

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 SEPTEMBER 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 Rawlison PCSO 07971 051480  
Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216  
Useful Crime Prevention document – copy the following link to a post on parish council website  
<https://www.eardisland-pc.gov.uk/2020/09/03/september-crime-prevention-newsletter/>



The police would really love to speak to the driver and passenger in this vehicle. The vehicle appears to be getting around villages in the early hours (this was 3am) and then the occupants get out with torches looking at vehicles on driveways. What is that sign on the door? Any thought or suggestion no matter how tenuous you think it may be, would be very welcome.

**The Rural & Business Crime Team**

Sarah Smith, John Meek & Paul Crumpton work across Herefordshire as part of a larger

dedicated problem solving team, they are supported, not just by Special Constables and volunteers but also by members of the public. Their message to you is: *“Please, please, please report suspicious activity, people or vehicles.”* No matter how insignificant you might think it is, if it is suspicious to you, it probably is so let us know at the time.

**For a confidential conversation with Sarah, John or Paul contact them directly on:**

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- 4.2 Dear Residents,  
September has arrived and that usually means finishing off the harvest and back to school. This year both of those face challenges as our farmers deal with the worse growing season in recent memory and our schools prepare to open up dealing with Covid. I will catch up with our local schools later in the term when things hopefully have settled down, but one of the big impacts of Covid has been the disruption to our children's education and getting back to school will be good for their educational and personal development.  
It is two years since we had the main resurfacing work in Pembridge and Shobdon and a protect order still rests on that surface prohibiting any utility breaking the tarmac without permission. At the same time we brought in the removal of the centre white line to reduce speed- a practice first partially introduced in Eardisland.  
Working with my Parish Councils I continue to work on further safety measures like the Tanbridge footpath in Shobdon and introducing a 20 mph speed limit in Pembridge. However while I know it has been a holiday month getting the council and Balfour to move on these issues is proving to be quite a challenge.  
Gigaclear are now working along A44 and in both Lyonshall and Pembridge with the planning team now designing the build in Eardisland. I have shared contact details with all parish councillors and continue to push for better communications. I am expecting the project on the A44 in Pembridge village to begin at the end of the month and that will mean HGVs diverted through Lyonshall for potentially five weeks.  
We had an issue with the four way traffic lights in Pembridge. While sensibly Balfour agreed to do some work to a manhole cover while Gigaclear had their lights in operation; they failed to liaise with them and as a result the lights, causing a major disruption, where up for several days with no work being done. I have had an apology from Balfour for the error but the impact on the six local business was not helpful at this particularly sensitive time.  
Locally I continue to work with officers on trying to secure the lifting of the prohibiting of house building in the Lugg catchment area due to the phosphate problem, and ensure that the Parish councils and I have oversight on the £900,000 refurbish and expansion of the travellers site at Pembridge. Nationally I have been working on

evidence to submit to the government's comprehensive spending review and restructuring of local government funding. The retaining of our special rural services grant – worth over 5 million to us being critical.

In this month's update we say farewell to our Lord Lieutenant, catch up with a recent fire exercise on the river arrow, the latest coved news and the big Lawton's cross highway project which is taking place over the next 10 weeks.

Please forward this update to any residents in the ward who you think may be interested.

Stay safe and keep well everybody. Be Nice Nosey Neighbours.

As ever if you think I can be of help please do not hesitate to contact me.

ROGER

### **Lady Darnley retires as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant**

This week sees the retirement of the Dowager Countess of Darnley as the Queens's representative in Herefordshire. She was appointed in October 2008 and has been at the helm of steering royal visits, heading military commemorations, acknowledging good public service, formal recognitions of community and voluntary work in our county. She has welcomed nearly all the members of the royal family to the county including the Queen in 2012 who made her a Dame of the Victorian Order.

In our parishes in her time we have had royal visits to Shobdon Church and Kington Show at Lyonshall, with business visits to Kingspan and Jo Hilditch at the Whittern. Lady Darnley formally opened the new war memorial in Shobdon last year and presented the British Empire Medal to Andrew Gilliat at Shobdon. The Pride in Pembridge ( PIPS ) and Eardisland Village Shop groups received the Queens voluntary services awards at special occasions. She is assisted by 19 deputies of which the most senior, her Vice is Christopher James from Eardisland. Lord Lieutenants are appointed in a very tougher process by a special office based in Downing street and liaise with the Lord Chamberlain, Royal Households and government departments.

From my contact with her and her team I believe she has brought a professional balance of formality, sincere recognition of community and service commitment with a sense of humour. After a lifetime commitment to public service I know she will not be a stranger to us and I wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

The new Lord Lieutenant is Edward Harley from Brampton Byan who's ancestors used to own Eywood at Titley in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Stones placed on the Verges.**

Last month we had an incident of a car damaged by stones placed on the verge. This highlights a delicate issue of compensation. Please be clear based on this incident the council and Balfour will not be held responsible for any damage to any vehicle by an object that has been deliberately placed there by another party. I know that there are many householders who take good care of their verges outside their homes and try to protect them from vehicles cutting them up. Whilst understandable they do need to be aware of the potential liability they could be opening themselves to.

### **Lawtons cross change of priority project**

This is the biggest highway project in our locality this financial year and involves the positioning of a small roundabout at the junction requiring ALL vehicles to give way. I enclose the map indicated the four sections of work to be undertaken and of course that will disrupt traffic and require diversions.

The programme began on 24<sup>th</sup> August and is due to be completed on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Many residents will know of people affected by incidents at this junction and it is hoped the change and the forcing of all vehicles to stop will reduce the accidents here.

