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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Tuesday, May 28 (10 am - 12 pm)

**at Three Springs
Community Hall**

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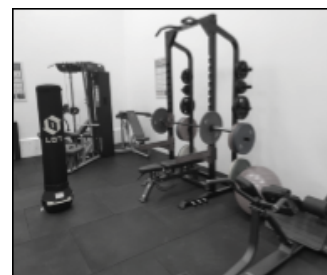


The Three Springs Gym Is Open



The Shire of Three Springs has an unsupervised gym, accessible to members 24/7.
Memberships can be purchased at the Shire of Three Springs Admin Centre. You must be over 18 to be a member of the gym.

Type	Full	Concession
12 Months	\$225.00	\$112.50
6 Months	\$118.13	\$59.06
3 Months	\$59.06	\$30.38
1 Month	\$22.50	\$11.25



Access Fob Key Bond (Cash /Eftpos) \$100.00

Please Note: Bonds can now be paid in cash or Eftpos (preferred).

Three Springs Telephone Directory

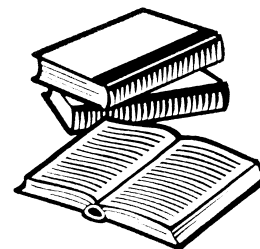
Are you in the local telephone directory?
Phone, fax, mobile numbers, UHF or e-mail addresses are welcome

If you would like to make an addition, alteration or deletion

please call 9954 1001 or
via email: general@threesprings.wa.gov.au

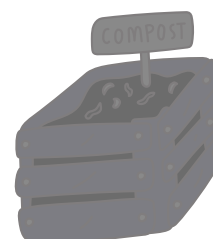
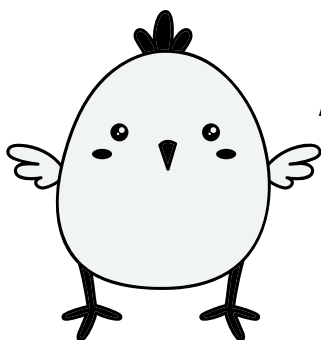


Hard copies of the latest Directory are
available at the Three Springs Shire Office



SHREDDED PAPER

Available at the Shire of Three Springs
Admin Office
Great for worm farms, compost heap,
chooks and garden mulch



Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8am- 4:00pm

132 Railway Road, Three Springs WA 6519

PO Box 117, Three Springs WA 6519

Telephone: 08 9954 1001 Fax: 08 9954 1183

Email: general@threesprings.wa.gov.au

Website: www.threesprings.wa.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT TRANSACTIONS

Department of Transport (DoT) Services

At Shire Admin Centre

only available three days a week

- * Licensing Hours: Tues - Wed - Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm
- * Theory Test hours: Tues - Wed - Thurs 9:00 am - 2:00pm
- * Practical Driving Assessment Assessor: Geraldton

Shire Of Three Springs SMS Text Messaging

The Shire Of Three Springs offers a SMS text message system which sends out the latest Shire Notices via Text message.

Messages include Road closures, Fire bans, Harvest bands and important Shire related updates.

If you would like to make any changes or to be added to this list,

please call 9954 1001 or via email:

general@threesprings.wa.gov.au





In accordance with section 5.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Council wishes to advise that the Ordinary Council meetings for 2024 are as follows:

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME
January	No Meeting		
February	28	Wednesday	5.30pm
March	27	Wednesday	5.30pm
April	24	Wednesday	5.30pm
May	22	Wednesday	5.30pm
June	26	Wednesday	5.30pm
July	24	Wednesday	5.30pm
August	28	Wednesday	5.30pm
September	25	Wednesday	5.30pm
October	23	Wednesday	5.30pm
November	27	Wednesday	5.30pm
December	11	Wednesday	5.30pm

Meetings are held in Council Chambers, 132 Railway Road, Three Springs.

Keith Woodward PSM
Chief Executive Officer

REGIONAL COLUMN

22 May 2024

www.demirs.wa.gov.au www.wa.gov.au

With Senior Regional Officer for the Midwest Cheryle Dennis

Stage one of WA's rent reforms are now here.

