



KCS NEWS



Newsletter. Dec. 2025

Introduction from our Chairman Alisdair Cummings

As we come to the end of the year, I'm delighted to reflect on what has been a truly successful and rewarding twelve months for the KCS and for our community pub, the Shrewsbury Arms. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, the dedication of the committee, and the continued support of our shareholders and villagers, we've made real and lasting progress.

This year saw us complete major improvements to the building: the roof works are now finished, the doors have been replaced, and the car park has been improved. These projects along with work in previous years mean the Shrewsbury Arms is not only looking better than ever, but is structurally secure and well-prepared for the future.



We also enjoyed a fantastic Summer Festival, which brought the community together in true KCS spirit—thank you to everyone who helped organise, attend, and support the event. And with the Christmas Choir event still to come, there's plenty more to look forward to as we round off the year.

Looking ahead, next year we plan to hold a special shareholder event at the pub to celebrate the anniversary of purchasing the Shrewsbury Arms. We would love to hear your ideas on what this celebration could look like—your input will help make it a memorable occasion for everyone.

On behalf of the KCS committee, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Thank you for your continued support—without you, none of this would be possible.

Finally, we are pleased to invite all our shareholders to a free Christmas Social at the Shrewsbury Arms. We look forward to celebrating the season with you.

KCS Christmas Social—free event!

18th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Shrewsbury Arms

We're thrilled to invite all our shareholders to a festive pre-Christmas gathering at the pub! Join us for mince pies, mulled wine, and plenty of good cheer. It's the perfect chance for us all to come together and celebrate an amazing year.

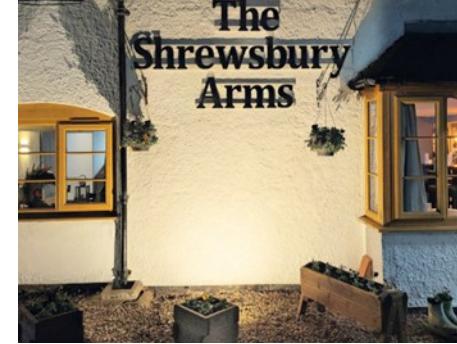
Roof Refurbishment

The roof refurbishment project has now finished.

So, as the mercury makes its merry way to the bottom of the thermometer The Shrewsbury Arms lights the log burning stove and welcomes everyone. It is the quintessential countryside pub experience. We hope you all now feel the benefits of the double glazing and roof insulation inside our cosy pub.

Following discussions with the Grant Manager, we were able to redirect unspent grant funds towards the reinstatement of external lighting, a new side door and some tarmac patch repairs to the car park. All of these adding to the safety, security and aesthetics of our lovely pub.

**Again, a project delivered on time and within budget.
A success story to celebrate!**



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Rhapsody Choir

11th December 2024 at 7.30pm in Kingstone Church

We are delighted to invite the Rhapsody Choir back to Kingstone Church for another wonderful evening in support of Kingstone Community Society! Join us for a joyful night filled with music, festive songs and a fantastic community atmosphere in the beautiful setting of the church. .

Tickets now on sale (first come first served):

£10 adult £5 child under 16

Tel or txt Alisdair 07572 906 645



Open Share Offer

The Kingstone Community Society (KCS) is delighted to announce that our Share Offer is open!

Since 2018, our mission has been to protect The Shrewsbury Arms for the people of Kingstone and surrounding villages — ensuring it remains a vibrant hub for friends, families, and future generations.

With the pub thriving under our wonderful tenants and an exciting roof repair project funded by the Community Ownership Fund, we're now inviting new shareholders to join our 219-strong community of investors.

Why get involved?

- Be part of a project that preserves an important part of village life.
- Help maintain and improve our much-loved pub.
- Support your community while earning potential annual interest (3–5% subject to profitability).
- Ensuring that Kingstone remains as a village where people want to live.
- To allow for the potential refund to existing members.
- To have a say in how this fantastic project continues.

How to join:

Simply scan the QR code or contact us at kingstonecommunitysociety@gmail.com for details.

Bill Pearson (01889 500367), or Siobain Mathie (07772 219 589).

Let's continue building something special — together.



Walking Group

Join our walking group on Wednesday mornings, weather permitting, at 10.45 at the Village Hall. All levels catered for with varying distances and routes.

A coffee afterwards at the Shrew is also an incentive.

Spanish Lessons

Do you fancy learning conversational Spanish? We meet in the snug at the Shrew on Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Health & Safety

Many of you will know that we recently carried out essential maintenance on the Yew Tree at the back of the pub garden. The work has greatly improved its appearance and reduced the amount of falling leaves and berries.

The side step has also been upgraded to make access to and from the pub safer and more comfortable.

As part of our regular commitment to health and safety, we carry out thorough inspections every few months. All recent checks have been completed with no major issues identified—a reflection of the tenants' consistent care and attention in maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

Dates for the Festive Season

With Christmas fast approaching, now's the perfect time to explore all the festive menus and activities the pub has got lined up. Whether you're planning something just for yourself or celebrating with family and friends, the tenants have put together a fantastic programme of seasonal fun. Come and join us for the celebrations... and don't forget to bring the dogs—Father Christmas can't wait to meet them too!

Here is just a sample of what's on. Further details are on the website or Facebook-

<https://www.facebook.com/shrewkingstone>

<https://www.shrewsburyarmskingstone.co.uk/christmas>

Christmas at the Shrew



Party Menu

Available from 5th December.

Lunch 3 courses £27.95 Evening £32.95

Parties up to 50 people. Booking & pre order essential.

Christmas Quiz

Tuesday 23rd December 7pm

Get your best Christmas jumper on and join us for a night of silliness and festive questions. No booking required just come along

Festive Bingo

Tuesday 30th December 7pm

Join us for our first festive bingo night. Its family friendly and there will be lots of prizes to be won. The perfect twixmas night out.

Santa Paws & festive dog walk

Saturday 6th December from 11am

Start the day by joining us and the boys for Dexter & Oscars festive dog walk. Then take your pooch to see Santa where they'll receive a toy and treats as well as have their picture taken. You can purchase photos in a variety of formats such as keyrings and fridge magnets. Perfect Christmas gifts! Bookings only from 12.15pm. £10 per pooch.



NEW YEARS EVE MASQUERADE PARTY

- FREE PLAY ROULETTE TABLE
- FREE PLAY BLACKJACK TABLE
- FREE PHOTO BOOTH
- VODKA ICE LUGE
- MINI PUB CLASSIC CANAPES
- DISCO UNTIL LATE

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

TICKETS £25 PER PERSON AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1ST

OVERS 18S ONLY.

<https://www.shrewsburyarmskingstone.co.uk/christmas>

Elf Treasure Hunt & Santa's Grotto

Saturday 13th December

Children will receive a present from Santa and have their photo taken which can be purchased in a variety of formats such as keyrings and fridge magnets. Then children will be invited to take part in a Christmas treasure hunt left by some naughty elves. Bookings only from 12pm. £12 per child

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