

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

- 5.1 Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live. Your team: PC 3911 Jo ELLIS Mobile 07977 098394; PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD Mobile 07968 462523; PCSO 40067 David BODEN 07970 176814.
Get in touch: Tel:101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
Website: www.westmercia.police.uk Facebook /Twitter @NHfdShireCops
- News Alerts
Kington: Ois reference: 0712S 300816 A vehicle parked and left unlocked in Church Street, Kington has had a wallet and an Ipad stolen from within. A timely reminder to us all, to never leave valuables on show in your vehicle and to lock all windows and doors.
Norton Canon: Ois reference: 0352S 030916 The location is a farmyard in a very rural location. It is situated on the opposite side of the road to the main house. This is where sometime between 20:00 hours on the 1st of September and 12:00 hours on the 3rd of September 2016, Person(s) unknown have opened the farm gate next to the main road, and a further two gates through the yard, and have stolen an Ifor Williams Horsebox stored on the yard, model number: HB506.
- Bogus traders issued seven year Criminal Behaviour Order for conspiracy to steal from vulnerable woman. Five men have been sentenced at Worcester Crown Court on Wednesday 31 August 2016 after a vulnerable woman paid thousands of pounds for odd jobs and gardening work on her home, which was never carried out. The offence happened between 11 September 2013 and 17 January 2014 within the Kington area of Herefordshire, when the men repeatedly contacted the elderly vulnerable victim in her 80s. They told her that she owed them money for work carried out on her home. No work had ever taken place. She was made to meet them at various locations, as well as her home address, where she handed cash to them. In total she paid around £33,000. A police investigation was launched and five men were arrested and charged in connection to the investigation. They appeared at Worcester Crown Court at earlier hearings where they entered guilty pleas to various charges.
Joseph Carter, aged 29, formally of Addison Court, Hereford, will serve two years in prison having pleaded guilty to conspiracy to Steal. Steven Lock, aged 22 of Pembridge, Leominster was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, a supervision order for 12 months and 200 hours of unpaid work after entering a guilty plea to money laundering. Kieron Tisdale, aged 25 of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal. He was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, 100 hours of unpaid work and a supervision order for 12 months. Danny Warner, aged 46 of Cheaton Close, Leominster, Herefordshire was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, and 250 hours of unpaid work having entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to steal. Shane Warner, aged 23 of Buntingsdale Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, who had pleaded guilty to money laundering was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.
Detective Sergeant Kirsty Smith of West Mercia Police said: "It is shameful that these men picked on a vulnerable member of our society and we are pleased that they have been put brought to justice. We are pleased that the courts also saw fit to issue these criminals with Criminal Behaviour Orders which we believe will further help protect our community."
At court yesterday all five men were issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), which will last for seven years. The CBO means the men must not:
1. Make unsolicited visits without prior permission from the occupier on any residential property anywhere in England or Wales, with a view to carrying out any business, or cause/allow persons to do so on your behalf.
 2. Accompany another person or persons on any unsolicited visits to any residential property with a view to conducting business.
 3. Be present on any residential premise where business activity is being or has been canvassed during an unsolicited visit by anyone for the purpose of requesting payment.
- DS Smith added; "It's sad but true that very often victims of crimes such as this don't report the incident to police or even tell their family and friends, this can be for various different reasons. "As such it's imperative that we all look out for those vulnerable members of our communities and I'd urge family, friends and neighbours to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and immediately report any concerns to us. We would much rather be called to something that turned out to be a legitimate business call that to miss an opportunity to prevent someone from becoming a victim."
- West Mercia Police offer the following advice on how to protect yourself and your loved ones from bogus traders:
- don't be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep
 - get at least three quotes from local reputable companies who have reputations to maintain, and if possible seek recommendations
 - only deal with firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses - beware of companies that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses
 - anyone who signs a contract on the door step following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) does have 7 days in which to cancel it by law.
 - all cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so
 - if you don't want to speak to the trader don't open your door to them - it can be hard to distinguish the good traders from the cowboys so it might be easier to keep the door closed
 - do not allow uninvited callers into your home
 - refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police
- More advice can be found on the West Mercia Police website.
**** IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING ALERTS PLEASE READ ****
On 31 August 2016, the two alert services (VC Relay and DOT Mailer) will be switched off permanently and the new Community Messaging Service (CMS) will be the sole provider of all your vital messages from your local police teams. To make sure there is no disruption to your service, you will need to sign up to the new service by clicking on this link for the Warwickshire Police website, or clicking this link for the West Mercia Police website

Signing up is easy and will only take a few minutes. The new service and new format have lots of new features and allow you to decide what messages you receive and when.