Rent bidding is now banned, tenants have stronger rights to fight back against retaliatory action by landlords and undercover officers from Consumer Protection will be checking to make sure landlords and agents are doing the right thing.

Welcome to stage one of Western Australia's Rent Reforms, which came into effect on 16 May. The changes to the Residential Tenancies Act passed through Parliament last month and here's what it means for renters and landlords.

The ban on soliciting rent bidding means landlords and agents can no longer ask or invite tenants to pay more money to secure an available rental property.

An example of soliciting rent bidding would be, "there are lots of people interested in this property, you can secure it if you offer more rent."

Properties must also be advertised at a set amount and cannot include a price range, or 'rent from' figure. Failure to comply with these laws may attract penalties of up to \$10,000 or \$50,000 for a corporation.

Consumer Protection will be keeping a watchful eye on landlords and property managers by sending undercover compliance officers posing as would-be tenants along to property inspections to discuss higher rent offers.

Higher rent offers can be accepted if they are offered freely. If a tenant proposes offering higher rent, the lessor or their agent must respond along the lines, "that is a matter for you and not something I want to comment on. You need to make your own decision about the value of the property and the rent you wish to pay".

While tenants have always been able to challenge an eviction in the Magistrates Court, the new rules around retaliatory action are now broader. If a tenant believes their landlord or agent is taking action against them as payback for exercising their rental rights, they can challenge that action in the Magistrate's Court.

For example, this might be if a tenant thinks their rent was deliberately increased, or their lease agreement not renewed, just because they asked for some basic maintenance or made a complaint about their landlord or agent.

This change gives tenants boosted confidence to stick up for their rights and apply to the Magistrates Court to have decisions by the landlord or agent reversed.

It's important to note this new reform only covers actions since the 16 May 2024.

These are just the first two reforms of seven. A second stage of tenancy reforms is expected to take effect in July 2024. These include reducing the frequency of rent increases to a minimum 12-month intervals, allowing tenants to keep pets or make minor modifications in most circumstances and introducing Commissioner dispute resolution processes.

A streamlined bond release process is expected to be introduced in early 2025.

The Consumer Protection website goes into detail about each of the seven reforms - www.demirs.wa.gov.au/warentreforms



Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get
the things you need
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

If you have kids enrolled in
school you can claim the WA
Student Assistance Payment.

Claim now

You can submit a claim:

- on the ServiceWA app on your mobile phone
- online
- by filling out and posting in a paper form
- asking for help at your school.

Go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap
for more information.

You will need:

1. The 8-digit WA student number
(WASN) for each student.

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the
number, contact your school for
help.

2. Details of each student you are
claiming for:

- name at time of enrolment
- date of birth
- school name
- year level.

3. The details of your bank
account where the payment will be
deposited.

**Submit your claim between
Monday 15 April and Friday
28 June 2024.**

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment
eligibility and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app





What's Up in the Night Sky?

With Carol Redford and Donna Vanzetti

It's Milky Way Season for Astrophotographers!

One of the most incredible objects to see in the night sky is the Aboriginal constellation, the 'Emu in the Sky'. It lies within the band of the Milky Way and its shape is outlined by dark areas of the night sky, not the stars. The Emu is best seen throughout winter and is spectacular, spreading right across the evening sky.

The 'Emu in the Sky' is perfectly outlined by the spectacular band of stars we know as Milky Way. It's this band of stars that attracts astrophotographers and inspires them to capture the beauty of the landscape underneath.

All West Australians are invited to enter images into the Astrofest Astrophotography Exhibition and Competition. This year's Astrofest is on 9th November and the Astrophotography Competition will open in coming months. Beginners are welcome and there's a category to suit everyone. Astrotourism WA sponsors the Astrofest Astrotourism WA Nightscape Award. Learn more at www.astronomywa.net.au.

When and where to look: Well after sunset on moonless nights are the best times to see the 'Emu in the Sky' and the Milky Way, rising from the south east.



Look for the 'Emu in the Sky' that stretches across the band of the Milky Way Galaxy.

For more "What's Up in the Night Sky?" stargazing tips, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au.

