

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21 JULY 2016

- 4.1 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.
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NEWS/APPEALS (Please note that the below is not every incident/crime reported for Kington Safer Neighbourhood Team)
Kington: On the 25th of June 2016 a group of unknown youths have attended the recreational ground in Kington. Part of the group of youths have been seen near to a wooden bench close to the pavilion. Subsequently damage has been caused to the park bench.
Weobley: Between the 1st of May 2016 and 28th of June 2016 persons unknown have approached farm land near to Burton Wood in Weobley and have stole a 12ft heavy galvanised farm gate. We have previously reported anti social behaviour and criminal damage in Kington road in Weobley. A local youth has been dealt with for causing criminal damage.
Staunton on Arrow: Between the 1st and 10th of July persons unknown have approached an unoccupied property and entered into an insecure garage and subsequently stole a large green garden trolley.
PACT SURGERIES: Thursday 28th of July 2016, Eardisland 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Kington & Weobley safer neighbourhood team will be in attendance at Kington annual show on Saturday 10th September 2016.
Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding FREE Overt Property Marking events. Bring all your power tools, hand tools and pedal cycles to Kington Cattle Market. On Thursday 11th of August 11:00 am until 12:00.
Message from Police Inspector Bob Barnett - West Mercia Police
This is my last newsletter as the local Policing Safer Neighbourhood Inspector. I retire as a Police Officer, after 30 years public service on 31st July 2016. It has been a privilege and an honour to be associated with Herefordshire over the past 16 years. I have immensely enjoyed all of my roles as a police officer, but it has always been community policing that has given me the most satisfaction. Thank you for your support in everything that we do. My successor is Inspector Callie-Ann Bradley. I am sure that over the coming months she will be visible in our community and meet with many of you.
Anyway, onto business! I know it seems we have moved on from summer with all the wet weather but home and garden security is critical. Also consider your home whilst in the garden. Lock doors and windows to prevent sneak thieves helping themselves whilst you are busy in the garden. Remember to protect your items of value – you can get a free crime prevention survey by visiting our web site at www.westmercia.police.uk
You can also register what you value by adding its serial number to the free national property database. It can be found at <https://www.immobilise.com/>
The online Crime and Cyber Security initiative continues. Let me remind you about emails that ask you to do the 'urgent and unexpected' i.e. update your payment card details! Opening the attachment or the link will download a virus to your computer. Some simple steps you can take to reduce the risk are FAAP!
F - Firewalls – Have one! Set you Firewall to automatically block access to 'bad sites'.
A - Anti-malware / virus protection – set to automatically update.
A - Access control – Change default passwords to your own. Passwords should be complicated – mix of lower and upper case letters, numbers and symbols.
P - Patching – update software when prompted – this fixes gaps in the program on your computer that are exploited by hackers.
Please can you pass this message onto any older family members and friends and make them aware. If you are concerned about a relative, ring us and we can give you advice.
In closing, I would like to thank you all for the support you give your local police. We don't always get it right, but I can tell you we do always try our hardest to make sure that Herefordshire remains a safe place to live, work and visit.
Inspector Bob Barnett
- Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste.
Householder - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>
• Businesses - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>
• Landowners - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf>
- Useful Contacts
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| Victim Support | 01432 347208 |
| Childline | 0800 1111 |
| Domestic Violence Helpline | 0800 7831359 |
| National Drugs Helpline | 0800 776 600 |
| National Neighbourhood Watch Association | 02079 630160 |
| Herefordshire Road Safety Hotline | 01432 364582 |
- Website: www.westmercia.police.uk
Hfd Neighbourhood Watch: www.communicate.co.uk/here/hfdsneiwatch/
- 4.2 Roger Phillips, Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk
Dear Residents,
It was only last month that I wrote about how pleased I was that Anne Kent –Phillips had received a Herefordshire Community Award for her work for Shobdon. Sadly Anne died suddenly last month and has left a huge void in the community and great shock for Shobdon. I attended the public meeting in the village hall where just seeing the key ring she held we all started to realise the amount of work she did across many organisations. Volunteers are vital to the quality of life in our rural areas and she was an exemplar who was hard working, dedicated, genuine and never for her personal gain.

