 15.00 Sat 10.00 - 15.00 Sun 11.00 - 14.00	WEBSITE www.visualartnetwork.org.uk EMAIL admin@visualartnetwork.org.uk
71.	WEST SHROPSHIRE TALKING NEWSPAPER LOCAL	Local news at the touch of a button for anyone who cannot read printed papers	WEBSITE www.wstn.org.uk PHONE 01743 364 726
72.	WILDLIFETRUST	Stimulating nature recovery across Shropshire	WEBSITE www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM PHONE 01743 284 280
73.	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SHROPSHIRE Many local groups meet and are signposted here	100 WIs, with a total of approximately 3000 members spread throughout Shropshire. local WI groups meet at various locations	WEBSITE www.wi-shropshire.co.uk ONLINE CONTACT FORM

74.	WOODLAND TRUST	National Protect woods + trees preventing loss	WEBSITE www.woodlandtrust.org.uk EMAIL enquiries@woodlandtrust.org.uk
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