Story snippets, quotes, older sayings, young jargon or photos

The Editors are inviting you to drop in or email snippets to add to the Yakabout. To get started lets try some reminiscent memories of yesteryear and funny Pet Pic portraits but its not not limited to these, so send in your tidbits.

We also like to share supportive or important information and services to assist you...we welcome any suggestions that you think we need in our community for eg.

Dear Editor...

Could we please have information or laws about residential animals in our town.

The magazine has requirements for printing in blocks of 4, because of this all submissions may or may not be submitted at the discretion of the editors. All submissions must be original works or owned by the submitter and not copyrighted material to another owner. Please add the date and your name and phone number. You may be contacted to verify information or to add details and adjustments for reading clarity. You give the right of the editors to make suitable changes and or pictures to add to your snippet.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



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"It takes more courage to reveal insecurities than to hide them, more strength to relate to people than to dominate them, more 'manhood' to abide by thought-out principles rather than blind reflex. Toughness is in the soul and spirit, not in muscles and an immature mind."

– Alex Karras, athlete, actor and author



Australia's **Biggest Morning Tea**

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

When: Tuesday MAY 28th 2024

Where: RED ROOM COMMUNITY HALL

Time: 10am to 12.00

Details: Raffles, Quiz

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directly to the website**

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation maintains a Grants Assistance and Programs Register which provides current and potential industry proponents with information on available state and federal government funding programs and assistance.

Grants Assistance and Programs Register for WA industry

change•mak•er

/ˌtʃeɪnɪˈmeɪkər/ noun

A person with a bias toward action

Three Springs Changemakers

The Three Springs Changemakers are a collection of individuals who wish to make a positive change to our community.

Five locals participated in the Community Builders program which involved a series of six workshops. These workshops were held throughout the North Midlands in 2023. We then followed this up with the Community Opportunity Workshop held at the Club in early March. Community members were invited to attend and discuss what they like about our town (and surrounds), what they would change and what we need to add or include. The results from this workshop will be distributed to those who attended or expressed an interest in attending.

Small projects which the Changemakers have already been involved with include the bring and share hutch at the Post Office where we are invited to share anything that we have too much of or just won't use, repainting the bench outside the Post Office and the lovely yarn hearts on the Post Office fence. A Meal 4 U is another new project as is this weekend's Buy Nothing Markets.

There is no committee, no meetings and no money. Just people who want to make positive change within our community. What can you do?

If you want to know more, feel free to contact Chris Lane, Jenny Mutter, Lexi Burgermeestre or Nadine Eva.

THANKYOU

It's a pleasure to be in a community that works well together as a whole team to create our enjoyable living space. Thankyou to all who volunteer their time and resources. Who contribute ideas and then bring them forward to create togetherness and unity.

To charitable and free groups along with sporting clubs, to bring health and wholeness to community. It takes many parts to create a whole body of positive, caring and constructive people. Thankyou.

Our beautiful floral banners are now up and decorating our township, and our gardens are looking gorgeous and will continue to bloom with your attention, thankyou Depot team.

Community members bringing forward issues to be sorted and corrected is helpful, many eyes make light work, so they don't become massive problems.

To business who continue to work hard providing services to our peoples. You are appreciated.

If you would like to send in a thanks for a service or someone, please send an email with Subject...

Dear Editor... to general@threesprings.wa.gov.au



Annual Knit-A-Thon/Blanket Appeal

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 9.30am

Venue – The Meeting Room ECLC (Day Care Building) Three Springs

Please join us at The Meeting Room, ECLC (Day Care Building) Three Springs

Wednesday 5th June from 9.30am

Morning/Afternoon tea & Lunch provided.

Each year our local community donates blankets that have been knitted, crocheted or sewn to disadvantaged people in WA. Last year our region donated a total of 46 blankets, Beanies & also scarves to Desert Blue Connect in Geraldton.

For further information and to arrange collection of blankets please contact:

Carole Rayner 0428 511028



Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service



When did you last have a **FREE** breast screening mammogram?

Once is not enough

It is important for women 40 years or over to have a **FREE** breast screening mammogram at least every two years.
Early detection is your best protection.



