

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Special investigation by SWAP (Internal Audit) on the Herefordshire City Transport Package (Western Bypass) reveals lack of governance by the previous administration of process and procedures inhouse/by Officers despite warnings given in 2017.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/1348/hereford-city-centre-transport-package-special-investigation-audit-report> (to be discussed at the Audit & Governance Committee meeting on 10th May 2022). These findings also reflect SWAP's report when investigating decisions about the Bluecoat School in 2017.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/376/blueschool_house_internal_audit_results_to_be_published.

Green bin campaign given the green light Each year, the council's recycler, Envirosort, has to reject 2,900 tonnes of material that can no longer be recycled because of things placed in the wrong bins. That's enough rubbish to fill over 250 waste collection lorries. 'Getting it right' uses a straightforward approach to help residents. The campaign will use newspapers, radio, bin lorries and social media to ensure the messages reach as many residents as possible. **What we cannot recycle** The most common thing residents struggle with is what to do with plastic packaging. All plastics people can crush in their hand, including cling film, pet food pouches and crisp packets, need to go into general waste bags. Food and unwashed food packaging is also unfit for recycling. All leftover food needs to go in with general waste. Firm food containers – like the plastic trays ready-meals are packaged in – need to be quickly rinsed before being put out with other recycling items. **Other things not accepted in recycling bins and sacks include:**

- Batteries
- Black sacks and other soft plastics
- Drinking glasses (plastic and glass)
- Electronic equipment
- Food
- Garden waste including flowers
- Knives and saucepans
- Nappies
- Textiles and shoes
- Tissues

Black plastic cannot be recycled yet as Envirosort's scanning machines are unable to detect it. Announcement: [Green bin campaign given the green light](#)

Have your say on travel in Herefordshire Local people are being encouraged to take part in the Hereford Travel Survey. As of Wednesday 27 April, the survey is now live and will run until **Wednesday 25 May**. It is open to anyone aged 16 and over who lives or works in the county.

The survey, which is required as part of the Department for Transport Access Fund, will seek to provide data on changes to travel patterns, including changes during and post-pandemic, and the impact of more widespread home working.

The data will support future travel and transport planning and will be shared with the Department for Transport. The survey also includes three questions on Climate, to gain insight into people's levels of interest and engagement. These questions will be repeated annually to track changes, and will be published on the consultation page.

Announcement: [Have your say on travel in Herefordshire](#)

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** a) 30mph TRO at Kerne Bridge (Walford PC have submitted a TRO which covers this), b) Dark Skies project, b) speed reduction on B4229
- **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) foul smell/discharge into riparian ditch on Howle Hill (request for update), b) walkers walking behind barriers under Kerne Lodge, c) Dark Skies Project, d) unwalkable pavement from KBCL – Ley Hills Junction, e) removal of hedge for parking to create parking bay on Howle Hill, f) approval by officer re: TPO, g) removal of hedge on Bulls Hill, h) noise pollution issue continuing
- **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 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) Parking by contractors on Grange Hill
- **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'

- 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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