

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 14 APRIL 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
February crime statistics from West Mercia police website
 Reported in Eardisland parish – None. Pembridge – x21 Burglary. Shobdon – x2 Violence and sexual offences, x1 Vehicle Crime, x1 Public Order. Dilwyn – x1 Violence and sexual offences. 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,
 The recent blue skies and tremendous display of yellow daffodils seem to be nature's way of reflecting the Ukrainian colours. In this month's update I cover some of the local effort going into supporting relief to the people of Ukraine that we can confidently give our support to.
 The arrival of spring brings flowers, blossoms, birds singing lambing sporting and of course the thud of the annual council tax bill on the doormat. As part of the Government's initiative to help households with rising energy bills there is a one off £150 council tax rebate for certain households – more detail on council website - <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council-tax-1/council-tax-discounts-exemptions/19>
 Some encouraging news on the phosphate problem in the Lugg catchment with the wetlands scheme now beginning. Luston wetland has planning permission and construction is beginning; and land adjoining the sewage works at Titley has been purchased by the council to build a scheme there. The filtering out of phosphate in these schemes allows a calculation of phosphate removal which then permits the building of houses, with credits being purchased by the builder.
 Other phosphate calculations are also coming forward so an announcement is anticipated which will be a great relief to our local construction industry who haven't seen planning approvals for house builds in Lugg catchment area – 40% of Herefordshire- since July 2019!
 This month I cover some work I have been doing lobbying Government about the particular pressures of delivering services over large rural areas, update on remaining broadband works, Highways update including raising the issue of speeding through our villages, plus usual contacts.
 Please forward this update to any residents in the ward who you think may be interested and copy me in .
 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

Supporting Ukraine

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has shocked us all and left us all stunned and wanting to do something to support them. Andrew Lloyd from Cabal and Arnie Highfield from Holmes Marsh along with other locals have formed a group with their headquarters at The Cattle Shed restaurant at Penrhos, to organise a delivery of locally donated materials from Herefordians to the boundary of Ukraine. With the support of our local MP Bill Wiggin and contacts with the Home Office a smooth delivery line for the team's three artic and two 7.5 tonne lorries has been established over the channel through Holland, Germany and Poland to the Ukrainian border with Tolls waved and driver accommodation. However fuel costs are an issue with it costing £800 to fill the fuel tank and a round trip costing £2,700. To date they have transported locally donated medical supplies, torches and batteries, baby items, sanitary items, dried food, pet food and sleeping bags.

There are three main collection centre – Hereford, Ross and our nearest at Bridge street Leominster with opening hours below. Also there have been weekly Thursday collections in Pembridge car park. Bridge Street times, Monday 9am – 1pm & 4pm- 9pm; Tuesday 9am -1pm & 5.30-9pm: Wednesday 9.30am – 12 & 2pm – 9pm: Thursday 9.30am – 9.30pm; Friday 9.30-12 & 2pm -7pm: Saturday 9am – 4pm

Local details can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/drivingsuppliestoukraine/>

Local information website: <https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/ukraine>

If anyone is interest in hosting a Ukraine family please contact housingdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk

I know many individuals, businesses and organisations have given generously but this crisis will be with us for a long time yet and our continued support will be required. We have in our locality a well organised relief operation which we can have confidence in supporting knowing it is genuine and delivering. Alternatively monetary donations can be made via Herefordshire Community Foundation. They are being used as they already have the necessary charity and financial set ups and are well known and respected in the county. They are working with the Hereford Times with a Help for Refugees appeal. Donations will fund the transport of essential goods from Herefordshire to where they are needed, with residual funds supporting the resettlement of refugees in Herefordshire.

Broadband update

There are a number of challenges on the delivery of the remaining Broadband contracts to cover the area. Regular readers will know the sub-contractor laying the fibre for Gigaclear went into liquidation causes some re planning. However the Eardisland build doesn't seem to be have stalled too much and is now underway on the main road with the unclassified highways following on afterwards hoping that the total contract will be completed in summer. However experience has taught me to be careful with these contracts with timetables frequently expanding from dates on websites. Another indicator is the road closure notices which all contractors must have and these can be monitored at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/roadworks> - link on the live incident maps and they will show red dots which if you click on show the road closure and may be a sounder indicator.

Westminster watch

I am vice chairman of the Rural Services network, which is an organisation made up of various English rural councils and rural organisations, who evidence and lobby government on behalf of public services that have to be delivered over large geographical areas. We live in essentially an urban nation with urban thinking and solutions and there is little understanding of the particular pressures and costs in delivering services in rural areas. Home care will be more costly as there is more travel time and less contact requiring more employees, a bin lorry will travel further to fill up compared to city one using more fuel and again taking more time. Public transport is more expensive to run with more fuel miles and less passengers. Often because of the remoteness of households there isn't the business case for sub-contractors to operate leaving expensive gaps in the market. In the past we have been successful to establish a Rural Services Delivery Grant of 85 million to rural councils – 5.2 million of which goes to Herefordshire. However there is a review of local government funding and we are active in ensuring we evidence our concerns and lobbying all our rural MPs. The Government recently published its Levelling up paper aimed at ensuring more equal local economies, opportunities and life expectation across England. Much of the chatter has been about levelling the north with the south but it is also applicable for levelling up rural areas to their urban neighbours.

Governments of all political persuasion like to work on a region basis which often mean rural poorer statistics are hidden by the larger urban figures. With higher housing prices and running costs, greater fuel bills, poorer wages and salaries we will continue to put the rural case forward.

