CLERK’S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 21 JULY 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](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>

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Report a crime   Police 101 Ext 7723802

**April crime statistics from West Mercia police website**

Reported in Eardisland parish –x1 Criminal damage and arson. Pembridge – x1 Violence and sexual offence. 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/>

**Useful numbers**

* Victim Advice Line - 0800 952 3000
* West Mercia Women's Aid Helpline (available to help all victims) - 0800 980 3331
* Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327
* The Mix (for under 25s) - 0808 808 4994
* National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0800 999 5428
* Samaritans - 116 123

**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](https://www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc). Individuals can request further information and self-refer for a free Home Fire Safety Visit by calling HWFR on 0800 032 1155.

4.2 Dear Residents,

What a fantastic Platinum Jubilee we had in our parishes, as you know I sent out pictures from the four days of events and activities I attended after the bank holidays, but again I want to say a special thank you to all those people who help helped organise and supported the various events.

  I have always believed that part of my role as your local County Councillor is to encourage and support residents  to strengthen their communities, improving our quality of life and the celebrations certainly proved that. After the challenging years we have all endured it was a real pleasure to see so many people safely together enjoying the company of their neighbours. I hope also it will inspire residents to continue to volunteer for community events and organisations to promote closer links between us all.

The Jubilee was an opportunity for our nation to celebrate and thank Her Majesty for her 70 years of service  and dedication. I think it also made us realise one morning will we awake and never sing "God save the Queen "in our lives again.

Last month I invited all my Parish Clerks, local ward planners, our Balfour steward and Community Police officer to meet up – the first time we had all been physically together since before covid. I made a presentation to Alison Sutton to thank her for all the support she had given to me over the years as clerk to Eardisland PC. She has been a great strength to all the team of clerks, and has literally supported her parish through floods and festivals, planning, potholes and a pandemic. My very best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

The agenda and discussions were wide ranging and included new emerging Planning Core strategy timetable, planning enforcement, speeding, highway matters and engagement with large Agri-businesses. Most importantly for me is the opportunity for all these key people who service the local community to strengthen their contacts and experience with each other and feel part of a local team.

  Another issue we discussed was the provision of superfast Broadband to the ward. While the Titley Group Airband contract is behind the rest ,and will need careful monitoring, I am concerned to ensure we cover and fill any gaps where we can. I have identified a couple of clusters of houses who have been missed by our contractors and want to get that put right asap. If you think you and your neighbours have missed connection in the existing contracts please let me know while the contracts are still live,

  As previously, Utility Contractors have to liaise with the local authority on any works and closures of highways; so linking onto this connection will give clear notice of expected timetables of installation.

<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.

I was pleased to see a presentation our local "Go Wild in the Curl project" on the agenda of the last Nutrient Board. This was an example of some positive action to improve the situation with its 20% reduction in recorded phosphate which seemed to be overlooked in the all the narrative on water quality.

  Herefordshire Council is consulting on its proposals for the  future of planning developments in the county till 2041 under the  title of Place shaping. The emerging proposals will form part of a County Plan which will be a policy document to determine all future planning applications for housing and economic development  in Herefordshire in the future.

The current phase of consultation includes identifying 50 village settlements for future houses. There are three emerging proposals that I need to bring to your urgent attention.

  Firstly, while Pembridge, Shobdon and Lyonshall are identified for future house building  significantly Eardisland is not; therefore losing its status as a settlement on the grounds of environmental constraints due to its high risk of flooding  with rising climate concerns. This means it will be regarded as open countryside and for the first time since planning policies were established after the second World War  no dwellings will be allowed to be built in the village. This clearly is a significant development and has huge impact on the way the village operates in the future.

Secondly, Titley is not identified as a main settlement but is suggested as a potential settlement for smaller affordable dwellings. Furthermore, Staunton on arrow loses its status as a settlement and therefore it reverts to its pre 2015 status as open countryside – with no new houses allowed. For some time now the community has been working on its Neighbourhood plan under the assumption that both Titley and Staunton would have future house building. This emerging plan effectively quashes their community planning proposals. It is important that the community properly discuss and contribute to this consultation and influence any final determination.

  Thirdly, Holmes Marsh loses its settlement status and returns to open countryside.

  All the rest of the ward is considered open countryside and the only residential development allowed is Agriculture dwellings, providing they pass a functional and financial test, and conversion of sound constructed redundant buildings. The proposed rates of build is the lowest since planning rules came in, and I think there needs to be an understanding of the particular provision of homes for economically active people working in the local community and  suitable housing for a maturing less mobile local population .