### **Water Rescue training on the river Arrow**

The Kingsland crew thought they were going for a routine water pump training exercise on a summer evening, but the team leader had a surprise for them. She had arranged for three local children who regularly swim in the river to put on life jackets and drift down the river near the weir at Eardisland. The crews had to instantly respond and instead of pumping water in the reels they inflated them with air to create booms to catch and rescue them. While emergencies are rare it is important our local teams are trained and prepared. Our rivers are one of our great assets but also are a huge risks. While the temperatures may have gone down in recent weeks the danger of water should never be forgotten.

*(For further points in Roger's report, please contact the Parish Clerk)*

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

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

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

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

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

[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)

<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)

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Titley Group [rachaeljones.titleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleyipc@gmail.com)

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

If you a planning enforcement concern [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

The following [household recycling centres](#) are open from **Saturday 9 May**: [Hereford HRC, Chapel Road, Rotherwas](#) [Leominster HRC, Bridge Street, Leominster](#) Open hours 7 days per week from 8am to 6pm

- 7.1 Work due in September: Strim and remove debris – footpath to church; Strim & remove debris – both sides on one-way road School Lane; Strim & remove debris – recreation ground ditch; Strim, hedge trim & remove debris – footpath to mound. Plus work from August not done as no growth after previous strimming: Strim and remove debris – Lyme Lane ditch; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required; Clean white lines – Clear as required.
- 7.2 Planning application submitted. Amended location/block plan submitted, as OS map does not show toilet block and lobby.

Expression of Interest form completed for flood resilience grant, DEFRA confirmed PC eligible for flood grant; deadline for applications is 31 December 2020 with completion of works and claim by 31 July 2021.

- 7.3 Quote from Andrew James accepted. Work due to be done mid-September. Confirmation received in writing that will be complete before 1 October.  
Landowner's advice re grass clippings checked and found to be inaccurate, landowner informed and requested to cease practice, confirmation received that will not be done now.
- 7.4 Public liability under insurance policy covers both village greens as well as other PC property. Insurers unable to advise of potential values for any assets as this needs to come from a specific expert. In this instance, a local groundworks company or even a landscaper may be able to advise of a 'replacement value'. In most instances, loss and damage cover for land itself is not taken by our policyholders as the risk is reduced, with vandalism the only real peril of note. If a value is obtained and we want a quotation, insurers would look to add on a sum insured under the Natural Surfaces category with the standard £250 excess to apply to any claims. £10,000 sum insured works out at roughly £50 in premium per annum.

7.7 **EARDISLAND PARISH MAGAZINE PROPOSED DATES FOR 2021**

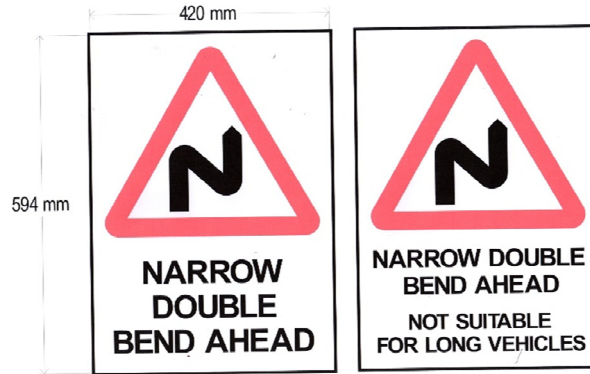
Copy Date	Probable Distribution Date
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November

Notes:

*These dates mirror those of 2020, allowing for annual change. The May date remains for copy on the first Friday in the month.*

- 7.8 Parishioner who has been cleaning the bus shelter for the last few years is going to college and unable to continue. Has not been able to find another young person to continue the work.
- 7.9 Email from Speedwatch Co-ordinator: agreed to revisit starting the sessions in September. I have emailed all the volunteers as to their thoughts and the majority and mine are to restart sessions in March next year. The works on the new roundabout at Lawton Cross are having an impact already on traffic through the village and these are set to last until October. Volunteers may need a refresher on using the new equipment as it has not been used yet due to the lockdown.
- 7.11 Gigaclear planned to install Point of termination (POT) – access point to the network for the village hall – on end of kitchen. Clerk contacted and agreed POT on end of lobby instead and now waiting for new plan so that Network Access Agreement can be signed on behalf of PC.
- 7.12 To supply only A2 (594mm x 420mm) portrait aluminium sign with rails & digitally printed graphics x2 'Narrow double bend ahead' or x2 'Narrow double bend ahead, not suitable for long vehicles'. No posts needed, only clips. **Not reflective.** £120
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8. Correspondence – as follows:

From parishioners

- Email re another sign on C1035 at end of one-way road to stop HGVs, as some vehicles come back down one-way illegally as cannot get out round church
- Email with suggested dates for meeting with landowner at caravan park
- Email from EVHMC, no decision made by committee on whether going to install phone and internet access
- Email re clearance water lilies and stopping grass cuttings being left by bridge
- Email from Co-ordinator for Eardisland Speedwatch – traffic being affected by Lawton's Cross works, not sensible to restart after as too dark and weather difficult, suggesting restarting in March
- Email requesting Threshold Level for sale of property – information sent
- Email re stopping the bus shelter cleaning
- Phonecall with landowner requesting permission to walk along river from his fields – refused, as PC objected to his planning application he does not want us on his land

From other sources

- From Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire – Card thanking parish and volunteers for work during Covid
- From West Mercia police Speedwatch Co-ordinator – agreeing with plan above, happy to do refresher training session in February and train any news volunteers at same time
- From HC – Back to School Safely information
- From ALCC – Local government salary award for 2020-21
- From HC – Short breaks capital funding for children with disabilities
- From Clerks and Councils Direct – September update
- From Gigaclear – re siting of Point of Termination (POT) – see 7.10

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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