

Correspondence deferred from 26.2.26

Hello Penny

I am writing on behalf of WACA (Wem Area Climate Action) after our recent meeting.

As you know, we also look after the patch of 'Incredible Edibles' in Jubilee Square and when we were talking about it, I had mentioned how much litter/rubbish people who are sitting in the 2 benches there just throw on the ground (e.g. cigarette ends, sandwich wrappers) and we have to spend time picking it all up and getting rid of it.

I assume that it's too much trouble for anyone to get up and walk to put their rubbish in the waste bin at the door of the Co-op! We wondered if the Town Council could provide 2 extra waste bins, one by the side of each bench next to Incredible Edibles in the hope that this will encourage more people to put their waste in them instead of just throwing it on the ground.

Many thanks

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### **Clerks notes**

There is already a litterbin on Jubilee Square by the bus stop which is owned and emptied by Shropshire Council. If the Town Council were to fund the purchase of two new litterbins they would also need to factor in the cost of litterbin emptying as well. A price for this work has been requested and is awaited.

The cost of 2 bins would be in the region of £500 + installation costs, the bins and installation could be funded from the climate change budget which is underspent.

### **Update**

The cost for emptying the bin for the year ending April 2026 would have been £157.77 for the year. This figure changes based on inflation and the new amounts will be available after April.

However nothing has been placed in the budget for bin emptying from 1.4.26.

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### **23.3.26 New correspondence received**

Wem area Climate Action was set up in 2019 as a direct response to Wem Town Council declaring a climate Emergency. Seven years on the Climate Crisis has not changed, only deepened. WACA gained charitable status in November 2023 in order to widen its local appeal, underline the seriousness of its mission and apply for grant funding.

Recalling the impact of the meeting in 2019, we are planning a second town meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October to be held in the Town Hall. The aim to bring into focus the climate emergency today and what it means for us and our communities. We will invite speakers to present facts and provide opportunity for public discussion. We also will invite local environmental groups to host information stalls. In conjunction we have an Open Art Exhibition in the two-week lead up to this event focussing on creative responses to the Climate emergency.

WACA wants to provide a platform to encourage individuals to listen and question in an inclusive, non-threatening and social community event with food! We want to encourage and enable conversation more widely about a topic which affects us all and needs both an individual and collective community response.

We ask the Council to back this event with the £500 underspend from the 2025-26 Climate Change budget.