

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 10 MARCH 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
- December crime statistics from West Mercia police website**
 Reported in Eardisland parish – None. Pembridge – x2 Antisocial behaviour. Monkland – x1 Vehicle Crime. Dilwyn – x1 Violence and sexual crime. 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 St David's day,
 Instead of yellow daffodils I thought it was more appropriate to have the Ukrainian national flower - the sunflower as we witness this awful aggressive actions.
 After a prolonged quiet period of weather last month saw our worst storms for two years with Eunice and Franklin causing damage and disruption. One household is known to have been flooded in the ward and the west end of Eardisland took the biggest hit with the highway closed for most of a day. The Eardisland Flood group of local residents swung into operation and although it wasn't as an extensive a flood as some in the past it gave the opportunity to test some local reactions and resilience. The work done on flood preparation helped get the main highway blocked off at both sides to the village. However reckless drivers still drive through with one vehicle getting struck.
 More significantly is the issue of bow waves when vehicles drive through. The bow waves lap against walls and send waves into people's property causing damage and potential flooding to domestic property which would otherwise have stayed dry. Drivers need to be aware of the selfish action they are undertaking.
 I have fed back to the Emergency planning team and will continue to encourage agencies and public services to work with the local community. The official alert did not come till 7.30 am on the 21st by which time water was already high and many residents had been up all night. Thankfully the Titley monitoring station, which residents dial into, gives advanced indications of the expected levels some 4-6 hours ahead of the village down stream and remains the community's most valuable asset in flood preparation.
 Elsewhere in the ward there were many fallen trees including one of largest local Black Poplar, and damage to the Gigg footbridge at Staunton where the tree debris logged against the bridge and the force of the water bent the iron bridge and cracked part of the foundations. The bridge and footpath are now closed.
 On Friday we formally £176 million which requires £119.5 million to be raised by a council tax and an increase of 2.99% . This means the average band D house bill will pay £1700 to Herefordshire Council, £250 West Mercia Police, £89 Fire precept plus your parish council precept. At the meeting I will be seconding a motion requiring the administration of the council to carry out Rural Impact Assessments on any policies, contracts or plans they have or are developing to understand better the challenges of rural areas and rural service provision. The recent Core Strategy consultation failed to properly identify the potential impact of severe housing reduction in rural areas and the emerging proposal to create an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty across my ward with no reference or consultation to my parish councils or communities is a serious concern and disrespectful for a significant section of the county's population.
 In this month's Update I include some important new emergency numbers which together with the Parish and Community Police contacts will give an important source of contacts relevant to our area.
 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

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Highways

Working with the Parish Council I have pushed to get Pembridge as the first village in Herefordshire to have a 20 mph speed limit, and Herefordshire council are keen to monitor the impact of the installation. They will roll out the project over the next nine months in stages, monitoring the impact at each stage so as to establish the effectiveness and value for money of schemes like this before being repeated throughout the county. I would have preferred to have put all the measures in at once but understand their reasoning.

The Welsh Assembly government has granted huge sums of funding to Welsh councils for the introduction of 20 mph limits in Wales and in Herefordshire sections of 20 mph will be introduced at Stapleton and Cusop to compliment the new Welsh limits at Presteigne and Hay. Evidence from Hampshire indicates that reductions in speed to 20 mph in rural villages was not achieved and it will be important to establish what impacts certain measures have at different times to probably evidence the effectiveness of the schemes before huge sums of Herefordshire highways budget are spent on rolling this out in the county.

I have successfully established that Pembridge because of its traffic volume, pedestrian movements and close proximity of front doors to the main A44 highway is the right village to be the pilot. We have already had new road markings on the A44 in 2018 which have already had an impact on speeds and last month speed monitoring was installed (rubber tubing across the highway) to get the baseline of current speeds in four locations (previous figures have indicated average speed on eastern section A44 at 24 mph). Monitoring of speeds and traffic levels will continue on a regular basis via the tubing, to see how disciplined drivers are before the installation of the final roundels and beige sections at all four village entrances and some repeater ones in the village in six months time.