Last month saw the 90th birthday celebrations of the Queen and my most famous resident Dame Margaret Anstee from Knill near Presteigne. Dame Margaret's family came from Titley and she entered the civil service after the war and rose to become the deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Her autobiography entitled "Never learn to type" is a fascinating read about a lady who knew the Cambridge spies, many world statesmen and at one time ran the country of Namibia. Last month also saw the Inspectors report on the Eardisley Neighbourhood Plan which he regarded as an example of best practice to all other plans. Eardisley NP is about to have its inspector appointed. I also attended the very long planning meeting on the new highway from A49 to A465 which was approved. I attended public meeting on traffic issues in Pembridge and Monkland and will be working on the potential to install 20 mph in Pembridge and 50 mph speed limit for the Eardisley section of the A44.

Later this month the Secretary of State at DCLG Greg Clark MP will be visiting Hereford Enterprise Zone and the Council is supporting the Hereford University bid with a 30K study to submit to Government.

In this month's update I have included report on Kingsland Fire station, ward contacts and an update on highways and planning.

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

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Kingsland Fire Station

Recently I arranged a visit to one of our local fire station for members of my Parish Councils. In Herefordshire there are 10 fire stations with only Hereford having full time employees, all the other stations in Herefordshire are maned by retained firemen who are people working locally who can respond quickly to a call. They receive a basic allowance of approx. 7k plus call out fees and there must be a minimum of four firefighters to go on a call. Firefighters must pass annual fitness tests and receive weekly training. In our area they spend more time dealing with road accidents than fighting fires and we saw the trauma pack they have to stabilise the injured. The Fire engine was well equipped and holds maps of major company local business and villages. We discussed emergency planning including flooding and major fires. The Station's annual running cost of 50K are similar to Kington and Eardisley which also serve my ward.

Highways

I attended the open meeting in Pembridge last month about village traffic and I enclose at the end of the update the report I circulated at the meeting. The principle outcome was to seek a 20 mph speed limit and I am in discussions with officers and colleagues in other counties.

Last month we held a joint meeting between Eardisley and Monkland Parish Councils regarding the safety issues of the A44 in those parishes. Since the meeting a further fatality has occurred and I am working with the two Parish Councils and my Colleague County Councillor to seek a 50 mph speed limit and additional measures at critical points.

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-prov-problem>

Planning

We continue to be on the back foot with planning applications until the Council has sufficient planning approvals to demonstrate a five year housing supply. A recent High Court decision has meant that any development of less than 10 houses will not have to contribute any funding to the local infrastructure or services of the community. I have attempted to get developments of 3-8 houses to pay contributions to highway improvements or for Transport Regulation Order to be placed as a condition in order to get a speed limit reduced or similar local priority. To date the developers are resisting very strongly and I doubt any of them will be sending me a Christmas card this year.

But my reasoning is that with the tightness in Council budgets handing over a few thousand pounds for community gain against the receipt of the planning permissions is small. In the not too distant future they know they will pay a heavy Community Infrastructure Levy on a square meterage.

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

Pembridge Village traffic

The concern about traffic in the village has been under discussion for over 50 years and to some extent the village missed out in the late 1960s and 1970s when Herefordshire by passes were built including Dilwyn and Kington. By the 1990s a bypass for Pembridge was still included on Hereford and Worcester CC projects but in reality no substantive work had been done on it. In the mid 1990s the two gateways were installed on the west and more significantly the East end of the village. Traffic Orders were introduced limiting HGV use of Bridge Street. The history of the weight limit being introduced is set out below:

- 4 HGV 1996 weight restriction, introduced, revised in 2000.
- 2 TRO's 17T weight restriction
- 4/3/96 access only
- 31/1/2000 added exemption – haulier, if a permit from the director of the Environment has been issued and the haulier works/operates within a ¾ mile radius with Bridge St / A44 junction can operate with an exemption.

2002 regs changed the weight limits but allowed 17t to remain

I was elected as County Councillor for the new Herefordshire Council in 1998. Working with the PC I established that A44 would not be trunked (run by Government like the A49 rather than the County Council). My thinking here was that there were three sections in particular in the village which fail the minim width of a main trunk road and that would have necessitated a bypass. For the record the narrowest part of the village is Westway (Donald Jacksons). Part of the A44 from Rhayder to Aberystwyth is trunked but not the section adjoining us.

In 2000 significant investment was obtained and the road in the village was closed for a week and the top six inches plus was removed and the carriageway rebuilt and a new quiet surface placed on top. At around the same time there was considerable discussion about parked cars at Bridge street junction. In accordance with the Highway Code a section of Bridge street had " yellow lines" installed. There was considerable opposition to the introduction of lines and the lines that are there are narrower than normal and primrose yellow. No lines were placed opposite the junction to support the use of the then Post Office and Red Lion or in Market square but a no parking mark and white lining was introduced.