BreastScreen WA's mobile will be at:

Three Springs

North Midlands District Hospital, Thomas Street

05/06/2024 - 12/06/2024

Dates may be subject to change

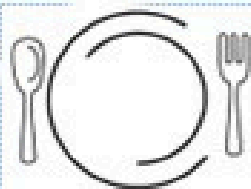
For an appointment
book **online** or phone **13 20 50**

BreastScreen
AUSTRALIA

A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Program



www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au



A MEAL 4 U

- Do you live alone & find it hard to cook for one?
- Are you 65+ years young?
- ~~Would you like a delicious home cooked hot meal delivered to your home for just \$10?~~ **Thanks to generous donations, the next 3 meals are at NO cost!!**

RED ROOM RESTAURANT

Enjoy your meal with company at the Community

Hall Red Room. Doors open @ 5pm.

Dinner served @ 5:30pm BYO drinks

BEEF PIES & WEDGES : Tue 28th May 2024.

CHICKEN ROAST & POTATO BAKE : Tue 11th June

APRICOT CHICKEN & RICE : Tue 25th June 2024

Call Chris **0439 47 8800** if you have any questions & to place an order by 12pm Mon prior to meal.

If you are not over 65 but would like to help by buying a meal for a senior, please call Chris.



Anglican/Uniting Church Parish of North Midlands

Sunday 2nd June 10:00 THREE SPRINGS Trinity Church
Service led by Phil Tomkins

Sunday 9th June 10:00 COOROW All Saints Church
Bible Study/Christian Fellowship led by Ian Billingham

Sunday 16th June 10:00 THREE SPRINGS Trinity Church
Service led by Wayne Sutton

23rd, 30th June t.b.a.

Contacts:

Diana V 0429 888 558 Hendrik G 0497 224 004

Ian B 0400 204 355 Brenda B 0427 511 339

Phil T 0428 226 581 Wayne S 0414 521 984 Peter W 0427 541 080

*In the towns of Three Springs, Carnamah and Coorow tune into 88.0FM for
Vision Christian Radio or listen on their website*

AT THE SHIRE OFFICE



**Use this QR code for
Pensioner Information**



WA.GOV.AU

FRIENDS of the NORTH MIDLANDS HEALTH SERVICE.



THE BEST OF THE FRIENDS COOK BOOK

The recipe book proved popular and a number of booklets were sold on the day.

There are many more Cook Books available for sale.

Contact:

Chris Lane: 0439 478800

Carole Rayner : 0428 511028

or a Friends Member

President Rhonda Bastian 0427541061

Secretary Brenda Bowman 0427511339

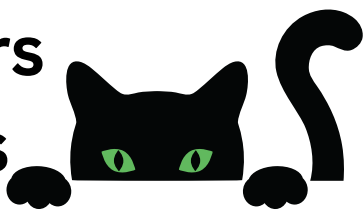


WA COMMUNITY SERVICES ONLINE



Access Housing Online
Housing Online maintenance request form
Community Support
Counselling Services
and Much more
<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/community-services>

Rangers Notes



Did You Know... feral cats kill our native lizards and small birds in the region. You can help to reduce feral cats in our township.

1. Contact the Shire Office Administration.
2. For \$100 bond we can issue you a cage for trapping which will be returned to you when the cage is brought back
3. Once caught, bring to the Shire Office, It's that simple.

Lets work together to reduce feral cats before they mount up to an uncontrollable level.

Thankyou to residents who are already actively doing this.



Threat Management Feral Cats

Scan Here
for more info



How to Scan a QR Code with iPhone

1. Open your iPhone's Camera.
 2. Point the camera at the QR code.
 3. Make sure the QR code is centered on your iPhone's screen.
 4. Wait for the code to scan.
 5. Open the QR code's content.
- If you need help using QR Codes there are lots of Videos online...search QR Codes

DID YOU KNOW?



Laws for Responsible Dog Owners

Your responsibilities

Dog control Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000 If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, either within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public.

Dogs barking Penalty: \$200 to \$5,000 As a dog owner, you are responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. Nuisance barking also covers public places adjoining the premises.

