

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 24 NOVEMBER 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.

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Website: www.westmercia.police.uk Facebook /Twitter @NHfdShireCops

For October/November our Priority is:

You said your priority was:	Anti social behaviour in Kington.
Date set:	September 2016
We undertook :	<p>*High visibility patrols *Request the community to keep reporting *Deal robustly with youths involved *Prosecute for any offences.</p> <p>Evening patrols carried out by the safer neighbourhood team with a view to disrupting this behaviour, identifying persons responsible and dealing with the concern accordingly.</p> <p>During September regular high visibility patrols will be conducted in the area of Kington, paying particular attention to the High School, Recreational ground and housing estates.</p> <p>Wednesday 5th of October patrols around the recreational ground.</p> <p>Tuesday 11th of October patrols carried out around Kington High school.</p> <p>Thursday the 20th of October high visibility patrol at the recreational ground between 11:00 hours and 14:00 hours.</p> <p>Friday 21st of October foot patrol at 08:50 hours and 09:35 hours at the recreational ground and surrounding housing estate.</p> <p>Wednesday 26th of October high visibility patrols in the recreational ground between 10:00 hours and 11:00 hours.</p>

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

Dear Residents

Drive carefully through Pembridge, because as part of the local poppy appeal, the local Legion branch has placed a warhorse model covered in hand knitted poppies by the memorial outside the old school building.

Although the clocks are back and with have darker evenings make sure you are outside on the evening of Monday 14th November for the Supermoon. On that evening the moon will be at its closest to the Earth probably in our lifetime and will appear 14% larger and 30% brighter.

Monday 7th November Shobdon School held a public meeting at the Luctonians Rugby Club to discuss joint governance and a head teacher with Luston school when Vicky leaves next summer. This shows great leadership from the governors on recognising the need to put the interests of the pupils first, understanding the financial pressures coming on our small rural schools, and the drive to maintain and improve high educational performance. We are fortunate to have locally high performing schools but the financial pressures on them should not be underestimated. In our rural parishes young families struggle to afford to live , reducing the number of children on the school roll. The government has limited funding increases to schools which is going to place significant pressure on staffing levels, plus additional pressures on the budget including National insurance and pensions. I have seen the number of children on roll at Shobdon rise from 45 to the present figure of 84 and with the opportunity of combining expertise between the two schools this will be the best way to secure quality education in Shobdon. While on the subject of Schools, Pembridge has its open morning for the public this Wednesday 9th and everyone is welcome.

In this month`s update I cover an important NHS consultation, Highway matters and some news on some county economic projects.

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

Roger

Local NHS and Care issues

NHS England has produced a 5 year plan for the delivery of NHS services in Hereford and Worcester referred to as the STP (Sustainable Transformation Plan). It is now out for consultation and there are elements which need more public awareness. This includes a proposal to downgrade maternity services at Hereford hospital, and while increasing the number of acute beds in Hereford by 15 reducing by 60 the number of beds in community hospitals such as Leominster and Kington Court. Removing the community beds sends more people home sooner which ofcourse puts the financial pressure on the council`s care budget and Herefordshire council tax payers! Please go onto local website herefordshireccg.nhs.uk for more information.

Last month saw both the adult`s and children`s annual safeguarding Boards reports going to Cabinet . Safeguarding or keeping the most vulnerable safe has to be the number one priority of any local authority. It tends to be in the background until go things wrong. It is a hugely difficult area and progress within both Boards is steady. I think it is worth reminding people that "bad things" happen in Herefordshire too eg sexual exploitation, domestic abuse. I attach a link to these reports for your perusal <http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50040960/HSCB-HSAB%20Annual%20Reports%20-%20cover%20report.pdf>

HIGHWAYS

Last month the Council successfully won a case against our old contractors Amey for £9.5 million plus costs. While there is potential for that to be appeal against and some of the funding was for specific projects , I will be lobbying my colleagues for as much of that as possible to be placed in the highway budget. I am currently consulting with all my parishes councils on

local roads that's should be included in next year's resurfacing budget. As a starter I enclose the highways submitted last year which were not included which in my opinion still remain a priority.

Pembridge Parish -- A44 resurfacing through the village and the C1083 Bearwood lane from Hall to A44

Shobdon Parish -- B4362 resurfacing through the village and the U92515, and U92514 from Shobdon Arches drive to main road

Lyonshall Parish --- A44 patch on Holmes Marsh bank and the U 91407 top section of Moorcot road adjoining Holmes marsh.

Titley Group -- C1023 through Staunton on arrow village

I have supported Herefordshire Council in submitting an application for 20 million to the Governments Highway Challenge fund for road maintenance and lobbied Bill Wiggin to support it.

This month I have arranged a meeting in Pembridge between the Parish Council and Balfour to discuss the potential, and costs for traffic measures in the village.

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>

HEREFORDSHIRE ECONOMY

The County is developing an economic plan which will support the Local Marshes Enterprise Partnership in supporting local businesses and jobs.

While agriculture is still a significant industry in the County and the new Livestock market is very successful there continues to be support for other sectors.

Herefordshire Council is still the main financial backer of both the Enterprise Zone at Rotherwas and the new University Bid. The Autumn Statement on November 23rd will be significant for many projects but we do know that the funding for the next stage of the Hereford bypass (A49 to A465) is secured.

Other projects which are being undertaken by other partners include County of culture 2021, a group of volunteers led by Dr Roger Morgan from the Courtyard (Hull which is the current city of culture has attracted £12M of inward investment on the back of the award). Leominster railway station – talking to a company about enhancing customer experience. Food & rural hub – We are in conversation with the Duchy about locating an organic farm experience in rural Herefordshire.

In a beautiful county such as ours I am concern that the promotion and tourism sectors are not featured more prominently.

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

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

- 7.1 Lengthsman work in November – Cleaning the hedge trimmings out of the recreation field ditch and the silt from the ditch where it joins Southalls Brook.
- 7.2 Footpath Officers – Some concerns were raised by local walkers that ED2 had been ploughed and they had thought it best to make a temporary path around the edge of the field. In accordance with PROW requirements the path has now been reinstated.
Other than this, there are no footpath issues to report. We are aiming to check the proposed improvements to ED 1B and ED 3 before the end of the year. This involves new signposts and a new gate.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – Over the last month the E Team has finally lifted the geraniums and other remaining summer annuals and replaced with 160 wallflowers and 1,500 bulbs, including nearly 200 tulips.
The bench at the top of the slope leading to the dovecote has now been refurbished, however the bench by the entrance to the village car park has suffered damage to two legs, consistent with a vehicle reversing in to it. The bench has been removed and repairs will take place.
Our work for the year will be complete on Thursday 24th November when the Children's Allotment will be tidied and covered for the winter.
- 7.4 Play area – All the equipment appears to remain good working order.
- 7.7 Still 22 subscribers to MailChimp.
- 7.12 The cost of deployment for the SID in 2017-18 will be £250 +VAT per deployment, increased from £150 this year. Shobdon unable to help with long-term sharing of their SID as they use it much of the time already.
12. Date change for September meeting to 7 September 2017 (not 14 September) please
13. Correspondence – received as follows:
 - From HC – Healthwatch survey information go to www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk/survey to complete survey
 - From HC – Flood risk management strategy document
 - From HC – Refugee and asylum seeker update
 - From BB – SID information
 - Form HC – Parish council allowances consultation