

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 MARCH 2020**

- 4.1 Get in touch: Tel: 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk  
Website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) Facebook /Twitter @NHfdShireCops  
**Useful information:** Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste.  
Householder - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>  
• Businesses - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>  
• Landowners - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf>  
Dean Wall PC 07773 053846  
Emma Dune PCSO 07971 051474  
Felix Rawlingson PCSO 07971 051480  
Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216
- 4.2 **Useful numbers and contacts**  
Did you know that can get tweets automatically to [@HfdsStreets](https://twitter.com/HfdsStreets) 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 following links 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-prow-problem>  
if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle please use  
[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims)  
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)  
If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact [Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk)  
If you have an enforcement concern, [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)  
Parish Council CONTACTS.  
Pembrige – [clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk) Shobdon - [shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com) Lyonshall – [lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com) Eardisland - [parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk) Titley Group – [rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com)  
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.
- 7.3 Email received from Local Access Forum:  
I'm writing on behalf of the Herefordshire Local Access Forum(HLAF) sub Accessibility Working Group(AWG). We have formed with the vision of improving Herefordshires Public Rights of Way(PROW) network to enable access for all. Currently only a small proportion of the PROW network in Herefordshire is accessible to all. Those sections that are accessible have no consistent or easily accessible publication source for people to access. Lack of access to the PROW is mainly due to man made obstructions such as stiles, narrow kissing gates, steps and narrow bridges.  
Improving access would benefit many different user groups. Currently there are 11 million people in the UK living with a disability, an ageing population, a nationwide obesity epidemic, an exponential increase in mental health break downs and an ever increasing awareness in parents and guardians of the importance of children being outdoors and exercising.  
To improve access there would be the need for the removal of obstructions followed by their replacement with accessible footpath furniture. These include self closing metal pedestrian gates with a minimum width of 100cm, metal radar kissing gates, bridges(preferably with a metal base for sustainability) with a minimum width of 100cm and use of materials such as scalplings to create hard wearing ramps rather than steps.  
There also seems to be a misconception of what terrain is suitable for an all access route. There are many types of pushchair and mobility aid. A lot of these can deal with grass, mud, inclines/declines, gravel etc. Most people want to enjoy the countryside for what it is, not to have a tarmac'd path plonked on a PROW. Routes can also be varying lengths, from a short distance to a view point, landmark or specific destination eg community centre or school, up to 5-10 or more miles.  
As you will be aware Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) currently have the contract with Herefordshire County Council(HCC) to maintain the PROW within Herefordshire. Currently the funding allocated is far short to even maintain the PROW. As BBLP are a profit organisation they do not have the capacity to apply for grants to improve the PROW network. The AWG would actively seek grants and apply for funding to carry out any improvement works identified.  
We understand that discussing and working with landowners will be paramount and we are keen to talk with those that have land with potential routes. There are many different options with regard to footpath furniture so any concerns a landowner may have can be eased and potentially the improvement could be mutually beneficial.  
Personally I have been part of a project, within the Brecon Beacons National Park(BBNP) and the county of Powys, called Miles without Stiles(MWS). MWS was a concept that originated in the Peak District National Park whereby the removal of obstructions enabled access for all on various different routes.  
This concept has been adopted by the BBNP and Powys County Council with a number of routes being identified and improved. One of which is in Hay on Wye which can be used as an example of good practice.

The main route is circular of approximately 5 miles in length and comprises a few different options offering differing levels of ability. There is a linear section that runs along the old railway line that is a hard flat surface which is the easiest section. There is then a second route that follows the river path (Bailey Walk) and out onto a meadow known as The Warren, this section has slight inclines/declines and grassy paths so slightly more challenging. The full route takes you up onto Hay Common and back down into the town and has steep inclines/declines and more challenging terrain. Please see photos attached of some of the footpath furniture that has been installed.

As a group we thought the best way forward would be to ask each Parish and their footpath officer to identify potential route/s in their Parish as you will know your Parish PROW best. Would this be something the Parish would be willing to help with? Do you already have a route within your Parish that is accessible to all?

Josie Pearson, Chair Accessibility Working Group, Herefordshire Local Access Forum

- 7.6 Each tree £3, so Total:  $75 \times 3 = £225$ , plus there will be the cost of tubes and stakes as before.  
(This is a lot more expensive than planting 60-90cm whips which are approx 60p each. Smaller whips establish better with fewer losses and quickly catch up with larger whips. On the other hand, with the larger whips you do get to see the trees poking out of the top of the tubes sooner so I can understand why they want bigger ones.)  
Bucknell nursery (local, very good and cheap) and usually have plenty in stock.

9. Correspondence – as follows:

From parishioners

- Emails from various parishioners – flood damage, information and photos

From other sources

- From Balfour Beatty – Letter from Accessibility Working Group
- From HC – Flooding support information
- From RLIB – requesting details of properties that flooded
- From HC – poster for coronavirus information and VE and VJ Day 75
- From HC – County Plan 2020-24
- From Police and Crime Commissioner – Road Safety Strategy
- From Balfour Beatty – Expression of Interest form for 2020-21 Lengthsman and P3

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