5.2 Roger Phillips, Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Hope you are enjoying the summer weather and will continue to support the many community events in the parishes, including Eardisland Show and Kington Show.

h.Art the week long art exhibition in the County is taking place from the 10th–18th September, with 97 venues offering free admission to displays by local artists. A great opportunity to view local skills set against our Herefordshire countryside backcloth.

Shobdon Parish Council has a new clerk Emma Lewis who lives in the village and can be contacted via email shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com . I look forward to working with Emma and am arranging a meeting with her and my other parish clerks and Balfour steward this month.

Herefordshire Council has issued three current consultations. The first is on the future budget cuts and the second is on Bus services. Details of both on the Council's website. Thirdly a consultation on traveller sites which includes a proposal to expand the Pembridge site with four additional places. Details found on www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation

On the 13th September the Boundary Commission will be publishing their draft proposal for the new Parliamentary constituencies. The number of MPs is being reduced from 650 to 600, and in our sub region of Shropshire, Telford Herefordshire and Worcestershire indications are that one of the 13 seats must disappear which will affect the redrawing of all the others.

Last month saw the passing of Dame Margaret Antee from Knill and Ivor Dunkerton from Pembridge. Both received write ups in the Hereford Times and in Dame Margaret's case national newspapers, although little mention of her Titley roots.

In this month's update I cover highway matters, background to the budget and the new war memorial in Shobdon.

As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me

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Shobdon Airfield Memorial – a memorial is being unveiled on Sunday 11th at 11 am on the airfield at Shobdon. It is to commemorate the crews from WW2 based at Shobdon who saw active service during the war, including on the D-Day landings, battles of Arnhem and the Rhine. During the war 1,335 glider pilots and 208 tug pilots were trained at the RAF No5 Glider school at Shobdon. The night before there is a memorial dance taking the 40s theme and including the Hereford Swing Band. Tickets for the event are £15 and can be obtained from 01568708369.

Highways – this month representatives of Eardisland and Monkland Parish Council and myself will be meeting with the County's Highways Cabinet member Cllr Paul Rone to discuss safety on the A44 from Barrons cross to Hardwick. The highway has had a high record of accidents and residents have recently raised concerns with me about the poor visibility at the Golden Cross junction.

I will be holding separate talks with Cllr Rone on value for money, capital spending on highway resurfacing and village speed limits.

Following our pressure some red tarmacking and signage has been placed at Lawton's Cross on the A4110 as it crosses the B4529 which is one of our area's accident blackspots.

I have discussed the matter 20 mph speed limits policy in the County with Balfour and as I anticipated while these can be put in place without speed humps there is no enforcement. I will discuss the matter further with my Parish Councils. If you would like a copy of the policy please email me.

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prow-problem>

Budget Consultation – the Council is consulting on the identified savings of 28 million pounds over four years required following the Government's announcement of the financial settlement till 2020. Herefordshire Council like all local authorities have made significant cuts to budgets since 2010 which in our case has been 59 million. The savings came about as a result of not just the cut in government funding but also the rising costs of social care. The Council currently pays for 2,400 people to receive long term care and 800 residential placements in local Care homes. Herefordshire has 43,200 people over the age of 65 which represents 23% of the population (national figure is 18%) this figure will rise by 2031 to 62,500. Herefordshire has 280 looked after children and 2,600 adults with learning difficulties.

