

FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ...

Consultation on Care and Support Charging Proposals

We are reviewing how our Care and Support Charging Policy affects people who receive adult social care services. We are doing this to make sure we are taking a fair and consistent approach to charging for care, and that everyone pays the appropriate amount for the services they receive, based on their needs and their ability to pay.

There are five proposals that we're asking for views on. We are also asking for feedback on the information we currently provide for charging and financial assessments. If implemented, the proposals will affect people who receive care and support in their own home, in the community, or have short term stays in a care home. They will not affect people receiving long-term care in a care home as central government decides how councils must charge for contributions towards care home fees.

For more information about the proposals [visit our web page](#). The consultation period ends on Thursday 10 February 2022.

We would like as many people as possible who may be affected by these proposals to have their say. With this in mind we are providing an opportunity for people to ask questions about the proposals.

They can do this by calling our 'charging for care' helpline on 01432 260009 or email us at chargingforcare@herefordshire.gov.uk.

If you have any queries about this consultation or require more information please email chargingforcare@herefordshire.gov.uk or contact Suzanne Farmer at suzanne.farmer@herefordshire.gov.uk

Stop Abuse Together campaign

The Government has today launched the "Stop Abuse Together" campaign. The campaign aims to empower parents and carers to take steps to help keep their children safe from abuse.

It is estimated that one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn sixteen - that's the equivalent to three children in every school classroom. Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse, so that's why it's important to know how to spot the signs and where you can go for support if you're concerned.

The campaign includes a new [Stop Abuse Together website](#) that aims to enable people to:

- Learn about the potential signs of abuse
- Build trust by speaking to their own children regularly
- Find further support, including through the NSPCC helpline (0808 800 5000).

All children have a right to be safe. Together, we can help stop child sexual abuse.



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16.

[Find out more](#)

Let's Stop Abuse Together.



Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** i) thanks for help with vaccination, and b) thank you to HC supporting rural Greenway Project
- **Outstanding:**
 - PRow on GR17 on B4229 (awaiting clarity on mixed message BBLP)
 - Double Yellow Lines on C1258 at junction to Symonds Yat – (when will it be scheduled in 2022/2023 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)
 - awaiting formal notification of a Private Rights of Way (PIN) issue in Goodrich (BBLP)
 - Huntsham Bridge steps: safety issues/responsibility (Landowner)

Walford Parish (WPC)

- **Correspondence from residents:** i) noise pollution, ii) planning enforcement queries
- **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 (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) Sandyway Lane closed, b) poor state of BOATS, c) 'land grabbing' of common land, d) planning enforcement issues
- **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 Jan 2022 Newsletter (see attached)