

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7 January 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.
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
- BUYING ONLINE – WATCH OUT FOR PHONEY WEBSITES – USE A “WHO IS” SEARCH**
Fraudsters have set up high specification websites advertising electrical goods and domestic appliances, which appear to be great value but do not exist. The fraudsters will request your card details via their website; however you will then receive an email stating the payment failed and you must pay via bank transfer. The fraudsters reassure you by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark, but they are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.
- Protect Your Money:**
- Check the authenticity of the websites before making any purchases. Conduct a ‘who is’ search on the website which will identify when the website was created, be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website - <https://who.is/>
 - Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and address to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.
 - Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email service@trustedshops.co.uk for confirmation.
 - Payments made via bank transfer are not protected if you do not receive the item. Always try to pay by PayPal or credit card which have some payment cover should you not receive your goods.
 - If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is!
- For December our Priority was: Anti-social behaviour in Kington. Date set: November 2015
We undertook to: High visibility patrols; Request the community to keep reporting; Deal robustly with youths involved; Prosecute for any offences.
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.
During November regular high visibility patrols have been conducted in the area of Kington, paying particular attention to the High School, Recreational ground and housing estates.
On the 22nd of November two young adults were dealt with for possession of a Class B drug.
- NEWS/APPEALS**
(Please note that the below is not every incident/crime reported for Kington Safer Neighbourhood Team)
- Kington:**
Ois Incident: 481S 291115
Several sheds have been broken into at Kington allotments.
To help keep your garden equipment safe and secure, consider fitting a shed alarm or a padlock that emits an alarm noise if tampered with.
If you would like further advice about shed security or would like larger tools/garden items marked with your postcode, please contact Kington & Weobley Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- Brilley:**
Ois reference: 0153S 231115
A trailer has been stolen from an open barn from a farm in the Brilley area between the hours of 08:00 hours on Friday 20th November and 08:00 hours on Monday 23rd of November.
It was an Ifor Williams Twin Axle galvanised trailer measured 6foot by 4foot.
The sides for the trailer were left at the scene.
- Kinnersley:**
Ois reference: 0200S 191115
A Red Manitou farm loader, registration number: M463 DDE has been stolen from the Kinnersley area.
Please keep an eye out for this vehicle.
Any information please telephone on 101 quoting the above incident number.
- News from the Blues**
Two young males dealt with for possession of a Class B drug.
One male arrested for drink driving, fail to stop and driving whilst disqualified
One male arrested for assault.
One male arrested for public order offences.
One male reported for poaching offences and his vehicle seized due to the vehicle being run on red diesel.

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

Dear Residents,

Happy new year to you all.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New year managing to stay dry. When we see the floods in Cumbria and Yorkshire I think we all realise just a slight movement of the weather fronts and that could have been us. The sad news this Christmas is that Brenda will be leaving us at Easter and going to be rector to a group of rural Devon parishes. Brenda and Paul have been with us for four years and have become an important part of our community they will be sadly missed. However Titley sees the arrival of a new vicar Rev Benedict Griffiths who has been vicar of the Aberedew group in Radnorshire and is installed in Kington on Tuesday night.

This month we are celebrating the 15th Anniversary of Pembridge School, actually the opening of the Victorian building as the village had a school before this one. Some of us old pupils remember the centenary celebrations in 1966 and as then there will be a special service attended by the Bishop of Hereford on 29th January.

Eardisland Neighbourhood Plan is currently being consulted on till 20th January. This is the first Parish in our part of the County to reach this stage and following the consultation, subject to process including an Independent Planning Inspector and a referendum an adoption is hoped for this year. The Plan has involved a considerable amount of work by many local people and I encourage you to view it on the Eardisland Community website.

Last month the government informed authorities of their settlement for 2016/17 and as expected it is not good news. I shall support a 3.9% increase in council tax next year which includes the Social Care tax element the government allowed. I am pleased that some of the work I have been doing in London on behalf of sparse rural local authorities has been recognised with a specific grant over the next four years.

I attach briefing notes on Broadband strategy which makes some disappointing news for those of us in very rural areas, and also useful ward contacts

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

Roger

Highways

Working with Balfour I managed to get the BT manhole on Church Bank Lyonshall prioritised before Christmas but we are still waiting for the Fishpools utility "trench" in the village to be done. I have had several comments and examples of poor standards and working practices from our contractor and have taken some of them up with them.

The recent wet weather and heavy traffic on our rural roads have taken a toll on our verges and ditches and I will be holding a meeting with my Parish Councils and larger businesses on how we can mitigate the problem. You can report highway issues 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>

Work done by Balfour Beatty in the last month in the Parishes

Arrow Ward:

- Potholes filled in the following areas: Bridge Street, C1032 from Bridge Street via Milton Cross, C1031 Rhyse Lane from Lowe Farm Lane & C1031 from Cabal Lane to Lowe Farm Lane .
- Adjust gully on the C1031 from Cabal Lane to Lowe Farm Lane.
- Slippery boards out on the C1023 Stockley Cross to C1031.
- Gully cleaning and Create Grips on the following areas: A44 from Pembridge to C1081 & C1032 from Canterbury cottage to B4362.
- Cleaning of sign faces on Bridge Street.
- Potholes filled in the following areas: Bearwood Lane, Noke Lane, B4355 from U91607 Stansbatch & C1083 The Vernalls to Lower Bearwood.
- Remount traffic sign plate on Broom Lane.
- Slippery boards out on the C1023 Stockley Cross to C1031.
- Gully cleaning and Create Grips on the following areas: A480 from A44 to Stocks Lane, C1032 from Bridge Street via Milton Cross.
- Wooden Kissing Gate on footpath SO1.
- Potholes filled in the following areas: B4362 Nash to Powys Boundary, A480 from A44 Stocks Lane, C1032 from Bridge Street via Milton Cross, C1032 from Canterbury Cottage to B4362, Bearwood Lane, C1081 Sherrington Road to Weston Cottage, Gorsty Corner to Bearwood Cross Roads & C1085 Burton Court Lane.
- Sign cleaning on the C1032 from Canterbury Cottage to B4362, A4111 from A44 to Apostles Lane, A44 from Headbrook Roundabout to C1081, A44 from Pembridge to C1081 & A480 from A44 Stocks Lane.
- Gully cleaning and Create Grips on the following areas: C1035 from A44 via Eardisland to the A41, The Leen, C1080 from A480 to Track south & A4112 from A44 to Hurst Lane.
- PROW materials delivered for PM29 & PM52.
- Hedge cutting on the A480 from A44 to Stocks Lane
- Concrete Lintel rebbed on the C1031 Rhyse Lane from Lowe Farm Lane.
- Verge markers installed on The Leen.
- Kerbs rebbed on the C1031 Lyonshall from A480 to Cabal Lane.

Ward Contacts

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact Nicholas.Hall@herefordshire.gov.uk

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

- 5. Suggested virements as follows:
 £1,500 from Reserves, add to Income Contingency line and Expenditure Contingency line
 £400 from Insurance Expenditure line, add £200 to Maintenance Expenditure line, add £200 to Training Expenditure line (£150 for training sessions in January for Cllrs Thompson and Simner due)
 £500 from Election Expenditure line, add £50 to NDP (excl salary) Expenditure line, add £450 to NDP salary Expenditure line
- 6. Regulation 14 Consultation ends 20 January. Very few representations received so far. Next NDP meeting is on 4 February with Claire Parker attending, to consider PC responses to representations and any changes to the draft subsequently required.
- 7.1 Lengthsman report for work in December – Sweeping leaves off white lines over bridge and layby; cleaning out gullies through village; laying pipework and kerbs for form gully on Broome Lane; laying kerbs round gully on 93010 just off A44.
- 7.2 Footpath Officers – No report for December.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – The team are in hibernation for the so called winter, recharging their batteries for the Spring.
- 7.4 Play Area – Weekly inspections are now taking place and everything is in order.
- 7.5 EVH – Lengthsman has done neat job of sorting out the drainage by the Committee Room entrance and also put a lockable cover on the well as requested. New wood scarfed into the door frame, has had 2 coats of undercoat but needs glossing when weather permits door being left open! New heaters have been put in to replace the night-storage heaters.
- 7.6 Clerk and Secretary of EVH will be meeting with website manager shortly to look at how they can help with uploading data and also how the calendars can be combined.