In the last 15 years we have revisited the matter of a pedestrian crossing but it has to be placed away from the junction of Bridge street, which is the natural crossing place. The official recommendation was by the Bus Stop but given the potential stopping and starting of vehicles it was not supported by the PC, neighbouring houses or myself. We have also looked into 20 mph limit and traffic calming.

Since 2003 I have used Section 106 funding from Planning applications from Kingspan to re affirm that their and other business on Airfield travel routes are via Kingsland and Shobdon. This has a big impact on Shobdon and over the years I have a signage route from Leominster installed, Improvements to Milton crossroads, white lining of Milton to Canterbury highway, pedestrian crossing in Shobdon, footway from the village to Cemetery and contribution for new school car park from Kingspan and other developers. The overwhelming majority of Airfield/ Kingspan traffic stick to that route but there are some rouge heavy vehicles who do not.

Recently the PC has agreed to Kingspan paying for a sign on Bridge Street junction to indicate Kingspan straight on to prevent turning down Bridge street . A sign exists at Marston junction to send any such vehicles up to Rhyse Lane junction.I thought I had an agreement with the police that supplying a dated photo would bring a prosecution however the Police have informed us that it will not be strong enough in court. Operation Dove in January 2015 swooped onto the street all day but had no HGVs that day!

In 2005 I had a report commissioned on all HGV traffic in the villages of Pembridge, Shobdon, Lyonshall and Eardisley. The conclusion of the study for Pembridge and Lyonshall was do an " Eardisland" . Divert the A44 across to Parton junction and build a Eardisley Bypass at projected cost then of 10 million taking the HGVs to Kington.

I reported this to PC and community at the time but anyone who knows the Kingswood section of the main road will know this was not a sensible and its conclusions were not supported. Having identified this, the LTP indicated that lower cost solutions should be progressed in the meantime. I managed to get installed grey boxes which record the speed and types of vehicles every day in Pembridge,Shobdon,Lyonshall and Eardisley.

I request the full October figures every year and send them to all parish Councillors and summaries appear in my monthly email updates and in the village newsletter.

October 2015

SHOBDON had 3,579 vehicles travelling per day (including motorcycles) on east side of the village. With 2,896 cars, 506 Ridged lorries, large vans and minibuses, 150 Articulated HGVs/Buses.

PEMBRIDGE 2,626 vehicles per day (incl Motorcycles) on the western exit of the village. With 2,057 cars, 403 Ridged lorries, large vans and mini buses, 129 Articulated HGVs\Buses

LYONSHALL had 2,031 vehicles per day (including motorcycles) at the Curl Bridge. With 1,608 cars, 324 Ridged lorries, large vans and mini buses, 53 Articulated HGVs/Buses.

OCTOBER 2014 FIGURES

SHOBDON had 4,027 vehicles travelling per day (including motorcycles) on east side of the village. With 3,243 cars, 552 Ridged lorries, large vans and minibuses, 204 Articulated HGVs/Buses.

PEMBRIDGE had 2,587 vehicles per day (including motorcycles) on the western exit of the village. With 2,012 cars, 413 Ridged lorries, large vans and mini buses, 135 Articulated HGVs/Buses.

LYONSHALL had 1,995 vehicles per day (including motorcycles) at the Curl Bridge. With 1,585 cars, 308 Ridged lorries, large vans and mini buses, 54 Articulated HGVs/Buses

August 2005

Pembridge 1,889 Cars plus 443 other vehicles

Shobdon 3584 Cars plus 841 other vehicles

Lyonshall 1706 Cars plus 350 other vehicles

We established a Freight Quality Partnership involving local haulage businesses, local PCs, Herefordshire Council and the two local County Councillors. This provided opportunity to clarify issues arising from Freight movements and identify any improvements. Several measures were carried out on A44 including improved safety on bends, skid resistance, improved signage, junction improvement and introduction of 40 mph limit .Apart from speed cameras no other measures came forward for any of the villages. Due to cutbacks the Partnership stopped but I have continued with an annual meeting which I facilitate and have added large farming businesses.

I requested pollution monitoring be carried out and this was done behind the New Inn and again I reported these figures to the PC and the community. What they showed was that the levels were very significantly below any Government trigger points.

In the last ten years there have been changes. The number of vehicles on the Highway have increased including HGVs but their proportion remains about the same at 19%. However the size and length of HGVs have increased and the change in farming practices has seen bigger farming operations travelling greater distances with much larger equipment.