I shall report all these speed figures back to you in my monthly updates. I am meeting the Police Commissioner this month to discuss speed enforcement and other rural crime matters. I have also raised with the Parish Council the matter of relining Bridge street similar to what is already installed on the A44 in the village and Bearwood lane to help reduce speeding. I know other villages and communities will be looking closely at this project and the feedback will be important for Herefordshire Council in how to take the 20 mph limits forward. I was very pleased to secure last month the resurfacing of a substantial length of the main road through Titley; and we have repainted the lines similar to other villages recently and taken out the central line. The straight in Titley has always been a place where vehicles speed up so hopefully that will have some impact. The budget came from that identified for main A and B highways. My thanks to the local residents for their co-operation during the closure and works.

The recent weather has caused a lot of potholes to pop up so please can I encourage you to report potholes. Go onto Herefordshire Council website and download the pothole App to help report potholes or ring 01432261800. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/e3b2b34e/ttjzBlvlfEewR-39NN73dA?u=https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

Footpaths

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/bfc12403/ZkrYKa-OpU6QLbww4S9Nyw?u=https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prow-problem>.

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://link.edgepilot.com/s/f452e836/Hy5YWk_SgEGkleekL2ROFQ?u=https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

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

Local Emergency Numbers

Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60 (24-hours) or visit www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up online at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings to get Flood Warnings from the Environment Agency by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels.

Power cut: Call 105 or visit www.powercut105.com

BT phone line issues: www.downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 or visit www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas

Welsh Water: 0800 052 0130 (Water emergencies) or 0800 085 3968 (Sewer emergencies) or visit www.contact.dwrcymru.com/

Report a flooded road or highway obstruction – Balfour Beatty Living Places : **01432 26180**

PARISH CONTACTS

Pembridge clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk Shobdon shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com

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

Titley Group rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com

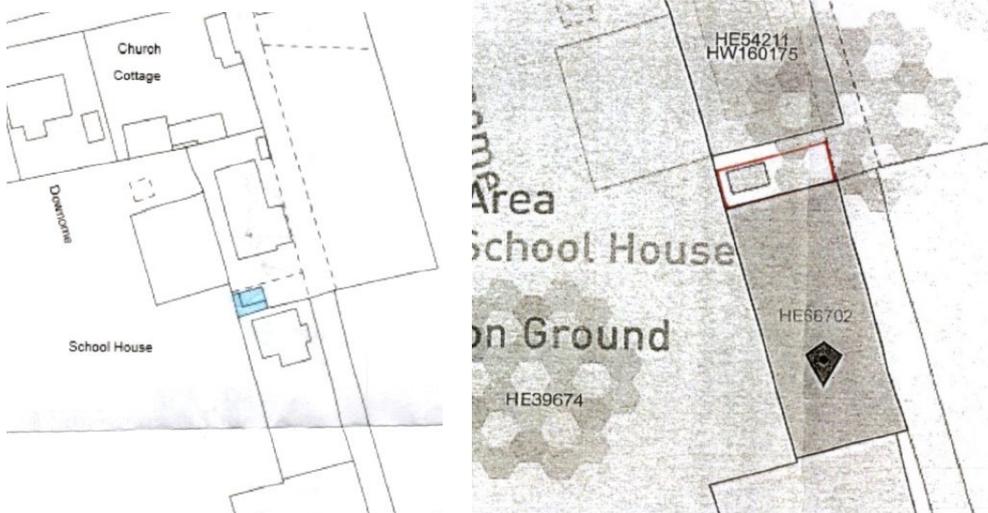
If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk

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

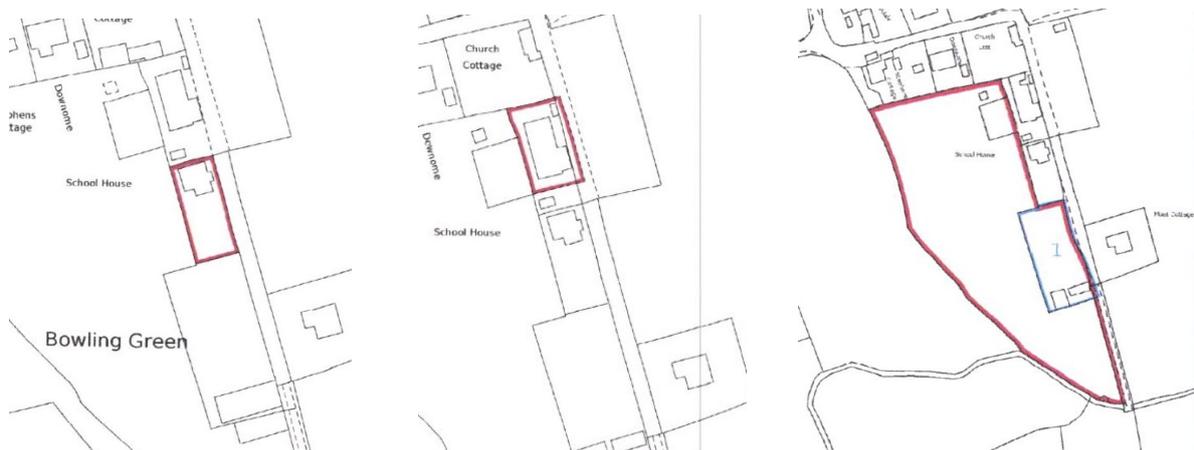
- 8.1 Work done in February: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required.
Work due in March: Trim around and clean Road Signs throughout parish & clean up (Check for Nesting Birds); Strim either side of and clean village gates; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish and clear white lines – Clear as required.

