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Wem Town Council

Wem Library

3 High Street

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Subject: Concerns Regarding Wem High Street and Shops

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to raise my concerns about the current state of Wem High Street and the shops in the town centre. While Wem is a historic and characterful town, the High Street has, unfortunately, become increasingly neglected and uninviting in recent years.

Many of the shops appear run down, with empty units and a lack of variety in the businesses that remain. This not only discourages local people from shopping in Wem, but also fails to attract visitors who might otherwise support the town's economy. The general appearance of the High Street, including poor upkeep, tired shopfronts, and limited amenities, does little to create a welcoming impression.

I believe more could be done by the Council, in partnership with local businesses and property owners, to improve the look, feel, and function of the town centre. Initiatives such as shopfront improvement grants, support for independent retailers, more community events, and investment in street cleaning and maintenance would make a real difference.

Wem deserves a thriving and attractive High Street that residents can be proud of, and that encourages people to shop locally rather than taking their business elsewhere. I urge the Council to prioritise this issue and take meaningful steps to revitalise our town centre.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing how the Council plans to address these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Roberts