  The timescale of this planning becoming the legal framework for Herefordshire is currently late 2023 - possibly longer, but as the plan progresses its weight starts to increase in legal terms.

  The Place Shaping Consultation documents can be found on the Consultation platform [Have Your Say Today – Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 – Commonplace](https://hlp.commonplace.is/) or on HC website [Local Plan 2021 - 2041 – Herefordshire Council](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1/local-plan-2021-2041). The closing date for the consultation is the 29 July 2022.

Highways.

The Annual Highway plan between the Council and Balfour has now been signed off with two drainage works being the only money to be spent in my parishes this financial year – no resurfacing in any part of the ward. The two works are at the Curl bridge in Lyonshall and just below the Shawls in Titley

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

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/625c9529/SXeFosfnOk6slzABvxHPGw?u=https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes%23_blank)

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/e3b2b34e/ttjzBlvIfEewR-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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.powercut105.com)

BT phone line issues: [www.downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom](http://www.downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom)

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 or visit [www.wwutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas](http://www.wwutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas/)

Welsh Water: [0800 052 0130](tel:08000520130) (Water emergencies) or [0800 085 3968](tel:08000853968) (Sewer emergencies) or visit [www.contact.dwrcymru.com/](http://www.contact.dwrcymru.com/)

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

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Titley Group [rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleypc@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 have a planning enforcement concern [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

7.1 Work done in June: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish – Clear as required; Clean white lines – Clear as required; Strim either side of village gates.

Work due in July: Trim around and clean Road Signs throughout parish & clean up (Check for Nesting Birds) (4)

Strim visibility splays, Strim and remove debris – footpath to church, Strim, hedge trim & remove debris – footpath to mound, Strim either side of village gates.

7.3 **The Great Collaboration and Greener Footprints**

The PC agenda for 14th July 2022 has an item asking the PC to consider signing the Greener Footprints pledge. The following may help differentiate between The Great Collaboration and Greener Footprints.

**The Great Collaboration**

The PC signed up to The Great Collaboration at the PC meeting on 9.12.21.  
The Great Collaboration Platform is a partnership project between Herefordshire Green Network, Caplor Horizons and Fownhope Parish Council.  
It consists of a website [https://greatcollaboration.uk](https://greatcollaboration.uk/) where individuals and businesses can sign up and view a list of carbon reducing and ecologically beneficial actions.  
Parish councils will have access to the data showing how many individuals and businesses have signed up and what actions they are engaged with and can use this data to plan Carbon Reduction Actions for the parish. It provides a standardised format for doing this across all local councils.  
The Parish Council should aim to produce a set of annual Carbon Reduction Actions covering all relevant council strategies. This report will detail the specific actions to be taken for the next year.  
They should review reports annually and adjust supported actions accordingly.  
Initially (at the 9.12.21 meeting) it was suggested the first report should be prepared for the May 2022 PC meeting, which wasn’t done due to lack of data due to a low number of signups.   
Current engagement with The Great Collaboration is low, 8 sign ups in the Parish, 245 across the county.  
Summary: Gather data, create action plan

**Greener Footprints**

[Greener Footprints](https://zerocarbon.herefordshire.gov.uk/greener-footprints-pledge/) is a communications and engagement campaign supported by Herefordshire Council. This has been designed to encourage, inspire and mobilise people and organisations from all corners of the community to be part of a Herefordshire-wide "movement of positive action" on a scale never seen before in order to tackle climate change and protect the county's rich nature and wildlife. These environmental ambitions and activities are being steered and driven by a specially created 16-strong Climate and Nature Partnership Board.

The PC is being encouraged to ‘Make the Greener Footprints Pledge’ which would then commit it to considering actions proposed by the CNPB and promoting to the community if and when they take actions.  
There are a variety of resources available to help promotion, including a logo to be added to email and website communications and posters for notice boards.

The Greener Footprints website doesn’t have a full list of actions but has a ’22 things to do in 22’ list of ways to reduce your carbon footprint. The ones applicable to the PC would be Calculate Your Carbon Footprint, Driving Less, Garden for Carbon and Wildlife, Offset Carbon Emissions, Tree Planting.  
Summary: Take actions and promote

7.6 2 sessions done since May. Highest speed 51mph, 70-107 cars passed through within length of session.

9. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

* Email re site of village green
* Email re dog fouling
* Emails re closure of Church Road
* Emails re mowing

From other sources

* From HC – information events for next Core Strategy consultation
* From HC – Monthly development blog
* From Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) – Estate strategy and survey
* From HC – Place Shaping consultation
* From HC – Briefing doc re annual canvass of electorate

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