

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 12 MAY 2022

- 8.1 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 – x1 Burglary. Shobdon – x1 Vehicle crime, x1 Public order, x2 Violence and sexual offences. 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.
How fire safe are you?
 Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFR) offer a FREE online Home Fire Safety Check. There are around 35,000 house fires and over 300 fire related deaths in Great Britain each year so this could play a vital part in helping our communities and HWFR are asking people to use it. You can access the Home Fire Safety Check on the [Safelincs website](#). Individuals can request further information and self-refer for a free Home Fire Safety Visit by calling HWFR on 0800 032 1155.
- 8.2 Dear Residents,
 Having worked with the local Fire service I was pleased to see that during national water rescue week our local Firefighters did an exercise in Eardisland on the river. I know residents value the ongoing commitment of the service in practicing for river and flooding events.
 Next month sees the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and all my communities seem to be arranging events to mark the occasion. Please get involved and not leave it all to others. After the last two years this is a time to celebrate community and being thankful that we live in a safe and secure part of the world.
 By law all Parishes must hold an annual meeting this time of year where local organisations and the Parish council can report to residents.
 As many of you know the 6 pitch travellers site at Turnpike between Pembridge and Shobdon has been closed for some time and is in need of extensive repair and renewal. The council also has plans to expand it to 10 pitches with a play area, I worked closely with the officers on the planning application involving local Parish councils with Pembridge PC having a presentation of the application before its submission. However the council has changed plans creating a new entrance on the Kingspan highway against local and my own recommendations. What I found so disturbing is this change of plan was not reported to me or my parish councils and we only heard of it via a third party private owner.
 I am still awaiting more details but with the ever rising construction costs and the phosphate restrictions the project looks like rolling on sometime. The council is holding a briefing for businesses in Kington this Tuesday between 5-6 pm.
 This month I cover my recent meeting with the Local Government Minister in London, two important consultations for your attention on future planning and Hereford City traffic and travel; update on new proposed bin collections, the initial feedback on the impact of the Pembridge 20 mph speed limit and other local highway concerns, the opening of the new facilities at Eardisland village hall plus usual information and contact points
 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
 YES MINISTER
 Last month I went through security at the front door of the Home Office and onto the annex beyond which is the home of Communities department now referred to as the Department of Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

I had a meeting with the Local Government Minister Kemi Badenoch MP. I was primarily there in my role as Chair of the England & Wales Local Government Pension scheme advisory board reporting to her on the UK largest funded pension scheme with six million members- active, differed and retired which is in her portfolio. As she oversees the whole of the local government sector it was worth expanding the agenda to cover some other issues impacting on council's finance and pressures on my rural communities.

Supporting Ukraine

I am pleased to report many Ukraine families are being housed in Herefordshire and locally in our parishes. Herefordians continue to give their support to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Herefordshire has three main collection points – the nearest being Bridge Street in Leominster. 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. We have collections on Thursday afternoons in Pembridge car park – check website for details <https://www.facebook.com/pembridgevillagecommunity>
The local team continues to organise supplies and need to get a second vehicle either by donation or purchase to make a weekly delivery. More details on Penrhos, to organise a delivery of locally donated materials from Herefordians to the boundary of Ukraine. Local details can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/drivingsuppliestoukraine/>

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

More planning consultations till 16th May

The council is updating its planning strategy and following on from its consultation on rural development settlements a major review of a whole series of important policies including Rural access policy, rural economy, future of neighbourhood planning, affordable housing and balanced communities together with water management, landscape, housing design, transport, infrastructure and several others is currently online till 16th May. Information and options can be found at <https://hlp.commonplace.is/> If you need further assistance, please email ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk or phone 01432 383357. I have a concern about the pace these consultations are coming out and the size of them. A survey on village services came out to Parish Councils with originally only a week to reply and was full of inaccuracies. These consultations are easy to miss or ignore due to their size and complexity but the consequences on the provisions of homes, development of businesses including Farming in the future are significant.