Highways

Initial feedback from residents in Pembridge about the new 20 mph speed limit is there has been some reduction in speeds through the village but I await the official monitoring information. Meanwhile villages all over Herefordshire are contacting the Parish clerk and myself about the project. Clearly across all my villages speeding is a concern and I raised the matter in discussions with the West Mercia Chief Constable and Police Commissioner. Eardisland has a group of local residents who operate a speed watch campaign with the support of our local community support team. There is an opportunity to expand that to other villages if volunteers are available. I have had a frank exchange of emails with Herefordshire superintendent Ed Williams on speed enforcement and a commitment he will come to my ward towards the end of the year to discuss Pembridge and my other villages.

Despite sending in various requests for resurfacing the current programme does not indicate any significant surfacing in my ward. I will continue to push as my understanding is the Government has indicated a Highway maintenance grant to Herefordshire Council of 15.4 million for 2022-2025 and an additional pothole funding of 6.395 million also for 2022-25.

Today the public rights of Way – footpaths and bridleways will transfer from Balfour Beatty back to Herefordshire Council. I welcome the move allowing Balfour steward to focus on the main highways and allow HC to be more proactive on PROWs. I continue to work with our local Balfour steward Paul Walker and met up last month for a catch up on various issues.

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.edgепilot.com/s/e3b2b34e/ttjzBlvlfEewR-](https://link.edgепilot.com/s/e3b2b34e/ttjzBlvlfEewR-39NN73dA?u=https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole)

[39NN73dA?u=https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole](https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole)

Footpaths

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

- 7.1 Work done 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.
Work due in April: Mechanical Weed Control; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required.
- 7.3 The Environment & Sustainability Group of Eardisland Parish Council held Eardisland's first Eco Event on Saturday 26 March 2022 11am and 3pm. During that time 42 adults and 8 children from 18 properties within the parish attended, as well as 4 adults and 2 children from 4 properties outside the parish. Contacts were made with interested Parish Councillors from Colwall and Yarpole who were keen to replicate parts of what Eardisland is doing.
Displays were presented about: Eardisland Parish Council's move towards sustainability; saving energy in Eardisland and taking thermal images; auditing trees and hedgerows; the Flood Response Plan; The Community Shop's move towards sustainability; plastic free Eardisland; and The Great Collaboration (TGC). The event (funded by Herefordshire Council's Climate and Nature Grant) was partly to encourage sign up to the following: TGC (now 6 signups); interest in tree auditing (10 signups); and free thermal imaging of properties (15 signups). Thermal imaging has been carried out on 27 properties in week beginning 2.4.22, with additional signups during the week. Reports to be compiled and sent out in late April.
Auditing of trees that the PC has responsibility for was carried out by Dan Wenczek on 7.3.22 with information added to <https://treezilla.org/>, several volunteers observed and plan to survey more trees in the parish starting May/June 2022.
- 7.5 Notes from meeting with Gigaclear:
- Standard ADSL fibre – only to exchange
 - Fibre FTTC – full fibre to cabinet
 - Gigaclear FTTP – to property, 900mb upload and download
 - Fully funded to property except from exceptional length of driveway/access, 95% of installs no cost to customer
 - Use overhead telephone wires where possible, only trench where cannot use overhead
 - Start to go live from June, should be fully complete by February 2023
 - See permits and road closures on <https://one.network>
 - U93010 Upper Hardwick, start 11/5/22 for 13 days
 - U93014 Lime Lane, start 11/5/22 for 43 days
 - C1033 Broome Lane from C1035 to Broome Farm, start 24/5/22 for 35 days
 - Pedestrian and/or vehicular access will be maintained to affected properties where there is no other form of access
 - Check individual properties www.gigaclear.commycommunity
 - Help for residents NetworkBuildQueries@gigaclear.com or 01865 591137

Plans below – green lines = where trenching, purple lines = existing infrastructure, blue circles with a white cross = existing masts, large blue square (bottom) = main access cabinet



7.7 Jubilee events agreed as follows:

Events agreed: Organisation:

Thursday 2 June 2022

- 11.30 – Ringing of bells and raising of flags at War Memorial and Church
- 14.00 – Reading of Proclamation by War Memorial on behalf of PC
- 21.40 – Bugle call 'Majesty' by bonfire beacon
- 21.45 – Lighting of bonfire beacon
- Evening ?time – Bar and pig roast

**Church and PC
Phil Milchard
Confirmed
Burton Court
Burton Court**

Sunday 5 June

- 09.30 – Church service with ring of bells before Jubilee anthem, PC representatives reading lessons
- 10.30 – After service, Cake and fizz, Jubilee book for every house with school age children
- 14.00 – Parish picnic on Recreation Ground as Big Lunch, bring own picnic + BBQ and Strawberries & Cream on sale from EVHMC, free teas/coffees
Rented marquee by EVHMC + shop marquee + gazebos
WI help EVHMC
Bar, ice creams and sweets on sale from Bowling Club
- 14.30 and 16.00 – Village Band
- 14.00 onwards – small pictures to paint with thoughts on 1952-2022 to form Jubilee Mosaic in hall

**Church and PC
Church**

**EVHMC
EVHMC / Shop
WI
Bowling Club
Village Band**

EVHMC

11. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

- Email re lights on Staick House scaffolding
- Email re landslippage on Brome Lane – reported, assessed by BB and being inspected weekly
- Email query re process for planning for solar panels
- Email from PCC with thanks for donation of Green Canopy trees
- Phonecall re landslip

From other sources

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – survey re new format of Talk Parish
- From HC – Community Partnership Event
- From HC – Talk Parish survey
- From Police and Crime Commissioner – 'We don't buy crime' property marking offer
- From HC – Change in PROW and TRO reporting and management
- From Balfour Beatty (BB) – March update

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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