Removal of dog droppings Penalty: Varies Dog droppings are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Most local governments have local laws that require the person in charge of the dog in a public place to remove their dog's droppings and adequately dispose of it.

Penalties for dog attacks Penalty: \$3,000 to \$20,000 Potential imprisonment A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time.

Dog registration Penalty: \$200 A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the appropriate local government if it is more than three months old. Contact your local government for a registration form and list of applicable fees.

Registration tags Penalty: \$200 Your dog is required to wear a collar to which must be attached a valid registration tag. This tag will be issued by your local government when you pay your registration fee

BIG SKY

Readers and
Writers Festival

SHORT STORY PRIZE 2024

Invitation to all local writers

Explore your imagination and showcase your talent by
creating a short story using a theme of your choice.

**Enter for your chance to win \$500,
plus VIP access to festival events!**

ENTRY IS FREE

Entries open 19 April 2024

Entries close 12 July 2024

For more details on how to enter please visit
www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au/bigsky



An initiative of

City of
Greater Geraldton
a vibrant future



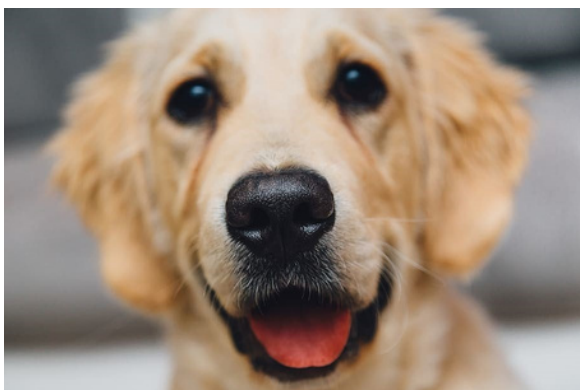


\$150 Desexing and \$50 Microchipping Vouchers*
available for Low Income and Pension Card holders

Contact your local Shire for further information.

This project is brought to you in partnership with the Department of
Primary Industries and Regional Development

* Microchipping Vouchers not available in Morawa or Perenjori.



Find Cancer Early: Tips when visiting your doctor about a possible symptom.

As we get older, many of us don't often think too much about a change to our body. This can result in us expecting and accepting changes over time as being normal.

But it is important to not be tempted to put something unusual down to 'getting older' before you've told your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker. Always have a chat and let them know what you've noticed, even if you're not concerned by it. Chances are it is nothing to worry about, but it's better to be on the safe side.

When you decide to make an appointment, lots of different questions and concerns can pass through your mind, such as:

- The doctor is always too busy.
- It's too hard to get an appointment.
- When I get to my appointment my mind goes blank.
- What could happen when I see the doctor or health worker?
- I don't have a doctor.
- I feel embarrassed or shame.

Tips when you are visiting your doctor/health professional:

- Be clear about your symptoms.
- Calling early in the morning is often the best time to arrange an appointment and if you feel it is urgent let the receptionist know this when you call.
- If your usual health professional isn't available that day, ask for their earliest available appointment, or ask to see another doctor.
- Write down why you've made the appointment and what you want to tell your health professional.
- Keep a symptom diary of what's been happening, how long for, and how often it occurs – you can take this with you.
- Health professionals are there to help you – don't be embarrassed to let them know about any unusual changes you've noticed in your body.
- Take someone with you as a second pair of ears to listen & perhaps to take notes for you to clarify what is said at your appointment.

Become familiar with common cancer symptoms.

We encourage adults, especially those over 40 years of age, to be aware of some common symptoms of cancers. You can give yourself the best chance to Find Cancer Early, by going to see a doctor straight away if you have symptoms, so that treatment is easier, and you can be around longer to do the things you love doing with the people you love.

Where else can I get advice?

- Cancer Council WA – Information and Support line - 13 11 20
- Visit findcancerearly.com.au
- GP, nurse practitioner or pharmacist

Have you had any of these...

... for more than 4 weeks?

- ☐ Problems peeing
- ☐ Runny poo
- ☐ Unexplained weight loss
- ☐ An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body
- ☐ Becoming more short of breath
- ☐ A persistent cough
- ☐ A new or changed spot on your skin

... once or more?

