

### Important information for members of the public:

1. **Sandbags:** BBLP **do not** supply sandbags for domestic purposes. Your parish council (PC) could purchase/supply sand and bags for the parish but this would need to be a request by residents of the parish to the PC and agreed by the PC. Further information on sand bags: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/flooding>
2. **Salt /Grit Bins:** if the salt/grit bin has a Herefordshire Council (HC) property sticker on the bin then BBLP is responsible for filling it **but only once** unless there has been severe weather then the Clerk of your parish council can request a second fill. Please note **the salt/grit is for use on the highway only and NOT for domestic purposes**. If you witness theft from salt/grit from bins - please contact the police immediately. Further information on grit bins: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/winter-gritting-routes/3?documentId=232&categoryId=200196>

3. **Flooding** – sign up for flooding alerts and obtain relevant information through <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/homepage/69/Flooding-emergency>

#### 4. **THREE public consultations:**

- a) The most urgent – **closing date of 8 January** – is that for the **2021-22 Budget** which can be accessed via the following link.

<https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/47/budget-2021-22-consultation>

- b) We also have a consultation **open until 31 January** on changes to **the oversubscription criteria for school admissions**.

<https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/48/schools-admissions-arrangements-for-2022-2023>

- c) The next high profile and strategically **VERY significant consultation is that for the future of waste and recycling** which **remains open until 7 February**.

<https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/46/the-future-of-rubbish-and-recycling-in-herefordshire-consultation>

*You can register for email alerts on a range of topics which may be of interest to them via the council website (<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council/sign-alerts?documentId=832&categoryId=200148>) and to the “My Neighbourhood/My Account” functions at the top of the website banner which enables information relevant to a particular geography or postcode area to be listed and displayed thereby enabling a degree of personalisation of council held data to be provided to residents. This function will be further developed over the coming year to improve the speed and ease with which residents can access information relevant to their local area.*

### Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) A40 signage/Highways England
- **Outstanding:**
  - TRO 77
  - C1258 - awaiting next steps from BBLP
  - awaiting legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue in Goodrich
- My full report is published on [www.wagpc.org.uk](http://www.wagpc.org.uk) - click on the link to ‘Ward Councillor’

### Walford Parish (WPC)

- **Correspondence from residents:** i) closure of WA50, ii) works carried out/planning enforcement on Cherry Tree Lane site, iii) flooding in Drycroft Lane & Alder Close, iv) concerns about agricultural land being used to build houses and vested interests in the PC, iv) concerns of effluent from a septic tank spilling out onto local highway in heavy rains. Owners of septic tank and land aware.
- **Outstanding:**
  - Highways:
    - Leys Hill Junction
    - WA50 (enforcement)
  - Awaiting WPC's response on:
    - Asking land/homeowners to clear riparian owned ditches/drains to avoid flooding (eg. Parbrook) and/or best way forward to mitigate future flooding in Walford?
    - Lengthsman Scheme - is there an annual maintenance programme?
    - Speeding in Walford – update on the community project to train local volunteers to detect/monitor speeding?
    - 'No HGV sign' on Howle Hill at the top of Church Lane
    - Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)

### Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) acrid smell in Parish, ii) poor state of highways including Saw Pitts Lane and Meeks Well Lane, iii) obstruction of a BOAT on Doward, iv) statistics used for report on Hereford Transport Strategy
- Redirection of Tuck Mill Barn 200175 (follow through on PC objection that it does not meet NDP policies)
- **Outstanding:**
  - Speed and traffic restrictions - parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road;
  - Highway England matters: chasing up flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew/ junction on A40 and another junction opposite Woods of Whitchurch

### 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 for the foreseeable future. In addition to my ward work - my **current portfolios include** Cabinet Support for Children's & Families (children experiencing care) and Adults & Communities (public health, talk community, food sustainability); Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.
5. E-meetings with new Head of Safeguarding for Children and Families and conversations/e-meetings with public on the recently published Peer-on-Peer Report and draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan