



Dear Mrs O'Hagan,

I'm Treasurer of CASPA, the Crewe and Shrewsbury passenger Association, which is the Rail Passenger Association for Wem's own railway line between Shrewsbury and Crewe.

Although we only have a small membership, we are completely voluntary and our aims are to encourage and improve Rail Passenger usage of the Local Rail route through Wem between Crewe and Shrewsbury, as well as connections to further destinations. We also attend meetings with TfW at our own expense, to further our cause for timetable and Station facility improvements.

Our association meetings, which take place approximately quarterly, are held in Wem at The Castle Hotel on High Street and we are aware of the unsatisfactory nature of the operation of the Level Crossing Barriers at Wem station which can prevent intending passengers from accessing the platform in order to board their train, and one of the line improvements we are looking to lobby for is a satisfactory solution to this issue.

We operate a facebook group on which service disruptions are posted, as well as a website:-

<https://caspa.org.uk/>

and in order to help fund the Association's expenses, we are seeking a small contribution from the local councils along the line, including, Nantwich, Whitchurch, your Council and North Shropshire Borough Council, so I was disappointed to learn from your Town Council website, that we have just missed the closing date for the Council's current round of Grant funding.

I had been hoping to request just £50 which would have funded our yearly website fees, but I understand that I cannot apply until the Council's next round of Grant applications period opens, so can you please tell me when the next round of grant funding applications is scheduled to open?

As a service to our line's passengers, we already produce and freely distribute the only available timetable for the line, and I have attached copies of the current timetables, Northbound and Southbound, which detail all the services serving the stations on 'our' line between Crewe and Shrewsbury, as well as the ultimate destinations of the services, in order to inform passengers who are travelling further afield. CASPA produces these multi-coloured timetables 'in house', at its own expense, using data supplied twice a year by Transport for Wales(TfW), the rail service provider of all the passenger trains on the line, since TfW do not produce an equivalent timetable, just a single timetable covering all services between Manchester and South Wales as far as Milford Haven.

I hope You will let me know when I might next apply for a small grant.

Many thanks

Mike Docker

Treasurer Crewe And Shrewsbury Passenger Association