

## INFORMATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

### How your council tax is spent:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/23619/your-council-tax-explained-2022-23>

See attached pdf file

### New arrangements for the management of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

From Friday 1 April, the management of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) will move from BBLP to Herefordshire Council, who will work in partnership with Hoople to deliver these services.

There are no changes to the way that PROW defects are reported, which is still through [the council website](#) and the service can be contacted by email at [PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk).

TRO requests should continue to be made through [the council website](#) and the Traffic Management team can be contacted by email at [TM@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:TM@herefordshire.gov.uk).

Bringing these services back in-house will allow us the flexibility to deliver and develop these services in a way that can respond to and meet changing requirements. There will now be a review to consider future developments. Stakeholders including parish councils and user groups will be consulted to ensure that the needs of communities are fully considered.

### Herefordshire Hoard - Herefordshire Hoard

There will be a **fabulous free family Viking fun day on April 10 at Hereford Rowing Club from 10.30am to 3.30pm** with a whole range of amazing activities will be taking place!

<https://www.herefordshirehoard.co.uk/>

### Herefordshire Board Gamers are organising a fantabulous Mega Charity Weekend on the 13 to 15 May

and it would be great to spread the word far and wide. They have a free lending library of over 320 board games, 50 puzzles and even lend tables and chairs.

<https://herefordshireboardgamers.co.uk>

**Remember FREE weekend bus travel in Herefordshire** Don't forget...Herefordshire Council's free weekend bus travel is still taking place across the county. You simply hop on and off any bus, as many times as you like, and it's all completely free. The only condition is the journey must be entirely within the county. There are also additional services available on Sundays.


To check the local bus timetables before you travel, please visit [Herefordshire Council's website](#)

### Special Offer for Young Families: On April 4, we are launching our reusable nappies scheme


This incentive will help residents discover the benefits of reusable nappies, and in the process reduce waste and save money. We are **offering parents/guardians a £200 voucher to spend on reusable nappies** from one of our partner retailers. We have **75 vouchers to issue** – so please spread the word

### DENTAL ENGAGEMENT - Have your Say!

Getting access to dental care in Herefordshire is currently very challenging. Tell us which aspects of dental access are important to you.

 Take part in the online survey

<https://tinyurl.com/dental-survey>

 Register to join a focus group in your area throughout April

<https://tinyurl.com/DentalEngagement>

NHS England and NHS Improvement is responsible for commissioning (planning and buying) NHS Dental Services to meet the local population's needs and are looking to commission a new dental service.

Their engagement with potential providers has indicated that they may not be able to achieve having dental services in every small town and village. Therefore with a commitment to building a stronger foundation, they are looking at an alternative option and want to engage with the people of Herefordshire to understand their priorities and thoughts on dental access.

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

- **Correspondence query:** a) safety/speeding traffic/white lines
  
- **Outstanding:**
  - HGV's / oversized vehicles on Church Pitch and Shop Lane (BBLP)
  - General conflicting information from different BBLP departments / officers – PRoW on GR17 on B4229 (awaiting clarity on mixed message BBLP - "white lines" is one example of this (BBLP)
  - Double Yellow Lines on C1258 at junction to Symonds Yat – (when will it be scheduled in 2022/2023 + Parking issues generally at Symonds Yat – it's not just about the DYL at the top – also the passing bays all the way down (BBLP)
  - Permanent bollards at Kerne Bridge (PC TRO - 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)
  - Speeding traffic - TRO 77/85 (BBLP)
  - C1258: Autumn 2022 (awaiting specifics from BBLP)
  - Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues/responsibility (Landowner)

### Walford Parish (WPC)

- **Correspondence from residents:** a) road closure, b) foul smell/discharge into riparian ditch
  
- **Outstanding:**
  - Highways:
    - Re-paint 'slow' on road near Green Meadows (BBLP)
    - Green Meadows 30mph sign (WPC)
    - Leys Hill Junction (BBLP/S106)
    - WA50 (BBLP)
    - WA25 bridge on work programme (BBLP)
    - Pavement from Mill Race to Church narrow (BBLP)
    - DEFRA NFM Scheme Castle Brook
  
  - Awaiting WPC's update on:
    - 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) and Local Plan Consultation Group

### **Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish**

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** a) acrid smell at Stoney Hill (outstanding from June 2020)
- **Outstanding:**
  - The poor condition of the BOATS on the Doward (BBLP)
  - Poor condition of the main Doward ring road U71234 (BBLP)
  - Poor condition of the road Greenway Lane to Lewstone Mill (BBLP)
  - Landslip Sandyway Lane (BBLP)
  - The need for additional dropped curbs to assist mobility – Whitchurch village (BBLP)
  - Llangrove Road – a part of which is in the parish – traffic speed concerns for walkers (BBLP)
  - The persistent daily illegal parking on double yellow lines at Woods Of Whitchurch causing blocked road and danger to walkers on the main street (BBLP)
  - Public footpath WC 1 which is blocked and should be made clear for walkers but is hindered by the landowner (BBLP)
  - Flash flooding situation that can take place in the area Woods Of Whitchurch (BBLP)
  - Flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew (HE)
  - Acrid smell from Stoney Hill Industrial Estate

**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
- Researching Dark Skies and light pollution legislation; lobbying for a Rural Strategy for Herefordshire, calling for MPs and central govt. to revise the Land Drainage Act to include ecological impacts and reviewing the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions across AONB

### **Herefordshire Council (HC): Leaders April 2022 Newsletter (see attached)**

1. E-Committee, e-Council and e-Cabinet meetings are working well and will continue – hopefully as a hybrid - for the foreseeable future. My responsibilities include: corporate parenting; public health and food sustainability; Audit & Governance; Planning & Regulatory Committee and the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee
  2. My ward work includes 'across three parishes' and specific foci including: Rural proofing Herefordshire Council's contracts and services, the Kerne Bridge Dark Skies Project and Local Democracy/Political Literacy Project
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