

INFORMATION that might be of interest to RESIDENTS:

Designated Planning Officer: I am absolutely thrilled the Cabinet has agreed to a fixed term contract for a designated AONB Planning Officer - jointly funded by the Wye Valley AONB (WVAONB) and Malvern Hills AONB Partnerships. This is something I have been lobbying for since my time on the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee! A qualified Planning Officer will focus her/his time on planning applications and policy development in the WVAONB. Thereby, allow the WVAONB Manager to oversee the delivery of the work programme. At present the WVAONB Manager is having to comment on planning applications in the WVAONB on top of all his other tasks.

Rural Proofing: progress is being made following my motion to Full Council for Directorates in Herefordshire Council to undertake a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) as a key part of developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans. It is expected to be a step by step process aimed at helping to ensure that due regard is paid to the impact of strategies, policies and plans on rural areas. Information collected will make Officers consider rural communities and provide evidence on disparity between urban and rural wards (or not). This systemic approach is a first for Herefordshire, and for a rural county in England!

Travel surveys: I have asked Senior Highway Officers in HC to review travel surveys carried out in planning applications and asking why 'non-motorised vehicles' (pedestrians, cycles and horses) are not counted in the surveys when they should be according to the central govt./HC Transport Strategy. **When considering planning applications in your respective parish – please check/ask for 'non-motorised vehicles' (pedestrians, cycles and horses) are counted in ALL rural transport surveys/reports particularly on unclassified roads.** This will ensure pedestrians, cyclists and (horse) riders are evidenced so they are considered by the Council's Transport and Planning Officers.

HC TRO/PROW Team. At a recent briefing, I asked the Team why aren't all S106 projects on the webpage. The PROW/TRO Team is currently finalising the full Traffic Management Service policies and procedures so all changes will be made to the webpage together, to avoid further confusion. These changes will include the prioritised list, current TROs in progress, recently completed TROs, processes and procedures for applying for TRO's, H-Bars, Disabled Bays and SIDs, but to name a few. A positive change for having the TRO/PROW team in-house (rather than with BBLP).

Local Crime stats: [Streetcheck.co.uk](https://www.streetcheck.co.uk)

Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Parish (G&WB)

- **Correspondence query:** *a) meeting with MP, b) Church Pitch, c) crash barriers, d) yellow lines, e) Kerne Bridge verge (options), f) specific planning application*
- **Outstanding:**
 - HGV's / oversized vehicles on Church Pitch and Shop Lane (BBLP) – agreed Oct 2022 *priority at the junction as well as erecting 3 HGV signs as previously mentioned.*
 - 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) HHMP, b) neighbour disputes/police, c) parking on highway, d) WA50, e) 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)
 - Pavement from Mill Race to Church too narrow (BBLP)
 - DEFRA NFM Scheme Castle Brook
 - HH Memorial Project (HHMP)
 - Dismantled Railway Line/Access to school
 - EHO
 - Foul water into riparian ditch/drain (HH)
 - Foul water from septic tank on to highway (HH)
 - 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
- Member of the Howle Hill Memorial Project

Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish

- **Correspondence with/from residents:** a) verge grass & brambles Crocker Ash/Well View Lane (BBLP contract), b) Dry Arch speed/traffic/HGVs/meeting with MP, c) civil matter between neighbours, d) query on Fastershire, e) thanks: 4G grant, f) blocked drain Wye View Lane/Drag Lane
- **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; 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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