- ☐ Blood in your poo
- ☐ Coughing up blood
- ☐ Blood in your pee



If you have and you are over 40...

Tell your doctor

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.

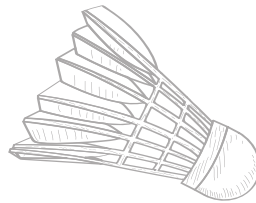


Department of Health



For more information visit findcancerearly.com.au
or call 13 11 20

BADMINTON



JOIN NOW

MONDAY - 6-8PM
WEDNESDAY - 1 - 3PM

**COME ON DOWN AND
SHAKE A
TAIL FEATHER!**

@
**THREE SPRINGS
COMMUNITY HALL**

Contact Tai Plant - 0427 754 832
for more information



Three Springs Indoor Bowls

Session starts at 9 AM
Every Tuesday
at Three Springs Community Hall
Morning tea is provided





Sporting Group Contacts

Basketball	Bruce Chisholm 0428 591 318
Outdoor Bowls	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Badminton	Tai Plant 0427 754 832
Golf	David Mutter 0427 547 035
Football	Liam Mutter 0458 547 035
Netball	Bec Mills 0438 994 777
Hockey	President: Heidi Taylor 0429 051 428
Indoor Bowls	Adele Metsemakers 0460 519 632
Rifle Club	Chris Connaughton 0427 547 007
Sporting Clay/ Target Shooting	Gary Turley 0428 888 075
Squash / Tennis	Jack Antonio 0428 541 327
Yoga	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014

Community Group Contacts



Anglican / Uniting Church	Diana Van Buerle 0429 888 558 Peter Whale 0427 541 080 Hendrik Greyling 0497 22 4004
Catholic Church	Fr Brian Ahearn 9927 1451 0427 271 452
Friends of the North-Midlands Health Service	Brenda Bowman 0427 511 339
Historical Society - Geraldton	Judy and Roy Mutter 0427 547 733
North Midlands Agricultural Society - Carnamah	9951 1036
Returned Serviceman League - RSL	Bruce Clampett 0427 420 929
RSL Women's Auxiliary	Lorraine Morgan 9954 1014
Tourists Information	Visitors Centre 9954 1590
Three Springs Lions Club	Cathy Reed 0427 547 012
Playgroup	Lexi Burgemeestre 0401 637 598
Three Springs Parents & Citizens	Rebecca Mills 9954 3700



EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of an Emergency call 000

FIRE EMERGENCY	000
DOCTOR/HOSPITAL	9954 1013 / 9954 3200
TS POLICE	9954 4222 OR 13 1444
ST JOHNS AMBULANCE	MERLE ISBISTER - 0428 511 030
VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE	ROD ENNOR - 0458 246 531
HARVEST BAN INFORMATION	9487 6519
INFANT HEALTH CLINIC	9954 3213
VETERINARY (DONGARA)	9927 1329
WATER CORPORATION	13 1375
WESTERN POWER	13 1351



SHIRE OF
THREE SPRINGS

YAKABOUT ADVERTISING

WAYS TO PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCTS

<i>Non-Business</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Business</i>
\$32.00	<i>Full Page B&W</i>	\$45.00
\$85.00	<i>Full Page Colour</i>	\$170.00
\$16.00	<i>Half Page B&W</i>	\$22.50
\$42.50	<i>Half Page Colour</i>	\$85.00
\$8.00	<i>Quarter Page B&W</i>	\$10.50
\$21.25	<i>Quarter Page Colour</i>	\$42.50

2024 dates:

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22/07/2024 - 5/08/2024 - 19/08/2024 - 2/09/2024 - 16/09/2024 - 30/09/2024 -
14/10/2024 - 28/10/2024 - 11/11/2024 - 25/11/2024 - 9/12/2024

Note: The advert quality depends on the content received. Content will be advertised in following size.

Full Page A4 Size 210x297mm
Half Page A5 Size 210x148mm
Quarter Page A6 Size 105x148mm

All adverts are to be in to the Shire Office by 12.00pm on Fridays, with the exception of sporting notices which have a 9.00am deadline on Monday mornings.



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