

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 13 JANUARY 2022

- 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 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 7723802
November crime statistics from West Mercia police website
 Reported in Eardisland parish – x1 Public Order. Shobdon – x3 Violence/sexual offences, x2 Public Order. No other information available.
Reporting an incident of bad/dangerous driving, you can report it **at the time or soon after** online and upload a photo or video that includes the number plate details to <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>
 If a road is blocked by such an incident, **you need to report it at the time to 101.**
New service launched by police – We are delighted to launch Neighbourhood Matters, our brand new community messaging service. Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts; receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more. You can choose exactly what type of alert you want to receive and how you receive them, whether it be via text, email or phone call. Sign up now <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>
Warnings about scams
 WhatsApp and Lottery frauds reported recently – be very careful about calls, messages or emails from people you don't know or which don't feel right – if it feels suspicious it probably is.
- 4.2 Dear Residents,
 HAPPY NEW YEAR !
 I hope you all had a restive and enjoyable Christmas with good companionship and plenty to eat. A special thank you all the households displaying their Christmas trees and lights outside their homes, driving through the parishes has been a real tonic for us all. I was pleased to get the Bridge repairs complete and the Spond lane open before Christmas and thanks to the local residents for their patience.
 Christmas and New Year can be a happy time but also very difficult for many people, so as we go into 2022, this year again facing restrictive times we need to be mindful of our communities, think and act with support and understanding of others and what they may be facing. I will be encouraging all my communities to prepare and plan events and projects for the year ahead so we can strengthen our local quality of life.
 Some events were cancelled or postponed including the official opening of the Defibrillator in the old phone box in Broxwood. This small community raised the funding to install the defib and was hoping to celebrate with carols and mulled wine, but importantly they have the asset installed. December was still an active time for many communities, including the next generation in Titley who received the baton to prepare the village annual Christmas lunch in the village hall for over 60 adults and 20 children. A very successful event and under control with a glass of mulled wine in hand !
 Wyre Forrest Fire station crews have experienced two major industrial fires in the last few weeks supported by fire crews all over the county including our local teams.
 Just before Christmas the Government announced a one billion pound package of support as a result of the omicron variant restrictions which include up to £6,000 to local hospitality and leisure businesses which will be administered by Herefordshire Council. There will also be some cover for sick pay for small and medium sized employers plus support to the cultural sector. Measures introduced during covid allowing hospitality businesses to put up marquees on their own land without planning permission have been made permanent together with holding of outdoor markets.
 I attended the Council's recent Market Business forum in Kington where Arrow ward representatives employed more people than the Kington town business reps present yet still the council is too focused on the City and five market towns creating employment. Herefordshire having the lowest productivity rate of any English County, and low average wage levels of £480 per week compared to National average of £587, challenges remain across our County. I will be pushing for the investment in the wetland scheme and other measures to lift the planning moratorium which has impacted on businesses and prevented the building of 1,650 homes in the Lugg catchment area. Using and targeting public funding to support improvement of skills and provision of housing for the economically active in the year ahead.
 As ever if you think I can be of help please do not hesitate to contact me. Stay safe and keep well everybody.
 Be Nice Nosey Neighbours
 ROGER

Flooding consultation

The Environment Agency has published its draft flood risk management plan for 2021-2027 and are important to those households liable to flooding, in particular Eardisland village. The plan requires risk management authorities to develop a long term strategic vision and delivery plan for managing the future flood risk from all sources in the Lugg catchment area. It proposes to work with communities, landowners and businesses to determine the level of maintenance required. By 2027 a capital scheme to reduce flooding risk will be implemented. The Consolation closes on 21st January.

More details can be found <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/draft-second-cycle-flood-risk-managementplans/>

Highways

I was delighted to see the Offa's dyke bridge on Spond lane reopened before Christmas. The work was subcontracted out by Balfour to an experienced bridge repair company who completed the works despite holds up with ecological reports. My thanks in particular to Chris Augar who lives on the site for his co operation and watchful eye, and also to Kinsey Hearne for allowing his land to be used for storage.

Given some of the timescales of some other bridge repairs I was pleased we could get this done within some sort of meaningful timescale. The new surface required a build up of the surface so there is some of a raise in the height of the hump over the bridge and the Parish Council and I have asked for a signage to warn drivers. I met up with our local Balfour steward Paul Hunter just before Christmas to review his first three months in the role. We discussed this year's emerging capital programme which is very much based on drainage works rather than resurfacing.

Apparently the Council's thinking is to leave any resurfacing to additional funds that come from Government during the year. This will clearly impact on what is deliverable as in the past a significant part of the base highway funding was allocated to highway surfacing.

The winter has been very mild with the lowest amount of gritting drives that anyone can remember and as a result the potholes are nowhere as present as normal. Indeed this time of year the reactive team is usually struggling to keep pace with reporting and then after the festive holidays usually way behind in their responsive actions.

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/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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Lyonshall lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com Eardisland parish.clerk@eardisland-pc.gov.uk

Titley Group rachaeljones.titleyipc@gmail.com

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you a planning enforcement concern mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk

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

8.1 Work done in December: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required; Cleaning out grips round parish (2nd day).

Work due in January: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required; Clean white lines.

Additional: cut back edges of village hall car park – leave till Harpers' compound gone.

Mole treatment will be £65 set-up fee + £10 per mole caught – from local contractor.

11. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

- Parking for wassail event
- Dovecote Trust – re insurance

From other sources

- From BB – November update
- From HC – Parish Council Summit invitation

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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