As last year, BB has asked whether parishes want specific areas not verge cut. Last year PC requested all verges cut, apart from on C1035 from A44 junction to Redgate House.

- 8.3 Meetings of the Group on 2 and 22 March preparing the display for the launch event on 26 March 11-3 in EVH and the grant projects on carbon tree audit and thermal imaging of properties. Laser rangefinder purchased and passed to Group Chair for use in tree carbon auditing – and added to Asset Register.
- 8.4 Claim by owner of School House to be in adverse possession of garage and area in front of it – ie. has used the area though it is not in the Land Registry Plan. There is some confusion in the application. The document sent to the PC states 'the enclosed plan shows by blue tint the land in respect of which the application is made' – the garage as shown below. The statement of truth I support of the application shows 'the land is clearly identified on the attached plan and shown: edged red' – the garage and area in front of it as shown below.



Below are the title plans for School House, Eardisland Village Hall and Eardisland Recreation Ground.



Advice from Land registry is that 'Adverse possession can mean the loss of land, and the law in this area is particularly complicated, so you should consider taking legal advice'. However, the Clerk was only able to negotiate an extension to respond to 14 March.

- 8.5 Email received from landowner on private road by river. Plan to resurface unadopted private road and share costs among 6 houseowners and PC (as road used to access river bank owned by PC). Quote received from GM Joyce for £3,960. Houseowner for one property has offered to pay slightly larger share of cost and pay complete bill as can reclaim VAT. Rest of cost to be divided between other 5 owners and PC, cost for PC is £525 which would be invoiced.
- 8.6 Annual inspection offered by Parks & Playgrounds for same cost as last year of £63.40. Can be undertaken in June/July or September.

- 8.7 Donation of £1,000 received for a second defibrillator to be sited at the hall. Clerk has investigated suitable defib and box as below.

Package for community use of ZOLL AED 3 Semi Automatic with AED Armor Cabinet is £1,566 +VAT. The cabinet will need to be wired in as it will be sited outside, so further cost of electrician (unless Clerk can negotiate this as a community donation).

After use of donation, £566 will need to be agreed from next year's budget.



13. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

- Email re offer of venue for Jubilee event
- Email and phonecall re flytipping
- Phonecall re concern about tree by bridge
- Email request for map of parish
- Email re sheep getting out of field near village hall due to non-maintained boundary – owner of sheep contacted
- Phonecalls re sheep out and in people's gardens – owner contacted
- Email re resurfacing of private road and request for part of cost – see 8.5
- Emails and phonecalls about vehicle driving through flood causing bow wave and damage – reported to police

From other sources

- From BB – Monthly update
- From Weobley resident – re Covid infections at school
- From BB – drainage grant
- From Herefordshire Green Network – How to use your communities' carbon footprint to foster action
- From BB – Expression of Interest for Lengthsman Scheme and Maintenance Plan for 2022-23 – completed and returned using agreed Lengthsman schedule
- From BB – Verge cutting for 2022-23
- From BB – Annual Plan for 2022-23
- From BB – Road closures in March
- From HC – Talk Parish meeting date 22/3/22, 7-8.30 pm by Zoom
- From BB – February update
- From BB – Relaunch of Herefordshire trail
- From HC – Environmental Building Standards SPD draft
- From HC – S106 Q&A feedback meeting
- From HC – CE's monthly update and blog

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