

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 JANUARY 2019**

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JANUARY UPDATE

PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &  
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

From your local County Councillor

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Dear Residents

A very Happy New Year to you all hope you are surviving the festivities. It was good to catch up with so many of you before and over Christmas. I enclose some seasonal pictures of our villages and local food businesses seen at recent fairs. I particularly enjoyed a visit to Hereford Market which I opened in June 2011 and I'm pleased to see it has become one of the largest livestock markets in the country.

In this month's update I also include my annual reporting of the traffic figures for local villages and summaries the impressive list of nearly one million pounds worth of resurfacing we managed to get achieved this year. I also enclose a section on the challenges we are facing in our Children's social care department. This is a very sensitive area but it is important that all of us as residents and council taxpayers understand the problems and tasks facing our officer teams even in lovely rural Herefordshire.

Congratulations go to Richard Johnson from Tywford near Pembridge, but in Eardisland parish on his OBE in the New Year Honours for his achievements in Racing, and for being three times champion jockey. Richard is the third generation of his family to live at Tywford and probably our most famous local resident.

Can I remind you that the Titley Group Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 consultation continues till the 28th January with details found on the Parish website <https://titleygroup-pc.gov.uk/>

As ever if I can be of any help please do hesitate to contact me.

**ROGER**

**Herefordshire Children's care services**

Last month saw the publication of two court cases against the councils children's department and I attended a private briefing for all elected members for us to go into detail on the individual cases and the pressures on our children's department. While there were short coming and practices that needed addressing we all emerged with a concern about how we sustain good services in a sector nationally under pressure. Three of our 5 adjoining councils children care departments, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Powys, have been inspected as inadequate and there is a serious shortage of full time staff. In the past 18 months despite considerable advertising we in Herefordshire have failed to have a single application from anyone outside the county to come and work here as a children's social worker.

There are 38,000 children under 18 in Herefordshire with half living in rural areas. Currently over 900 children receive some form of early help assessments, in addition there are 326 children identified as being at risk or have experienced harm, and are looked after by the local authority with 117 children having child protection plans. It is not unusual for some of these children to be identified while they are still being carried by their mothers before they are born.

We heard of some of the actions the council is taking with an extra 1.6 million pounds in the children's care budget, changes in senior management, increased legal capacity, weekly placement meetings, regular adoption reviews, improve record keeping and continued recruitment for new staff, growing existing staff and seeking more foster carers. It was good to hear that from January 2014 to November 2018 there have been 94 adoption orders granted for Herefordshire children.

As an elected member I am aware of more detail which you will understand cannot be made public, but I do think we all need to understand that even in lovely Herefordshire there are children who are at risk and in fear, and it is the legal duty of the local authority to protect them. A very difficult job at any time but with a background of austerity made even harder.

**2018 Village Traffic figures**

In 2005 working with my colleague from Eardisley we had installed grey monitoring boxes which record every day the number, type and speed of traffic through our main villages. Every year I report the October figures to my Parish councils in full (including speed and timings) and summarise the number and type of vehicles in my updates. I separate the motorcycles, cars and cars and trailers in one category and HGVs, small trucks, large vans, tractors and Buses in the another section. I choose October as it also reflects a busy time of year agriculturally and have included the 2006 figures. Eardisland, Titley and Staunton do not have any boxes. Although not in the Arrow ward I have included Eardisley figures which helps give an overall picture of the traffic movements of the area. Important also to remember that the grey box in Pembridge is sited on the west end so traffic from Bridge street turning east is not recorded.

The 2018 October traffic figures over a month period were:

Shobdon 4,240 vehicles per day with 21% (944) being larger vehicles; Eardisley 4,197 vehicles per day with 24% (1011); Pembridge 2,633 vehicles per day with 26% (740); Lyonshall 1,988 vehicles per day with 18.5% (369)

The 2006 October traffic levels taken on average over four months were:

Shobdon 4,425 vehicles per day with 19% (841) being larger vehicles; Eardisley 4,271 vehicles per day with 19% (811); Pembridge 2,332 vehicles per day with 19% (443); Lyonshall 2,056 vehicles per day with 17% (350)

During 2018 we managed to get a significant amount of resurfacing in the ward including the whole A44 through Pembridge and large sections in Shobdon. Working with Council officers and Parish Councils we repainted the new lining arrangements in the two villages with the objective to reduce speeds. Initial feedback from some work in Pembridge indicated it has reduced speeds and we will continue to monitor the impact of the new lining. I enclose the list of the resurfacing and will continue to work with Lara Edwards our Balfour steward and parish councils on pressing for more resurfacing.