Hereford Travel Survey.

The online survey will run until Wednesday 25 May. It is open to anyone aged 16 and over who lives or works in the county. <https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/76/hereford-travel-survey>
The survey, which is required as part of the Department for Transport Access Fund, will seek to provide data on changes to travel patterns, including changes during and post-pandemic, and the impact of more widespread home working. The data will support future travel and transport planning and will be shared with the Department for Transport.

Emerging new Waste collections service for 2023.

The council is renewing its waste collection service to meet the new government regulations. The emerging plan is a weekly collection service which will require households to store five bins with a three week rotational service. In week one a blue bin collection of paper and card products;
Week two – green bin of plastic, cans and glass
Week three- grey bin – general waste

In addition there will be weekly collection of a small food waste bin and seasonal gardening collection fortnightly. It is anticipated these changes will not happen till mid-2023. The new system will be a problem for residents with little room to store the bins and bag collections will continue where existing problems occur. However the aim is to boost still further the recycling rates of the county and exceed the government targets.

Erosion at Hey Bridge, Broome Lane

A scoping of work to repair the soil slippage near the Hey Bridge down Broome lane is being undertaken by Balfour. The highway itself is not impacted but clearly any vehicle going off it could be damaged. I understand the landowner is talking to the EA on any mitigation to reduce the risk of further erosion.

The Arrow is notorious for its twists and curves and has been changing its position for centuries but clearly we need to keep an eye on these sensitive sites. In Hereford and Worcester Council times, caged stone was placed by the Gig bridge to prevent the highway to Staunton from eroding, and remains successful.

The most serious current erosion in the county is on the main road at Whitney on Wye, just past the toll bridge, where the river Wye has eaten away the embankment and part of the highway has started to subside. Traffic lights have been there for over 5 years and the last estimate I saw was over £500,000 to repair .

Interestingly at a Balfour Beatty briefing for councillors one of the staff told us only the Isle of Wight Council spends less on its highways than Herefordshire Council. The Highways cabinet member confirmed he thought that was probably right. Herefordshire has over two thousand miles of highways plus its rights of way but while neighbouring authorities borrow capital to invest in highways this council chooses not to.

WARNING NOTICE

If you see a sheep lay on its back like this please go and push her on to her side so she can get on her feet. This time of year before shearing, the ewes have a large fleece on them and after grazing on the spring grass they become prone to turning on their backs and unable to get themselves up as the grass ferments in their stomach. Don't contact the farmer just go and pull them up as time can be critical before the internal gases bloat and kill them probably leaving two orphan lambs.

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>.

PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk PROW No – 01432 383 550

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@pembbridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk Shobdon shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com

Lyonsall lyonsallparishclerk@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

- 12.1 Work done in April: Mechanical Weed Control; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required.
Work due in May: 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; Trim around and clean Road Signs throughout parish & clean up (Check for Nesting Birds); Strim visibility splays; Strim either side of village gates.
- 12.2. Due to the drainage grant being oversubscribed, the fund has been distributed throughout all applicants. Therefore a grant of £4,339 only is available.
 Work put forward for grant as follows:
 Clear all ditches and grips on Burton Court Lane and Clear all the ditches and grips on C1035 from Swandrift to Kingfisher House – Now being done by Balfour Beatty with their ditching and grip machine
 Clear all the ditches and grips on Lyme Lane (£900) and Remove silt from the Millstream and cart away spoil to local site (£1,280). Therefore PC can obtain drainage grant of £2,180. This should free £2,678 from the Work on river and millstream budget line which could be added to uncommitted reserves and possibly some used to pay PCC grant – but not until BB has agreed the amount the PC claim.
- 12.4. The Environment & Sustainability Group of Eardisland Parish Council has the following ongoing projects:
- Thermal Image reports to be delivered to 27 properties during May.
 - The Great Collaboration sign ups now at 9 for the parish
 - Promoting 'The Big Plastic Count' 16-22nd May, a citizen science project collecting information on single use plastic, gaining awareness for the 'Plastic Free Communities' project.
 - Investigating the potential for a central soft plastic recycling point in Eardisland, with collected plastic being dropped off at the co-op.
 - Looking at potential for collecting hard to recycle items such as pet food pouches with the help of a contact who fundraises for Pembridge primary School.
 - Display promoting the work of the PC and the E&SG at 'Spring Greens' fair 7/8th May, and encouraging links with similar groups in local parishes.
 - Organising a talk 'Trees and Hedgerows' from Sarah King of The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, as part of our Tree Audit project on Tuesday 7th June. Talk will be promoted to local parishes.

