

FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ...

In an emergency or if someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Power cut: Call 105 <https://www.powercut105.com/>

BT phone line issues: <https://downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom/>

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 <https://www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas/>

Welsh Water: 0800 052 0130 (Water emergencies) or 0800 085 3968 (Sewer emergencies) <https://contact.dwrcymru.com/>

Severn Trent water: 0800 783 4444 <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/check-my-area/>

Report a tree down, flooded road or highway obstruction- BBLP : 01432 261800

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up to get [Flood Warnings from gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/flood-warnings) by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels. You can see the [actual water levels at different locations in the county](#)

More information and advice can be found here: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/storm.

Finally, some tips from Western Power on how you can prepare in case of a power cut:

1. *Keep our telephone number handy or save it in your mobile phone (105 or 0800 6783 105) so that you can report a power cut or call for information and advice.*
2. *Keep a battery/solar charger handy so that you can recharge your smart phone or tablet and follow updates on social media, our online power cut map or Power Cut Reporter app.*
3. *Keep your freezer shut – depending on the type of freezer you have, the contents could stay frozen for up to 12 hours.*
4. *Check that you have a phone available that will work in a power cut – digital or cordless ones may not work.*
5. *Have things like a torch or lantern ready (it is best not to use candles or paraffin lights).*
6. *Protect sensitive electrical equipment such as computers with a surge protector plug.*
7. *If you have a mains-operated stair lift, check to see if there is a manual release handle that can be used to return it safely to ground level if it stops working.*

Interesting facts - Core Government funding in Herefordshire Council



Residents who believe that their health and wellbeing has been directly affected by intensive poultry farming are asked to share their experience and evidence

There has been a significant increase in intensive poultry farming in Herefordshire in recent years. While many residents welcome the business opportunities and cheaper food products that this brings, others feel there is a direct impact on their health and wellbeing.

We are carrying out a review to consider the potential impacts of intensive poultry farming in the county, and is asking residents who believe that their health and wellbeing has been directly affected to share their experience and evidence.

Over the coming months, a task and finish group with cross-party councillor membership, will:

- Review published literature to assess the strength of existing scientific evidence, the potential health and wellbeing impacts identified by this evidence and where such impacts might occur
- Examine whether health data held by or available to the council and key health partners is sufficient enough to allow for analysis and identification of potential impacts in Herefordshire
- Better understand what work is taking place nationally, or is planned, to gather data and examine health and wellbeing impacts

The relevant health functions of the council and how these could be utilised to address health impacts will also be considered, alongside the roles of other agencies, so that it is satisfied that this is being done.

The task and finish group will report to the adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee.

To ensure the widest possible input, the group would like to hear from residents who feel that their health and wellbeing has been impacted and who have experiences and evidence to share that could be relevant to the review. If you believe your health and wellbeing has been directly affected by intensive poultry farming please email residentfeedback@herefordshire.gov.uk by **Friday 25 March 2022**.

Have your say on how traffic regulations are enforced

Herefordshire Council is asking residents for their views on the introduction of measures to enforce moving traffic regulations.

This includes stopping in yellow boxes at junctions, ignoring no-entry signs, making banned turns, contravening 'access only' routes and parking on yellow zig-zag lines outside schools.

Traffic regulations act to make the roads safer for all users and to help keep traffic flowing in busy areas.

Changes in Government legislation (implementation in full of Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004) mean that councils in England will have control of enforcement powers for moving traffic contraventions, previously held by the police. Measures to enforce moving traffic regulations include the installation of cameras and the issuing of penalty notices.

To view the consultation, let us know more about the impact of driver behaviour, and for views on proposed locations for camera enforcement, please visit our website at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/moving-traffic-consultation

Announcement: [Have your say on how traffic regulations are enforced](#)

Kerne Bridge Dark Skies Project – I am delighted to announce the Wye Valley Society has been awarded funding to carry out a Dark Skies project in the ward. These funds will enable the Society to purchase light quality meters to detect light pollution and hold meetings in the Walford Village Hall. The project will be calling for volunteers across the ward – starting in Walford parish – to help determine the current light pollution in the area.

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** a) Y Crwys byway, b) chicken manure was spread on farmland before rain & flooding occurred

- **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)

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- 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) noise pollution, b) light pollution on Bulls Hill, c) reopening dismantled railway as a bridleway (Walford Links Project), d) foul water piped into ditch, e) drainage issues and e) queries on specific planning applications
- **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) Drag Road signs, b) Wye View Lane to be reclassified
- **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'

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- 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 March 2022 Newsletter (see attached)