

Did you know ...?

Did you know you can send in **video evidence of littering** can be sent to the Environmental Health Officer's mailbox at "Ethelpline" ethelpline@herefordshire.gov.uk along with a description of what was seen plus contact details please.

Alternatively, fly tip locations or dog fouling locations can be pin pointed on a map for officers to investigate at:

Littering:

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-litter>

Fly tipping:

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>

Dog fouling

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-dog-poo>

Litter pick: Would you consider doing a litter pick on 'Earth Day' this year is on **Thursday 22nd April 2021**? Alternatively, the Great Herefordshire Spring Clean will take place at the same time as the Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy from **28 May – 13 June 2021**. If you'd like to organise a one-off litter pick during the Great Herefordshire Spring Clean and borrow litter equipment packs, please telephone 01432 261800 or contact us at stophedrop@herefordshire.gov.uk; For more information: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/homepage/72/Stop-the-drop>

Primary schools in the ward have been contacted to help raise the profile of the **new Countryside Code** and help educate visitors/tourists on how to respect, protect and enjoy the countryside (see attached)

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) surface flooding on B4229, ii) speeding traffic in and around parish, iii) dog litter and litter in Symonds Yat East, iv) cars parking on passing places + yellow lines, v) concerns about a planning application, vi) Wild Swim event on 21/09/21
- **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>
 - TRO 77 (85)
 - C1258 - it's on the public realm worksheet for 2021/22 ☺
 - awaiting legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue in Goodrich
- 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 complaints procedure, ii) a continuous noise (low frequency hum), iii) poor (or no) communication from HC Officers and BBLP
- **Outstanding:**
 - Highways:
 - Leys Hill Junction
 - WA50 (enforcement)
 - WA25 bridge
 - Footpath from Mill Race to Church
 - 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) poor state of BOATs and byways; ii) WC1, iii) footpath to school
- **Outstanding:**
 - Poor state of carriageways on The Doward
 - Speed and traffic restrictions - parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road;
 - 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
 - C1257

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. Organising a Youth Conference in Hereford: “Here Youth Can” on 1st July 2022

It will be a day-long conference for youth aged 16 – 25yo - “A chance for the Young People of Herefordshire to Come Together to find a Voice for their Future, and be Energised, Excited and Entertained” to showcase employment opportunities in Herefordshire comprising apprenticeships/careers in areas that were identified in the Virtual School’s annual report – art/performing arts, education (teaching), science & engineering, working with animals, armed forces, agriculture and heritage/tourism. There will be a chance for young people to learn about parish and town councils with a view to get more young people engaged in local government.

We are looking at ‘Castle Green’ as a venue and will be considering transport options for young people to come in from rural wards. More details to follow.

2. Rural Media’s Points of View Project (POV) – listening to young people in Herefordshire

- Points of View film: pointofviewrural.com/creative-responses/point-of-view-film
- Key findings of the project to date: pointofviewrural.com/survey
- Information on the Young Leaders programme: pointofviewrural.com/blog-updates/young-leaders-programme

3. Sorting out Drainage issues: over the next few weeks, you will be hearing from Herefordshire Council about the importance of riparian responsibilities in keeping riparian ditches clear to mitigate surface flooding on roads and flooding homes

4. Carrying out my role as Proxy Councillor for a planning application in Linton parish

5. 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/>

6. Attached is the monthly Newsletter from the Leader which outlines updates from individual Cabinet members

7. 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 (children experiencing care/Voice of the Child/Corporate Parenting) and Adults & Communities (public health, talk community, food sustainability); Devolution (parish councils); Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.