

## CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 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>  
 Dean Wall PC 07773 053846  
 Emma Dune PCSO 07971 051474  
 Felix Rawlingson PCSO 07971 051480  
 Report a crime Police 101 Ext 7723802  
**June crime statistics from West Mercia police website**  
 Reported in Eardisland parish –x1 Anti-Social Behaviour, x1 Vehicle 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/>  
**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.hereford.gov.uk/safelincs). 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,

With heat records being set this has been a challenging time for many people and businesses and we certainly understood Noel Coward's old song about mad dogs and Englishmen going out in the midday sun.

But as the local saying goes we go back from Kington Show to light the fires for winter as the evenings draw in. There are many local events over the next month which I hope you will support, of which Kington Show is the largest. The show held at the Ovals Lyonshall returns after two years absence and involves huge commitments of hundreds of volunteers. The show volunteers given the size of the event were required to provide a management plan of 51 pages for Herefordshire Council which including many interesting requests in particular what the organisers were doing to encourage safer sex ! I have made the point to the council that we need to be supporting the community and voluntary sector in these post covid times and a more balanced approach to risk assessment is required.

Last month saw a series of targeted thefts and other incidents at night on several commercial and farm premises which has caused alarm and distress to many. I have contacted our police team and invited senior West Mercia officers to address my Parish Councils and businesses on these issues and other matters including traffic in the coming months.

The new Phosphate credits system is due to be underway now with developers applying to the council to buy credits from them to allow them to build new homes. Using the councils purchase of land adjacent to sewage works for wetlands to absorb the phosphate over the years this will allow building providing `nutrient neutrality`. Planning permission has come in for the second such wetland scheme at Titley which is a very small plant. The credit applies to all of the River Lugg catchment area and not the specific drainage land of the individual wetland . I will be monitoring the council to allow individual schemes other than theirs to allow house building providing they demonstrate similar neutrality. With the Government's recent announcement on forcing Water Companies to increase their investment in upgrading public sewers any phosphate gains should also be brought into the calculations.

Although we are not yet six months into the financial year the budget for 2023/24 must be considered. The extra strains in Children services and the challenge of adult social remain huge pressures in Herefordshire together with

inflation. Initial papers indicate budget pressures of 21 million, including 12 million in children care services, but the council has 106 million reserves most of which is earmarked against risks.

In this update I look forward to the completion of the delivery of superfast broadband access to my ward. In 2012 I was the cabinet member who helped set up the Fastershire contract for Herefordshire and Gloucestershire which has used government funding to bring superfast broadband to the non-commercial areas of the county – effectively everything outside of Hereford City. A long but important journey particularly when the internet is scheduled to be switched off the copper wire telephone service this decade.

I also cover the first results of the 2021 national census and what it tells us about how Herefordshire is changing, the annual h.Art exhibition in our county, update on my saga of trying to get the Gigg footbridge and debris sorted plus the usual contact information.

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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### Superfast Broadband on target

We are moving to the final and possibly most challenging stage of the delivery of fibre optic broadband to my ward which involves the Titley group of parishes. I have been working with the Airband and Fastershire teams for some time to achieve this build which has been complicated by the isolated dwellings and hamlets it has to cover. The Airband contract for the Titley group of parishes will also complete the last sections of Pembridge parish still awaiting fibre – Marston, Cabal and all of Noke lane, and also Lyonshall at Bullock's Mill and Hunton. I am very grateful to all the cooperative landowners who have worked with the contractors to allow permission for the fibre to be laid in their ground. Regrettably there will be a very small number of homes that will not have access, but I am confident that by spring next year well over 99% of all my residents and businesses will have access to purchase superfast broadband.

Currently the Staunton section is scheduled to be progressed from this month with many road closures from mid-October into November – again this may be subject to some change. This section includes Horseway head, Staunton village, going to cross the Arrow at the Noke bridge then back up Noke Lane, down past Cabal then via the Rhyse lane to Marston.

There are spurs from the main road that will pick up Bullocks mill, Hunton, Stansbatch and Staunton Green before going over to Wapley into Byton.

The Nash and Knill section still has some small issues to deal with but hopefully these can be resolved and their works completed in similar time frame. I also had a very productive meeting with landowners to hopefully achieve delivery to the Byletts section outside Pembridge.

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.

### 2021 CENSUS POPULATION RESULTS FOR HEREFORDSHIRE

Apart from 1941 an annual census has taken place in this country since 1811 and the preliminary results of the 2021 census and estimates were published a few weeks ago. The population of Herefordshire has risen to 187,100 a rise of 3,600 people which is an increase of 2% on 2011. However, that is a slower rate than England and Wales which saw on average an increase of 6.6%.

With approximately 86 people per square metre, Herefordshire has the fourth lowest population density out of all the counties in England. ( equivalent to two football pitches per person).

The number of children under 15 has decreased by 4.3% over the last ten years compared to a national increase of 5%.

The number of people aged between 15 to 64 has declined by 4.1% compared to 13.6% increase nationally. The number of over 65 year olds and over on the other hand has increased by 24.1% in the last ten years compared to 20.1% nationally.

There are 4,500 more households in the county than in 2011 – up by 5.7% compared to a national increase of 6.1%.

Herefordshire has a higher proportion of residents in their early fifties and above and lower proportions of young people. There are more females and males reflecting the national pattern with 97 men to every 100 women ( 96 in England & Wales).

This information starts to clearly paint a picture of the future pressures on our public services –particularly local health and care, and some of the challenges ahead for our local economy, housing market and education system.

## Highway Matters

I have had concerns raised with me about traffic on our C and Unclassified highways and in particular Hamlets following on from the accident at Weston. The problems are effectively funding and self-enforcement. Signage on rural roads has the least influence on drivers and is problematic to enforce and there are few options that are practical.

While parked cars can be an option in villages to help slow traffic, in rural areas this only results in verges being further destroyed.

I have been pointed to the "CPRE Quiet Lanes" which although well intentioned seemed more aspirational than offering tangible things to be done. Worcestershire have some but I am told they are not ideal and more difficult to establish in active farming areas and with parcel force deliveries to households.

Driving any vehicle on a public highway is a responsibility and carries risks; and that's the message we need to be consistent on. Next month all 16 year olds in the county will have been invited via their schools to Hereford & Worcester Fire services annual "Dying to Drive" event in Leominster - sadly not all our high schools co-operate. This event graphically recreates a road accident with the use of very realistic make up. It pulls no punches and together with sessions afterwards on speeding, cycling, and general safety awareness is one of the best education experiences that potential drivers can have. It is something that needs to be repeated to us all.

I have contacted both our local MPs to urge them to lobby the Government in the forthcoming Transport Bill to require better use of Satnavs. Drivers of HGVs and heavy vehicles should be required to use specialist Satnav devices which include bridge heights, narrow roads and roads unsuitable for heavy vehicles. They allow the driver to input lorry's dimensions – height, width, weight and load- so they are guided along suitable roads.

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-prov-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](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](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.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas](http://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/](http://www.contact.dwrcymru.com/)

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Titley Group [rachaeljones.titleygc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleygc@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 July and August: Trim around and clean Road Signs throughout parish & clean up (Check for Nesting Birds) Strim visibility splays, Strim and remove debris – footpath to church, Strim, hedge trim & remove debris – footpath to mound, Strim either side of village gates. Strim and remove debris – Lyme Lane ditch. Check drain tops and grips through parish – clear as required. Clean white lines – clear as required
- Work due in September: Strim and remove debris – footpath to church. Strim and remove debris – both sides on one-way road School Lane. Strim and remove debris – recreation ground ditch. Strim, hedge trim and remove debris – footpath to mound. Strim either side of village gates. Cut back hedge in war memorial car park and remove debris.

## 7.4 Eardisland Parish Magazine – Proposed dates for 2023

<b>Copy Date</b>	<b>Probable Distribution Date</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December

7.8 Last session on 25 August. 90 vehicles through in 51 minutes session – 8 were over speed limit – one at 54mph

## 9. Correspondence – as follows:

From and to parishioners

- Emails re benches
- Email re parish magazine
- Emails re mowing
- Emails re CPR/Defibrillator training

From other sources

- From HC – information on Place Shaping Consultation
- From HC - Open Spaces Audit
- From HC, NALC, SLCC - Operation London Bridge

Debbie Cottam – Parish Clerk

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