

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

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Food, fuel and finances (and how households can get help!) The cost of living crisis is impossible to ignore. With news reports suggesting energy bills could reach more than £3,600 a year, many households need all the financial help they can get.

Thanks to the Household Support Fund provided by the Department for Work and Pensions, Herefordshire has been allocated £1.3 million to support residents who are struggling with essential household bills. So far, Herefordshire Council have provided food vouchers during the school holidays for children entitled to free school meals. This month, the council is writing to pensioners on the lowest incomes (pension credit guarantee) about a direct payment they will receive to help them manage winter bills.

Funding has also been given to Voluntary and Community organisations to help local residents who are struggling. Some take direct applications, others take referrals from local support agencies, such as social workers, housing associations and [Citizens Advice Herefordshire](#).

Visit our [Money On Your Mind](#) website pages for more help, especially the '[I can't pay my bills](#)' page which provides information about these local organisations as well as others that may be able to help with food and energy bills as well as other essential household items.

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** *a) dropped curb, b) specific planning applications, c) speed restriction, d) A40 signage re: HGVs (National Highways), e) core strategy and rural settlement assessment*

- **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) drainage issues/queries, b) increase in + speed of traffic on the Hills, c) specific planning applications, d) removal of (property) hedgerows, e) Misuse of the Computer Act 1990, f) core strategy and rural settlement assessment*

- **Outstanding:**
 - Highways:
 - Re-paint 'slow' on road near Green Meadows (BBLP)
 - Green Meadows 30mph sign (WPC)
 - Leys Hill Junction (BBLP/S106)
 - WA50 (BBLP)
 - Pavement from Mill Race to Church too narrow (BBLP)
 - DEFRA NFM Scheme Castle Brook
 - HH Memorial Project
 - Dismantled Railway Line/Access to school

 - EHO
 - Foul water into riparian ditch/drain (HH)
 - Foul water from septic tank on to highway (HH)
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 - 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) parking in Whitchurch and around village + school, b) specific planning applications, c) fatal road traffic accident*

- **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)
 - 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 - click on the link to 'Ward Councillor'

August 2022 - Cllr Yolande Watson: Herefordshire Councillor for Kerne Bridge

- 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; Planning & Regulatory Committee, Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee, Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board and 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, Drainage and Planning, the Kerne Bridge Dark Skies Project and Local Democracy/Political Literacy Project
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