Ward Contacts –

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact simon.rowles@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you a planning enforcement concern Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk

- 8.1 Lengthsman work in July/August – Weed spraying round village, strimming path from carpark to church and footpath from recreation ground, trimming hedge at Lyme Lane, trimming hedge at Green Elms, clearing sign near Crown Farm. Potholing and work at Village Hall
- 8.3 Eardisland in Bloom – The team is delighted with the way the area surrounding the dovecote has turned out. The turf had to be kept wet for the first couple of weeks but has now clearly knitted together well and is receiving regular cuts. Patio slabs have been laid to create a base for two of the benches which were previously sited underneath the community shop window. The benches have been rubbed down and treated with creosote. A new wooden arch has been erected at the end of the new turf area and this will eventually feature a climbing rose which will be planted in memory of Peter Glenn, who was a supporter and friend of both the E Team and the village. A concrete border, around 4-5" wide has been created to define the area between the grass and the Manor House wall and make it easier for cutting. Soon the summer bedding plants will be removed and replaced with wallflowers and spring bulbs ready for 2017.
- 8.4 Play area – I am pleased with the work carried out by Fawns to repair the zip wire and the multi play facility. Yes the grass underneath the zip wire is wearing but this is an indication that it is being well used. The only other solution to this is rubber matting, which in my opinion would be too expensive.

- 8.6 Meeting with Steve Hodges of Herefordshire Council on 18 August – HC have agreed to pay for Parsons Brinkerhoff to provide measurements for a series of points within the village that landowners can then relate their specific threshold levels to and also to get threshold levels done on properties at risk currently without measurements. It is hoped this will give better information to use with insurers. Agreed that the PC would put the FloodRe scheme flyer as an insert in next magazine so parishioners can keep it and refer to it when obtaining insurance.
Householder reference sheet and list of properties that still need threshold levels to be agreed.
- 8.7 The 999 emergency telephone has been fitted and is live on Monday 12 September. It can only be used for 999 calls and connects directly to the emergency services. 18 parishioners attended the free training session on Saturday to use the automatic external defibrillator (AED). 10 are joining the Numbers Plus call out system, which calls volunteers in turn to go and help the casualty/emergency services and 2 people will take over checking the defib box weekly.
As all the installation is now complete, a letter of thanks to AC Electrics for all their work has been sent.
- 8.8 Teething problems mostly sorted out now and positive response to new site. 20 subscribers now to MailChimp.
- 13. Suggested PC meeting dates: 5 January, 16 February, 16 March, 27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 20 July, 14 September, 26 October, 23 November
Dates for magazine – These dates reflect those for 2016, given the calendar year difference. The dates for 2016 seemed to work as well as is likely to be possible

Copy Date	Probable Distribution Date
Friday 6 th January	Friday 20 th January
Friday 3 rd March	Friday 17 th March
Friday 5 th May	Friday 19 th May
Friday 7 th July	Friday 21 st July
Friday 8 th September	Friday 22 nd September
Friday 3 rd November	Friday 17 th November

- 15. Under her contract, the Clerk moves one point up on the pay spine on achieving the CiLCA qualification – move to spinal column point 18, increase of just over 17p/hr.
General Power of Competence – adopting the GPC gives councils ‘the power to do anything that individuals generally do’ as long as they don’t break other laws. It is the power of first resort, so the first question to ask when searching for a power to act under is can the GPC be used.
Criteria for eligibility – with 7 members of council, 5 Eardisland councillors must be elected not co-opted at the meeting at which the council resolves to adopt the GPC, this is revisited at the annual meeting after the next election of council; the Clerk must be suitably qualified, CiLCA or higher.
Therefore Eardisland PC cannot adopt the GPC at the present time, as only 4 councillors are currently elected rather than co-opted. This can be reconsidered after the next PC election.
- 16. Correspondence – received as follows:
 - From Macmillan Cancer research – Request for donation
 - From Police and Crime Commissioner – Draft plan
 - From HC – New electricity company emergency number
 - From HC – Consultation on Traveller Sites
 - From HC – Budget consultation
 - From HC New Standards procedure
 - From HC – Bus consultation
 - From HC – Self-serve planning decision notices
 - From BB – September parish update
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – September update