Items for consideration at Parish Council meeting 12th May 2022

Soft Plastic Recycling

One of the issues raised by parishioners at the March Eco Event was the lack of places to recycle soft plastic of the type often used in food packaging. This facility is now available at the co-ops in Leominster and Kington, however it is felt that individuals having to make dedicated journeys to these recycling points may prove a barrier. It has been noted that a village initiative in Almeley has a central collection point in their disused phone box with a large bin regularly emptied and taken to the coop. **Would the council be open to a recycling point being trialled in Eardisland, potentially in the bus stop?**

Tree and Hedgerow talk refreshments

Sarah King of The Herefordshire Wildlife Trust will give a talk on the 7th of June. We will be promoting this to local parishes to encourage links and ideas sharing and would hope a number of interested parishioners would attend. **Would the Parish Council fund approximately £10 of refreshments purchased from the Community Shop (milk/teabags/ coffee/biscuits)?**

12.5 Lloyds Cooper can undertake the legal work, cost no more than £675 +VAT (PC has been given reduced rate).

12.7 Other contractors approached not willing/able to quote.

Areas for quotes	Andy Wood	James Ross	Dickie Preece (previous contractor)
1 and 2 (village greens), 3 and 4 (either side of Millstream), 5 (edge along Manor House wall), 6 (by war memorial – all using push mower and strim	£100	£40	£70 – including play area
7 (play area) – using push mower and strim round equipment 8 (main recreation ground) – using ride-on and strim round equipment and trees	£150	£100	£30 – main recreation ground only
9 (wildflower area) – using ride-on for paths round/through and strim/topper x1/yr at end of growing season	£100 (topper)	£30 (strim)	£40
TOTAL based on 13 cuts/yr of all areas except wildflower meadow x1	£3,350	£1,850	£1,340

12.8 Co-ordinator of Craft Fair approached by company who wish to site a bounce house (bouncy castle) on the recreation ground. 6 people – adults or children or mixture. Weather dependent – may have small display inside if bad weather for flyers/cards etc – Co-ordinator to agree. Public Liability insurance of company – certificate to be provided if PC agree in principle.

12.9 Group suggests sending Personal Checklist and letter reminding about registering with EA, looking at Flood Plan etc to all households. Need to update contact details for Clerk, so cannot be done before July. Suggest ask for documents to go out with July magazine. Once new Clerk has phone, will set up WhatsApp Group for all volunteers to improve communication during an event, including to Chair's new mobile! Clerk to review barriers numbers and sites, may need 1-2 new ones and new site at Leominster border of parish.

13. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

- Email re Gigaclear in Hardwick
- Email query over planning responses
- Emails re road erosion on Broome Lane
- Email re mowing within village
- Phonecalls x2 re Gigaclear on Lyme Lane

From other sources

- From SNT – Policing Charter survey
- From Herefordshire Community Foundation – info on grants for food banks, fuel poverty and resilience
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Rural Settlements Services and Environmental Survey
- From Herefordshire Community Foundation – Grants re fuel poverty and food banks
- From HC – Growth and development blog update
- From Hereford Community Foundation – Resilience grant, not for PCs
- From Police and Crime Commissioner – Survey and newsletter
- From Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator – Global Safety Event 13-19 May
- From Talk Community – change of date of Talk Parish in June – now 22 June 7-8.30pm

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk