

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 22 APRIL 2021

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; **PC** Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436, PCSO Georgina Boswell, 07971 395167; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580

Get in touch

 **101** to talk to your local SNT/report a crime

 herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.police.uk



@HerefordCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger. If you would prefer to report a crime anonymously please contact West Mercia CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For all non emergency reports please call 101. For all other enquiries please email herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crimes reported in February within parish – from West Mercia website

Public order x2, burglary x1, violence and sexual offences x1

Reporting an incident of bad/dangerous driving, you can report it online **at the time or soon after** and upload a photo or video that includes the number plate details to <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>

If a road is blocked by such an incident, **you need to report it at the time to 101.**

Crime Prevention Newsletter on parish website (updated as new edition received), copy link to access the news post <https://www.mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk/crime-prevention-newsletter/>

3.2 **Re: Coronavirus Update**

- We are now back to levels last seen in early October and by specimen date ending on 26 March 2021 the COVID-19 case rate in Herefordshire was 25.9 cases per 100k people. This was a decrease of -19.4% on the previous week. Cases remain low compared to the national average (55.4 per 100k population).
- Some increase in cases are to be expected as society reopens and more asymptomatic cases are identified through regular rapid testing.
- Coronavirus immunisations continue in Herefordshire, targeting the priority groups. Almost 100,000 first and second dose vaccinations have been given to Herefordshire residents (and over 30m people in the UK). For all the latest data and information slides for Herefordshire, visit our [Herefordshire COVID-19 dashboard](#). The latest data slides can found on the [Understanding Herefordshire COVID-19 weekly summary page](#) which is now moving to fortnightly production. The Herefordshire Council website provides local COVID-19 information including [vaccinations](#), [testing](#), [financial support](#), [mental wellbeing](#), [help talking to children](#), [myth-busting](#), and the [Love Local](#) map. **National Covid guidance is available on the Government website www.gov.uk/coronavirus**

Re: Free cycle stands for county businesses

Businesses and organisations in the county can apply for a free bike stand, courtesy of Herefordshire Council and cycling charity 'Life Cycle UK'.

Herefordshire Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019, strengthened in December 2019 to a 'climate and ecological emergency'. The council is committed to promoting and encouraging healthy and sustainable forms of transportation, such as walking and cycling, which are better for the individual and the environment. Please view the Council's website news article: [Free cycle stands for county businesses](#) for more information.

Re: Parking charges revamped in Herefordshire

The car parking charge structure in Herefordshire is to be simplified. The price of parking is to be divided into bands relative to proximity to the City or town centre, with shorter-term parking in the city and longer-term parking available further from the city centre. It is hoped that this new parking structure will ensure there are plenty of spaces available in the centre for short term users. Parking will also be free in all market towns on Sundays and after 6pm every day, while in Hereford the charged parking period has been reduced down by two hours and will now be free after 8pm every day. Please view the Council's website news article: [Parking charges revamped in Herefordshire](#) for more information.

Re: New Beryl e-bikes for Hereford

30 Beryl e-Bikes will be available to hire from Beryl Bays across the city, as part of the existing bike share scheme provided by the British bike share and e-Scooter hire operator in partnership with Herefordshire Council. The Beryl e-Bikes will provide residents with an additional sustainable mode of transport to make everyday journeys. For more information on the initiative, please visit beryl.cc

Re: Leominster and Hereford Mayfair 2021

Due to the pandemic the Leominster and Hereford Mayfair have been postponed until the Summer They are planned to be rescheduled as follows:

Leominster: Thursday 29 to Saturday 31 July inclusive

Hereford: Tuesday 3 to Thursday 5 August inclusive

The Hereford May Fair will celebrate the 900th anniversary of the granting of its charter in 2021, while the Leominster Fair can be traced back to the 17th century, and both events attract many residents and visitors every year. Events and activities are being organised to celebrate Hereford's 900th anniversary and details of these will be available on the Herefordshire Council website in the next few weeks.

Household Waste and Recycling Centres in Herefordshire will operate Summer opening hours from 1st April

The new opening times will be **8am to 6pm, 7 days a week** in Hereford and Leominster. To ensure safety and efficiency, **residents are still required to book slots** to visit the Household Recycling Centres. Only those who have booked a slot will be allowed entry. This can be done online or, for those unable to book online, by contacting the Herefordshire Council customer services team on 01432 260051.