B4362 Shobdon Village. B4362 from New Road to North End Farm, Shobdon. C1031 Lyonshall to the A44. B4355 Burcher Court, Titley. A44 Pembridge Village. C1031 Noke Bridge, Pembridge. C1032 from Milton Cross Roads to Kingspan, Pembridge. C1023 Staunton on Arrow Village. A44 Burton Court Bends, Eardisland. A480 Woonton to The Batch. C1082 from Bearwood Cross Roads to Lower Bearwood Farm & Pretty Well Spout. C1027 New Street. U93013 Church Road, Eardisland.

Surface Dressing completed on the following areas: C1081 Weston. C1032 Milton Farm, Shobdon.

Did you know that can get tweets automatically to [@HfidsStreets](#) 24/7 to let road users know when conditions are bad and we will be out gritting. Get family, friends and colleagues to follow so they know when to take extra care.

Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Go onto Herefordshire Council website and download the pothole App to help report potholes

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

**Please report** any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your

vehicle [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims) please use

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report\\_a\\_problem/98/fly\\_tipping](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping)

#### **Hereford Livestock Market**

Wednesday is the main market day and there was over 13,000 sheep present on the day I visited, a record number being offered for sale from Herefordshire and adjoining counties. The market has stock coming from as far afield as Aberystwyth and Carmarthenshire and buyers from all over the country. It is expected that over 450,000 sheep will have been sold in the market during 2018. The weekly sales include sheep destined for the meat trade including export, breeding stock particularly ram sales in early autumn and specialist pedigreed stock. The market also sees sales of Cattle including special Hereford breed sales, monthly poultry auctions and hosts specialist agricultural events.

Many of you will remember the fierce opposition to the moving of this market to its out of city position and the poor state of the existing old market. It's movement has resulted in a significant improvement in market business, a boost for our local livestock industry and of course the opportunity to create a new retail, cinema and food outlet in the city to support its economy. I make no apologies for reminding everyone that had we not moved it and redeveloped the old site our County and City would have suffered. Being elected a County Councillor means you have to make decisions for the future of our communities and businesses and I learnt the hard way how difficult it can be to bring about that change. However seeing at first hand the success of the market reminds me we have to have plans to support the future of our businesses and communities.

**The Kington Food Fair** held on 1<sup>st</sup> December was a wonderful opportunity for local growers and businesses to sell their wares. Included this year was the launch of Penrhos Gin, as well as Weobley Ash meats from Titley, Cassis from Lyonshall and those famous Fruity Ladies from Shobdon.

#### **Avenue of Oaks planted for Remembrance**

This year the commemorations of the centenary of the ending of World War 1 were concluded with the planting of Verdun Oak saplings on the straight mile at Bearwood. The planting involved members of the local Royal British Legion Branch, Pride in Pembridge Group and some representatives of the families of those who lost their lives. Organised by Tony Norman with acorns taken from the Verdun Oak in Pembridge in the years to come they will make a dramatic feature of commemoration for future generations to remember.

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact [Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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#### **DATA PROTECTION ACT**

The Data Protection Act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information. The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that supersedes the Data Protection act came into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do and will not share those email addresses with any third party. In seeking legal compliance I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with me holding your email contact please advise me and I will remove you from the list. Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates and occasional key information.

- 7.1 Work in November and December: Clearing grips around parish (C1035 still to be completed); installing poo bag dispenser.
8. Clerk previously on spinal point 20. New pay spine produced by NALC/SLCC – now on spinal point 9. Rate from 1.4.19 £10.57 (£10.507 for 10 hrs/wk allowed for in budget for 2019 – so £34 extra for contracted hrs will be required).

9. Second Summit Meeting on Thursday 24 January at 6.30pm
10. Correspondence – received as follows:
  - From HALC – Information Corner and attachments
  - From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Invitation from leader to second PC Summit meeting 24/1/19
  - From HC – December edition of new HC newsletter
  - From Pembridge Primary School – Advert for school governors
  - From Clerks and Councils Direct – Latest edition

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