

FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Have your say on the new Herefordshire Local Plan

Consultation on the options for the location and scale of new development throughout the county is now live and will run until 28 February 2022.

The new document, which will replace the current Core Strategy, will determine growth and development across the county over the next 20 years. It will ensure that we deliver the required housing, alongside the jobs, and supporting community infrastructure and services in a way that is appropriate for the rural nature and historic character of the County.

Announcement: [Have your say on the new Herefordshire Local Plan](#)

What have you got planned for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations?

If you have a creative and cultural activity idea that your local communities would like to take part in for the Jubilee celebrations, have a look at "[Let's Create Jubilee Fund](#)" which is now open for applications.

The fund is to help voluntary and community groups develop creative and cultural activities, as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. Grants available will be between £750 to £10,000.

Applications for the fund close on Monday 28 February. For details about how to apply, visit the [Herefordshire Community Foundation website](#).

Let's Talk Children and Families Survey

As part of our children's services improvements programme we want to ensure Herefordshire is a great county for families to live and a place where our children and young people can get the best start in life to help them thrive.

To help us achieve this we are launching a Let's Talk Children and Families survey to capture the views of children, young people and their families living in our communities to make sure that their voices are heard. Everyone who takes the time to complete the survey will help us to understand what is working really well in Herefordshire and what would make our county an even better place to live.

We would really appreciate it if you can spend a few minutes to [complete the survey](#) and share your experiences with us before it closes on **Friday 4 March 2022**. We would be extremely grateful if you could also share the survey with the children, young people and families that you come into contact with and encourage them to complete it.

In addition to the survey, we will be running a series of free "Let's Talk, Children and Families" events during February Half Term and the details of these sessions will be added to the Talk Community webpage www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/tcf. You and your family can come along and join in the activities and share your thoughts and ideas with the team. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

If you have any queries or would like the survey in an alternative format, including Easy Read, or language, please email the team at LetsTalk@herefordshire.gov.uk.

The results of survey will be published in April 2022 on the [Let's Talk Children and Families](#) page on the Talk Community website.

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** a) Y Crwys byway
- **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) mud and manure on road, b) 4 x 4 vehicles driving on bridleways/footpaths, c) noise pollution, d) light pollution, e) specific planning application and f) reopening dismantled railway as a bridleway (Walford Links Project)
- **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:
 - Speeding traffic project in Walford
 - 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)
- Currently reading NDP as consultee

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** i) reclassification of BOATS,
- **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)
- Grass verge cutting to allow safer passage Sandyway Lane to pavement (resident)
- Passage via verge from Sandyway Lane to pavement to walk to school (BBLP)
- Flooding in heavy rain on slip road at Ganarew (HE)

Across the Three Parishes. My full report is published on 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; Rural Strategy for Herefordshire, Land Drainage Act, Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions across AONB

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** Corporate Parenting/public health, food sustainability; Audit & Governance; Rethinking Governance (planning); Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.
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Leaders February 2022 Newsletter (see attached)