

### FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ...

#### FREE Weekend Bus Travel Across the County!

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/1209/you-wait-until-the-weekend-for-a-day-of-free-bus-travel-then-two-come-along-at-once>

Car parking is a problem in many honey pot destinations across the ward. I hope people travelling from Hereford and Ross-on-Wye will visit key areas by bus with free weekend bus travel.

#### Future Communications with BBLP

Herefordshire Council is tightening its controls in communications with BBLP. Over the past few years many jobs weren't logged when residents contacted their local Locality Steward (or a specific named BBLP employee) directly.

1. **You can contact BBLP through Herefordshire Council website** = the job is logged and allocated a 'number'. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road>
2. **Contact/write to your local Parish Clerk** so s/he can log the job and as such is given a 'number' via parish council into BBLP

It is essential the contractor (Herefordshire Council) can follow/audit every job logged with BBLP to avoid any accounting errors such as under/over-invoicing etc.

#### Riparian Responsibilities on Ditches

This year, we can all work together to ensure ditches/storm drains are clear to prevent surface flooding on roads and into properties. BBLP has recently updated information on riparian responsibilities: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/flooding/6>

#### Hedgerow and Verges Brochure produced by Herefordshire CPRE

Herefordshire CPRE has recently published a guide on 'Hedgerows and Verges'. Free copies are available in local libraries and an e-version (without photos) is available to download on the HCPRE website: <https://www.cpreherefordshire.org.uk/news/hedgerows-and-verges-in-herefordshire/>. Every parish council and elected member in Herefordshire has been sent a hard copy of the guide.

#### Monthly Update from the Leader and Cabinet members

To ensure members of the public have access to information from the Cabinet, I have included the Leaders Newsletter in my ward report (rather send than as a separate attachment to the Clerk). This newsletter can be found at the end of my report.

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

- **Correspondence query:** i) parking at Symonds Yat East (BBLP)
- **Outstanding:**
  - Surface flooding (BBLP)
  - 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)
  - Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues/responsibility (Landowner)

### Walford Parish (WPC)

- **Correspondence from residents:** i) concerns on specific planning applications across parish, ii) WA19 (BBLP), iii) queries on watercourses, clarification on riparian owner responsibilities and removal of hedgerows & habitats across parish, iv) request for speed restrictions near Green Meadows, v) queries on Not suitable for HGV signs (Howle Hill), vi) light pollution from inappropriate external lighting (across parish), vi) recent police activity (drug raid) on Howle Hill, vii) police event (10pm at night)?, viii) Leys Hill Junction funding
- **Outstanding:**
  - Highways:
    - Leys Hill Junction (BBLP/S106)
    - WA50 (BBLP)
    - WA25 bridge on work programme for 2020/21 (BBLP)
    - Pavement from Mill Race to Church (BBLP)
  - 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)

### Supplement on S106: Ley Hills Junction

Following my attendance at last month's Parish Council meeting and suggested Ley Hills Junction be put on the S106 wish list, I also made the S106 Officer (Yvonne Coleman, Planning Obligations Manager) aware of your forthcoming proposal. The Officer responded:

- a) S106 monies **are tied** to the local area in which the development generating the funding took place
- b) There are **national rules** about the number of dwellings that a site has to include before both S106 and affordable housing becomes a requirement. It is not a local decision
- c) If you think the junction is a problem you are **right to encourage your parish council to add it to their S106 wish list**. However, S106 will only come forward if the larger scale developments take place in the parish. As you say, this disadvantages rural communities for whom larger developments are unnecessary or unwelcome
- d) Please also **propose the junction improvements to BBLP** and they will be assessed and considered in terms of their priority within the annual plan for next and future years.

In my conversations with colleagues, including the cabinet member for highways, there is some discretion on how S106 funds are distributed because (as stated above) S106 funding is obtained from developments that are greater than 10+ dwellings, and these larger developments are not common in Kerne Bridge ward/AONBs.

### Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) WC26, ii) pavement to walk children to school, iii) inappropriate light pollution from Shell garage, iii) Vans turning in front of property/into home on Wye View Lane
- **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) + pavement required
- 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.** My full report is published on [www.wagpc.org.uk](http://www.wagpc.org.uk) - click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

- 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. **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/>
  2. 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 (incl. political literacy)/Corporate Parenting/public health, food sustainability); Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.
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