

Would you consider being a Volunteer for the 'Water Quality Citizen Science Project' in the Symonds Yat/Whitchurch-Ganarew area? If so, please contact:

- **Wye Salmon Association (WSA)**, contact David Wilkins davewilkins@yahoo.co.uk. WSA is working with angling groups including Ross Anglers. The WSA have a technical approach which monitors more than phosphate (nitrate, electro conductivity, turbidity etc). This project will suit those who are interested in the science.
- **Countryside Charity (CPRE)**, contact Andrew McRobb andrew@pmlgb.com. CPRE are recruiting across the county but are planning a simpler approach to WSA. They are working with the Environment Agency to identify data gaps and will be doing surge testing during peak events.
- **Friends of the Upper Wye** (<https://www.fouw.org.uk>) have a citizen science project. Further details are on <https://www.fouw.org.uk/citizen-science>

Volunteers are provided with training and equipment. Data is shared via an online resource. The initial period of the project will be 12 months.

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) Symonds Yat East: litter and anti-social behaviour, ii) queries/lobbying on individual planning applications, iii) Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues; iv) concerns about the removal of hedgerow
- **Outstanding:**
 - B4229 – still waiting for a report (BBLP).
 - Traffic issues in and around Goodrich (GWBPC)
 - 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)
 - TRO 77/85 (BBLP)
 - C1258 - 'when to be carried out in 2021/22' (BBLP)
 - awaiting legal response to a Private Rights of Way issue in Goodrich (BBLP)
- 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 queries about enforcement, ii) flooding and BBLP (lack of engagement), iii) lack of information on (parish council) candidates; iv) mobile home/caravan occupancy, iv) harassment and bullying
- **Outstanding:**

- Highways:
 - Unsuitable for HGVs signs (WPC)
 - Leys Hill Junction (BBLP)
 - WA50 (enforcement by BBLP)
 - WA25 bridge (BBLP)
 - Pavement from Mill Race to Church (BBLP)
 - Bus stop post & sign next to Daycroft Lane (Stagecoach)
- Low frequency hum (EHO)
- 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

Good news: I have been successful in negotiating geo-technical surveys to be carried out on planning/development sites on the Eastern side of Symonds Yat West

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) poor repair work on pothole in Marstow; ii) Dogs removed from site near Whitchurch; iii) poor state of carriageways (see below); iv) concerns on specific planning applications and queries about enforcement; v) pavement to enable parent to walk child to school
- **Outstanding:**
 - Poor state of PROWs & carriageways in Symonds Yat West: C1257, WC2, WC3 and WC9A
 - Speed and traffic restrictions - parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road (WGPC/BBLP)
 - 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 (HE)

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 – hopefully as a hybrid - for the foreseeable future. In addition to my ward work - my **current portfolios include** Cabinet Support for Children’s & Families (early years/children experiencing care/Voice of the Child/Corporate Parenting/public health, food sustainability); Local Democracy (parish councils); Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.