

**Work in Specific Parish:**

**Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor:**

1. Met with the Head of Planning to discuss S106
2. Attended the opening of the new nursery building at Goodrich Primary School
3. Met with a couple living in Goodrich to discuss a wide range of subjects including health provision and dark skies
4. Delivered the final 'Your Voice Matters' session with Year 6 children at Whitchurch Primary School. The children have identified 5 key issues in their respective parishes and are writing their letters to their Parish and Ward Councillors. The key issues for children living in the Parish of Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor are:
  - a. **No safe paths** – children want to walk to school and around the Parish but cars are parked on the footpaths + there need to be more footpaths put in place in the Parish
  - b. **Speeding cars** – children do not feel safe walking on the roads and are asking that a speed restriction is put in place.
  - c. **Lack of play areas or parks for children to play in or meet** that is in the village when the school is closed
  - d. **Hedges** - asking that hedges are cut on a more regular basis and that care is taken to make sure no stray bramble vines are hanging out because children walk into them in the dark
  - e. **Lack of local shops or a corner shop** in the village
5. Outstanding - Investigating 'whose' responsibility is it to clean up area near the bridge of A40 Highways England or BBLP); Noticeboard to be placed in/near Dean Swift Close;

**Walford:**

1. The grubbed out hedgerow on top of Leys Hill has been found to be in breach of the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 and to be re-planted
2. Served refreshments at the NDP Consultation workshop on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov
3. Met the WWI Memorial Project Group
4. Delivered the final 'Your Voice Matters' session with Year 6 children at Whitchurch Primary School. The children have identified 5 key issues in their respective parish and are writing their letters to their Parish and Ward Councillors. The key issues for children living in the Parish of Walford are (similar to Goodrich):
  - a. **Speeding cars** – children do not feel safe walking on the roads and are asking that a speed restriction is put in place.
  - b. **Lack of play areas or parks for children to play in or meet** that is in the village when the school is closed
  - c. **No safe/adequate footpaths** – children want to walk to school and around the Parish but find foot paths are difficult to walk on over fields
5. Outstanding - Leys Hill junction (waiting receipt of traffic survey); Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)

### Whitchurch

1. Continue to hold discussions with colleagues and Offices about Monmouth Recycling facilities being closed to Herefordshire residents + recycling bags not to have glass put in them + no joined up thinking in terms of involving local voluntary recycling groups/Parish to find a cohesive solution. The Cabinet member is now involved and is talking to HC Officers, Monmouthshire Council Officers and Councillors about the above
2. Met with a Symonds Yat Business Group member and discussed involvement in the Gilpin2020 Festival
3. Delivered the final 'Your Voice Matters' session with Year 6 children at Whitchurch Primary School. The children have identified 5 key issues in their Parish and are writing their letters to their Respective Parish and ward Councillors. The key issues for children living in the Parish of Whitchurch are:
  - a. **Pot holes** are a problem because many children cycle to school and are finding the pot holes nearest to the footpaths (and at the edge of the roads) dangerous,
  - b. **Hedges** - asking that hedges are cut on a more regular basis and that care is taken to make sure no stray bramble vines are hanging out because children walk into them in the dark
  - c. **Footpaths** – there are many finger boards that are missing or need repair on many footpaths
  - d. **Litter** on the Doward - a pupil intends to set up a litter picking group and have provided her with details of the Stop the Drop Team
  - e. **Lack of football pitch and play areas for primary school children**
4. On-going conversations with local residents and Herefordshire Actively engaged with Highways and Balfour Beatty issues: C1257, A40, dropped curbs and a disintegrating driveway.
5. Outstanding but continuing conversations about: parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road; animal welfare/puppy farming concerns at a property in Whitchurch

### Across the Three Parishes:

- Attended Parish Council meetings in Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor and Walford in November
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council have expressed concerns
- Connectivity – continue walk routes across the three Parishes; reducing traffic into Hereford; lobbying for bicycle friendly buses for no. 33 and 34
- Continuing to research the number of Carers in the Ward (awaiting central government data)
- Discussions with colleagues on the closure of the Minor Injuries Unit in Ross-on-Wye and lack of public health community-based health service provision in the ward
- Continue to share news items that might be of interest to the Parishes

**Herefordshire Council (HC):**

1. Carrying out my responsibilities and duties on four Council Committees - Planning & Regulatory, Audit & Governance, AONB Joint Advisory Committee and Local Access Forum
2. Working behind the scenes with colleagues (and meeting appropriate Council Officers) in relation to Natural Capital, Environment Bill, Nature Recovery Networks, enabling and supporting the local economy and businesses in the ward including accessibility and internet connectivity through and across Herefordshire
3. Attended the briefing session from Balfour Beatty and fed back about key ward issues: drains requiring regular cleaning, slippery bridleways, speeding, outstanding work to be done (incl. dropped curbs)
4. Attended the Local Access Forum and discussed issues of footpaths (esp. 2026 cut-off date for historical paths to be extended)
5. Met with colleagues to discuss and set out the budget and corporate plan. Thereby, able to voice support for projects that would support local people and small businesses in the Kerne Bridge ward
6. Made my views quite clear to the Wye Valley NHS Trust, HC Officers and colleagues about the closure of the Minor Injuries Units in Ross-on-Wye and Leominster. A Spotlight Review was called in November but now postponed until January/February because the NHS stating that Councillors are in the 'pre-election period'. Grrr
7. Attended the Local Nature Partnership on behalf of Cllr. Marsh and discussed many rural and nature-based subjects with strategic members including Duchy of Cornwall's work on assessing their natural capital
8. Cabinet Leader's December Newsletter attached
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