

Community News

Special Issue - June 2017 -

an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group

Presteigne and Norton Town Council calls for votes to bag a share of bag charge fund for its "Presteigne Park Picnics" project

Presteigne and Norton Town Council is bidding to receive a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Presteigne and Norton Town Council is one of the groups on the shortlist and voting will take place in the Ludlow Store.

"Presteigne Park Picnics" aims to provide picnic benches, planters, improved patio/path area and exterior lighting to the Scout Hut area of Went's Meadow.

The Town Council is delighted to have been chosen as one of the three successful projects and would like to encourage everyone to vote for its project in the coming weeks. Town Mayor, Cllr. John Wilding said 'the project will provide much needed improvements and greatly enhance the outdoor space adjacent to the Scout Hut. The amount of work that can be done depends on our position in the final ballot so please vote!'

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout July and August. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £30 million to more than 4,600 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding. Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

If you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - simply email pacdg@icloud.com.

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - mail pacdg@icloud.com.

Feel free to tweet or forward this to others. If you would prefer not to receive further issues of the News, please email us with REMOVE and we'll immediately take you off the the distribution list.