

Bowensfield Car Park Request for Use

As you are aware, the 'parking charges' played a significant role in the lowered footfall for the Spring Market. The Combine Harvesters want to try a pilot at the Harvest Market to see if a 'Park & Ride' system would have any effect. The idea is for a complementary bus to run between Bowen's Field and the main car park in Wem on the morning of the market (28 September).

1. North Shropshire Wheelers are able to provide this service at a cost of approx. £60. The small Civic Fund operated by Wem Civic Society would be able to cover this cost.
2. We would need permission to use the car park at Bowens Field - working on this.
3. The Civic Society has always favoured joint ventures. Would there be any legal or technical reasons that Wem Town Council could not join with Wem Civic Society in operating this one-off pilot? This pilot would not impose any costs on the town council. Additionally a successful pilot would provide the council with useful ammunition to use against the level and structure of the car parking charges.

Kind Regards

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