The school effectively had no entrance on the main road using its Bearwood Road entrance which itself causes issues at drop off and pick up times. Quarry lorries return through the village from the Moreton on Lugg Freight train arrangements. There are another 30 years of quarrying at Dolyr with one million tonnes extracted each year. The accident record on the A44 from Leominster to Kington is considerable including fatalities, serious injuries and property damage. In the last 5 years there has been one reported slight injury in the village. However the volume of traffic near the pavements and the amount of pedestrian movements makes the risks of accidents high.

The cutbacks in local authority non social care budgets are as you are all aware huge. There was considerable investment in resurfacing with over 20 million in the last two years and only 1.5 million this year. Belfour's assets management strategy did not identify Pembridge or Shobdon village as part of the programme and I have made direct representations to the Council about it. I work with the PC on traffic issues and will continue to lobby for repairs and resurfacing of Highways (and Kerbs). Maintain pressure on Utilities to make good damage to highway. Identify measures to improve highway and safety funding from Budget and charging local housing developments. Continue and strengthen liaison with local Hauliers and large farming businesses. Work with police on speeding issues on A44 including the village. Current issues include damage to houses particularly listed property from standing water and vibrations. Traffic in the village is a constant discussion and to date identifying measures to alleviate matters are not easy but I am keen to work with the community on any potential solutions.

Cllr Roger Phillips rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

- 7.1 Lengthsman work in June – cleaning off white lines, clearing and cleaning traffic signs, clearing drain tops, trimming hedge at Lyme Lane
- 7.2 PFO report for July 2016
 Checked stiles where ED 1B crosses A44. Stile at Home Farm very sturdy and quite easy to climb now with extra steps. Post mended and in place. Opposite stile also sturdy after repair but loose rusty wire at knee height and illegal barbed wire needs to be removed. At base of stile on field side very muddy and wet, quite deep and impossible to walk on. Mr Watkins has agreed to provide some filler material, hopefully scalplings, to sort this area out.
 Perhaps the PC could highlight to HC the fact that a usable public footpath crosses this main road. It could add weight to their arguments for speed reduction.
 Opposite end of ED 1B – Cut back vegetation, especially brambles at plank bridge where path leaves Round House. Continued across fields to unsafe stile. Measured for new gate. 4 ft wide.
 Drove to ED 12 – Checked the start of the path near the White House. Stile a bit high but sturdy. Cut down vegetation. This PROW affords glorious views, well worth walking. The farmer has recently cut a clear wide route for walkers. We much appreciate this as it has probably incurred cost to the farmer.
 ED7 – Walked part of path from Pembridge end. Put up Waymarkers to help make the route clearer but met up with a herd of bullocks and decided to continue this task next month!
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – Work on creating a new flower bed along the front of the Manor House wall is now complete, the feature receiving many favourable comments.
 A great deal of hard work has been put in to preparing the area alongside the dovecote in readiness to be turfed and we are grateful to Cllr Dave Weir for his help with rotavating it a second time. A new hard standing has been established for one of the wooden benches and the area, as I write, is almost ready for the new grass. Once laid, notices will be displayed requesting the public not to walk on it until it is firmly bedded in. We will ensure the grass is well watered.
 I confirm that once we have a confirmed price for the work, the cost will be fully met by Eardisland in Bloom, with the money being transferred to Eardisland Parish Council for payment.
- 7.4 Play area – The annual play area inspection report has been received and minor faults have been identified, mostly on the more recent equipment. These include a loose support leg on the zip wire, insufficient ground clearance under the seat and a suggestion to move the stop back further along the cable. Loose fixings and missing caps and a problem with the depth of the steps have been identified on the multiplay equipment.
- 7.7 Still awaiting sponsorship from main sponsor. New website generally well received. There are now 14 subscribers to the news alert service.
- 7.8 Training is being arranged by Wendy Priday, provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service. The emergency telephone has been ordered and is expected shortly. AC Electrics have kindly offered to install it.
- 7.9 Hedges by Orchard Farm and Green Elms were reported as causing a nuisance. The houseowners were approached with good outcome.
9. National pay increase is equal to 63p increase per week on current hours and pay scale point (1%), backdated to April 2016.
10. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From HC – Funding update
 - From HC – Budget consultation
 - From HALC – Information Corners x2 and attachments including national salary award
 - From BB – Annual Maintenance Plan and Lengthsman/P3 updates
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – July update
 - From parishioner – Email re overgrown hedges
 - From BB – July update
 - From HC – Email re DPD SHLAA
 - From Monkland Clerk – Copy of letter sent to Bill Wiggin MP re A44