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New Mobile Van Post Office services at Goodrich and Eaton Bishop (including the re-opening of a temporary Mobile Van service at Drybrook and Grosmont), and some changes to the existing Mobile services at: Almeley, Wigmore, Pembridge, Weobley, Whitney on Wye, Dorstone, Gladestry, Walton and New Radnor.

The Mobile van Post Office services will be operated by the postmaster from St Weonards Post Office, stopping in various locations one of which is in your representation area. For further information please visit our Consultation Hub via the link below: Consultation Hub – St Weonards Mobile Service HR2 8NZ

Farming Minds Charity want to help challenge and break down the stigmas associated with Mental Health in the farming community. They aim to help and guide as many people as possible, and let people know that it is ok, not to be ok. If you would like to find out more, please contact Emily Mobile: 07506 567500 Email: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

A FREE Farm Carbon Footprint 1-to-1 session with your own farm's carbon data using the Farm Carbon Toolkit. Individual / Small group slots available

Thursday 22nd September 2022 at Hereford YFC, Beech Business Park, Tillington Rd, Hereford HR4 9QJ*30 minute and 45 minute slots available between 9am and 5pm*, OR

Thursday 3rd **November 2022** at Waterend Farm, Coaley, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5DR *30* minute and 45 minute slots available between 10am and 5pm

The 1-to-1 sessions can cover:-

- · Assistance with inputting your own data on to the toolkit
- · Interpreting the findings of your carbon footprint to the benefit of your farm business
- Looking at where emissions and sequestration arise within your farming activities
- · Sorting out queries about previously completed or ongoing carbon footprints
- · Or if you and a group of friends are new to this and would like to find out more about the FC Toolkit, then you can book a group slot.

Please book your slot(s) with Frances at Herefordshire Rural Hub

Email: - bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

When booking, please give your Holding Number or SBI number

If you have your own laptop, please bring it with you.

As background information, our Faster Farmers Farm Carbon webinars can be viewed HERE

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Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

• Correspondence query: a) specific planning applications, b) track, c) Dry Arch speed/traffic/HGVs, d) waste collection, signage, grit bins, yellow lines, hedge, verge and tree cutting, emergency response, lack of recognition of SYE, e) history of flooding, f) traffic/speed, g) verge next to Kerne Bridge (bollards), h) disabled access, i) Locality Steward report (scant & vague)

Outstanding:

- HGV's / oversized vehicles on Church Pitch and Shop Lane (BBLP)
- General conflicting information from different BBLP departments / officers PRoW on GR17 on B4229 (awaiting clarity on mixed message BBLP - "white lines" is one example of this (BBLP)
- Double Yellow Lines on C1258 at junction to Symonds Yat (when will it be scheduled in 2022/2023 + Parking issues generally at Symonds Yat – it's not just about the DYL at the top – also the passing bays all the way down (BBLP)
- o Permanent bollards at Kerne Bridge (PC TRO BBLP)
- 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)
- Speeding traffic TRO 77/85 (BBLP)
- C1258: Autumn 2022 (awaiting specifics from BBLP)
- Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues/responsibility (Landowner)

Walford Parish (WPC)

• Correspondence from residents: a) low hanging canopy of trees overhanging Sharman Pitch, b) concerns about planning, c) drainage& localised flooding issues, d) riparian ditch, e) Harris fencing, f) HHMP

• Outstanding:

- o Highways:
 - Re-paint 'slow' on road near Green Meadows (BBLP)
 - Green Meadows 30mph sign (WPC)
 - Leys Hill Junction (BBLP/S106)
 - WA50 (BBLP)
 - Pavement from Mill Race to Church too narrow (BBLP)
 - DEFRA NFM Scheme Castle Brook
 - HH Memorial Project (HHMP)
 - Dismantled Railway Line/Access to school

- o EHO
 - Foul water into riparian ditch/drain (HH)
 - Foul water from septic tank on to highway (HH)
- Awaiting WPC's update on:
 - 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) and Local Plan Consultation Group
- Member of the Howle Hill Memorial Project

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

• Correspondence with/from residents: a) verge grass & brambles Crocker Ash/Well View Lane (BBLP), b) cross-county issue with full injection boxes, c) Men's Shed, d) Fastershire in Ganarew, e) Wye View Lane encroachment, f) United Reform Church re: graveyard/covenant, g) Dry Arch speed/traffic/HGVs

Outstanding:

- o The poor condition of the BOATS on the Doward (BBLP)
- o Poor condition of the main Doward ring road U71234 (BBLP)
- o Poor condition of the road Greenway Lane to Lewstone Mill (BBLP)
- Landslip Sandyway Lane (BBLP)
- The need for additional dropped curbs to assist mobility Whitchurch village (BBLP)
- Llangrove Road a part of which is in the parish traffic speed concerns for walkers (BBLP)
- The persistent daily illegal parking on double yellow lines at Woods Of Whitchurch causing blocked road and danger to walkers on the main street (BBLP)
- Flash flooding situation that can take place in the area Woods Of Whitchurch (BBLP)
- Flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew (HE)
- o Acrid smell from Stoney Hill Industrial Estate

Across the Three Parishes. My full report is published on www.wagpc.org.uk - click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

- 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

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 Researching Dark Skies and light pollution legislation; lobbying for a Rural Strategy for Herefordshire, calling for MPs and central govt. to revise the Land Drainage Act to include ecological impacts and reviewing the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions across AONB

Herefordshire Council (HC): Leaders April 2022 Newsletter (see attached)

- E-Committee, e-Council and e-Cabinet meetings are working well and will continue –
 hopefully as a hybrid for the foreseeable future. My responsibilities include: corporate
 parenting; Planning & Regulatory Committee, Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny
 Committee, Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board and Wye Valley AONB Joint
 Advisory Committee;
- 2. My ward work includes 'across three parishes' and specific foci including: Rural proofing Herefordshire Council's contracts and services, Drainage and Planning, the Kerne Bridge Dark Skies Project and Local Democracy/Political Literacy Project