

Parish Council Matters

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor

- Met Cllr Vaughan and had a very enjoyable tour of Coppett Hill
- Met with local resident regarding a Private Rights of Way issue which is currently going through legal process
- Clive Hall (Acting Director for Highways and Transport) and I met with business owners in Symonds Yat East to discuss road surfacing and impact of floods on roads
- Please also read 'issues across three parishes' (below)
- Outstanding - Investigating 'whose' responsibility is it to clean up area near the bridge of A40 Highways England); on-going conversations with a local resident re: SEN transport
- For residents who want to read my full report, which includes what I am doing in the other Parishes and in Herefordshire Council: please go to: www.wagpc.org.uk and click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

Walford

- Having detailed conversations with Highways and Transport re: flooding, drains, potholes, road surfacing and footpaths/bridleways
- Delivered a talk on local democracy at Walford Primary School on Monday 2nd March. The main issue for children in Year 5 living in the parish of Walford **is they are very concerned (and some distressed) to see the removal of so many trees**
- Outstanding and conversations re: Formal Complaint re: accident on WA39 (awaiting 'what constitutes a safe bridleway surface' from a group of local horse riders and British Horse Society); closure of WA50, Leys Hill junction (waiting receipt of traffic survey); Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)

Whitchurch and Ganarew

- Met with Chair to catch on 'where are we at with local issues'
- Special thanks to Lucy and Tori of Woods of Whitchurch for setting up the Food Hub
- 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 + Monmouth Recycling facilities being closed to Herefordshire residents

Across the Three Parishes:

- Aggressive 'intimidator and/or interrogator' language and behaviour from residents
- Sharing information on a regular basis on where those self-isolating can get food and essential supplies in the local parish
- Having detailed conversations/communications with Highways and Transport and Highways England re: flooding, drains, potholes, road surfacing and footpaths/bridleways. There are
- Conversations with Duchy of Cornwall about measuring natural capital and participating in a Westminster led video conference on natural capital
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council and/or residents have expressed concerns
- Connectivity – continue walk and cycle across the three Parishes
- Continuing to research the number of Carers in the Ward (still awaiting central government data)

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- Continuing to have conversations with HC staff and 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 forward e-mails of interest to all Parish Clerks to forward to Parish Councillors and residents

Herefordshire Council (HC):

1. Keep up to date with Covid-19 information on <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus>. The Talk Community Hub Covid-19 Link Worker for the ward is Yvonne Richards who is employed by the Council to link those who are self-isolating with help, support & services in the Parish. Contact tel: 07792882024 and e-mail: yvonne.richards@herefordshire.gov.uk
2. See attached 'Leaders Report' which includes updates from the Cabinet members on their respective portfolios
3. Even through Covid-19 – I am carrying out my responsibilities and duties on four Council Committees - Planning & Regulatory, Audit & Governance and Governance Review as well as smaller working groups by using video and telephone conferencing.
4. Working behind the scenes with colleagues (and meeting appropriate Council Officers) in relation to Natural Capital, Environment Bill, Nature Recovery Networks, advocating the needs of local residents and businesses as regards transport (particularly access & congestion into Hereford), spatial planning, green infrastructure and rural-based issues
5. Did you know you can subscribe for updates on Council matters by signing up to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHEREF/subscriber/new>

Having a problem clearing your Green Waste?

Availability of green sacks during library closures

Unfortunately we have had to close libraries and re-deploy staff, therefore we are not able to resource the sale of green garden sacks at this time.

If you have **Herefordshire Council** green sacks you can still place these out for collection with your general rubbish and we will collect them.

If you do not have any **Herefordshire Council** green sacks please consider one of the following options:

- Cut and drop leaving your grass cuttings on the lawn to dry out
- Home compost your garden waste. Visit www.getcomposting.com
- Look for a private company to collect your garden waste but please ensure they are authorised, can show you their Waste Carrier's Registration Certificate and are disposing of it at an authorized facility such as <https://www.greenwasteclub.co.uk/>

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we need to ensure we have the resource and capacity to collect your general rubbish as the priority.