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Two items of that might be of interest ...

1. Funding for Farming in Protected Landscapes in Wye Valley AONB:

https://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/farming-in-protected-landscapes/

Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, launched by Defra in July this year and running until March 2024. Under it, farmers and land managers who work in (or next to) Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks can apply for funding for projects that: a) Support nature recovery, b) Mitigate the impacts of climate change and c) Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage

2. Would you be interested being a member of the Climate and Nature Partnership? https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/1196/you-can-help-make-herefordshire-a-zero-carbon-and-nature-rich-county

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- Correspondence with/from residents: i) highways and speeding (referred to PC)
- Outstanding:
 - S106 (still waiting for it to go on the website to see allocation)
 https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1/section-106-planning-obligations/3?documentId=928&categoryId=200185) (HC)
 - o TRO 77/85 (BBLP)
 - o C1258 'when to be carried out in 2021/22' (BBLP)
 - o awaiting legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue in Goodrich (BBLP)
 - o Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues/responsibility (landowner)
- My full report is published on www.wagpc.org.uk click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

Walford Parish (WPC)

- Correspondence from residents: i) concerns on specific planning applications and enforcement, ii) comments made by a parish councillor at the last WPC meeting, iii) update on BBLP action re: flooding at Daycroft Lane
- Outstanding:
 - Highways:
 - Levs Hill Junction (BBLP)
 - WA50 (BBLP)
 - WA25 bridge on work programme for 2020/21 (BBLP)
 - Pavement from Mill Race to Church (BBLP)

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- Awaiting WPC's response on:
 - Speeding in Walford update on the community project to train local volunteers to detect/monitor speeding?
 - Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)
- Member of the Flooding Sub-Group (linked to the Parish Council's Safety & Environmental Working Group)

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

• **Correspondence with/from residents**: i) concerns on specific planning applications; ii) poor accessibility and mobility in the village incl. dropped kerbs

Outstanding:

- Poor state of PROWs & carriageways in Symonds Yat West: C1257, WC2, WC3 and WC9A
- Speed and traffic restrictions parents worried about children walking/cycling to
 Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road (WGPC/BBLP) + pavement required
- Highway England matters: awaiting action on flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew/ junction on A40 and another junction opposite Woods of Whitchurch (HE)

Across the Three Parishes

- Having continued conversations/correspondence with BBLP, Highways and Transport, and Highways England re: flooding, drains, potholes, road surfacing and footpaths/bridleways across the ward + continuing to walk and cycle across the three Parishes.
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council and/or residents have expressed concerns
- Being a Facilitator/Advocate for parish residents/Clerks/Parish Councillors and raising/following through issues to the appropriate Officers in Herefordshire Council

Herefordshire Council (HC):

- 1. Carrying out my role as **Proxy Councillor** for a planning application in Linton parish
- 2. **Covid:** there is an automated **Herefordshire-focused dashboard** to give local residents a quick and easy way to access the latest picture of Herefordshire statistics on Covid:

https://understanding.herefordshire.gov.uk/health/covid-19-weekly-summary/

- 3. Attached is the **monthly Newsletter from the Leader** which outlines updates from individual Cabinet members
- 4. E-Committee, e-Council and e-Cabinet meetings are working well and will continue hopefully as a hybrid for the foreseeable future. In addition to my ward work my current portfolios include Cabinet Support for Children's & Families (early years/children experiencing care/Voice of the Child/Corporate Parenting/public health, food sustainability); Local Democracy (parish councils); Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.