7.9

	Report only on trees that need work undertaken	Report on all trees with plans etc
Jim Unwin	£300 – Visual tree assessment plus hand tools to check bases etc, discreetly paint number trees needing work for safety or management (lower priority) produce brief report with work schedule and priority (safety and urgent to year 5 work).	£600 - As before but download OS base plan as .dwg (autocad) file, and list ALL trees in schedule with number, name, dbh , approx. ht and spread, age, condition, life expectancy, comments and recommendations & priority. Promap base plan could be £20-£40 (have to pay to view exact size).
Mark Chester		£400 - To survey all of the trees within the areas of land and provide a report specifying programmes of work. In order to identify which trees need work, one needs to survey all of them. It is also important to establish the parameters of what is deemed to be necessary work. For example, a basic risk assessment focuses on tree safety and the potential for part or all of a tree to fail. There can also be issues when one has lower branches in areas where people may walk, such as a playing fields. An operative on a ride-on mower can suffer injury if they work within the crown spread of a tree with lower branches, and get hit! It may also be that work is not needed imminently, but may be delayed for 12 months or longer. When I assess trees, I provide sufficient information to enable a third party to identify each specimen, and also to prioritise works.

		There may be work which is high priority, and other work which can be undertaken when funds allow (if there are sufficient funds). If no work is needed, the recommendation would specify this. Sometimes, further assessment is needed, for example, a climbing inspection or the use of decay-detecting equipment.
Daniel Wenczek	£320 – Standard Visual tree assessment – inspection and report includes ground based inspection and assessment of all trees within areas highlighted by parish clerk but only signal trees – those that are deemed hazardous, require on-going monitoring or are otherwise notable – would be number tagged and included within report maps and tables.	£480 – Full arboricultural survey – as before but all trees (with stem diameter exceeding 15cm at 1.8m from ground level) number tagged and included in report maps and tables.
Jerry Ross	£480 - To inspect all of the trees and to provide a report with prioritised recommendations where it was felt work was necessary or advisable, or to highlight other features which we feel should be drawn to your attention (e.g. trees of special value or significance). This would be accompanied by a tree location plan on which the approximate position of the trees mentioned would be plotted. (If necessary, tree tags may be used to provide a positive identification of individuals if it is felt this is not clear from the tree location plan alone.) Note that all trees will be inspected and the report will make clear that this has been done, even though non-notable trees (i.e those that are acceptably healthy, apparently defect-free and not of significance of other reasons) would not be listed or plotted. I believe that this would effectively discharge the council's duty of care to take all reasonable care to ensure the acceptable condition of trees under its management.	£600 – If required we could provide a more comprehensive report to list all trees within the areas indicated, including 'non-notable' individuals, and to plot these on a plan.

7.10 Diana Palmer of Lower Hardwick Cottage is interested in being volunteer Tree Warden for the parish.

7.11 Current dates for flag flying as follows:

- 6 February Her Majesty's Accession
 - 21 April Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen
 - 23 April St George's Day
 - 2 June Coronation Day
 - 10 June Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh
 - 11 June Official celebration of Her Majesty's birthday
 - 13 November Remembrance Day (second Sunday in November)
 - 14 November Birthday of the Prince of Wales
- Do you want any other dates?

9. SLCC Conference 25-26 February – One speaker is from EA on Flood Risk Management. Cost for 2 days £249 + VAT.

10. Correspondence – received as follows:

- From HC – Public Spaces Community Grant information
- From HC – Redesigning Homecare for Herefordshire Residents flyer
- From HC – Consultation: Draft Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2016-31
- From HC – After Flooding update to HC website
- From HC – Fuel Poverty training
- From HALC – Information Corner and attachments