The Household Recycling Centres are only open to Herefordshire residents, and the booking system is in place to ensure the safety of staff by controlling numbers of visitors and prevent queues at sites. Residents can book up to four slots every two weeks and will receive a pass before visiting. An address and vehicle registration number are needed to secure the booking. To ensure the safety of staff, contractors and each other, please continue to observe all the relevant guidelines. To book online and for more information, please visit

[Herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling)

Re: Highways Matters

Re: Floodwater on Roads - question

At the previous Marden Parish Council Meeting I was asked this question. "Is the landowner responsible for water going onto the highway?"

I sought officer advice and it is as follows: *"In short the answer is yes, we as the highway authority are responsible for draining the highway, but an offence to purposely discharge directly to the highway without consent. Clearly, and as with most things that relate to drainage, the situation is a little more complex as natural runoff has to be accommodated either way"*.

For Information – Please Report Highways Problems on Herefordshire Council's website

Potholes

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

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

If you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/2>

Footpaths

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

Report fly tipping

Telephone the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or report the fly tipping via the council website

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

- 8.1 Work undertaken in March: Signs and splays safety cut; first mow; strim/cut either side of Laystone bridge
Work due in April: Check drain tops and grips through parish and clear as required; P3 strim/cut on MR24, gates on MR21 and MR45 to church
 Annual Maintenance Plan Lengthsman contract with Herefordshire Council signed and submitted.

- 8.3 MR37/PW12 – footbridge repaired by BB. MR22A – S&A fenced path, too narrow in places, has now been widened. MR29 – finger sign needs replacing. MR37 – waiting to speak to owner about route over fence. MR38 – need to find landowner for stile that has rotted. MR38/MR39 junction – reported needs new post for waymarker. MR21 on C1124 – landowner looking for solution to steep slippery bank. MR34 to Amberley – path access improved by landowner. MR30 – line of path is through field gate, so BB unable to provide new stile kit. MR18B – planks on bridge by fingerpost reported. MR24 – broken stile rail reported to landowner for repair.

Priority for new kissing gates –

MR8 to Litmarsh – x2 – landowner requested

MR5 at Venns Green – x1 – landowner requested

MR17 junction MR5, MR32/MR18A junction and MR38– wobbly stiles and new stile or kissing gate required but unable to find landowner. If further enquires do not give a name, can the PC check Land Registry, will need Clerk to use her personal card?

MR38 at Sutton Lakes Farm – landowner intending to remove gates and replace with stiles, as gates noisy and upset owner's dogs and horses; also having problems with walkers looking over fence at family and property so considering adding screening height to fence along footpath. Landowner considering donating kissing gates to PC if they are taken out.

- 8.5 Website switch happened as planned, though not till late on 1 April. Web builder ran into problems earlier as Orphans had used odd program for hosting, however sorted out OK. Will undoubtedly take time for parishioners to find where things are on the new PC website!

- 8.6 Clerk and Chair of Gardeners' Association had meeting on 6.4.21 with BB officer re cultivation licenses. Planter on Orchard Green/Walkers Green (C1120/C1124) corner not possible as too narrow. Planter on Woodbine/Walkers Green (C1124/U72646) junction opposite school may be possible but height can only be 60cm including planter, so unlikely. War memorial, Rudge Grove and Moreton/Marden junction areas should be OK but dependent on what utilities are underneath areas. The Volunteer junction ditto but not apple trees with wires or other stakes etc as trip hazard on area with no lighting. Budgets as follows:
War memorial – Planting of x2 Crab apple trees, perennials, bulbs and poppies; landscaping sand, slate etc; total £333.60 +VAT.
Rudge Grove – Planting of herbs and larger plants; landscaping paving slabs, cement, paint etc; total £202.40 +VAT. Hope to get donations of plants for area.
Moreton/Marden junction – Planting of bulbs and wildflowers; landscaping lawn edging; total £97.60 +VAT. Hope to get donations of bulbs.
Volunteer junction – Planting of perennials and shrubs; landscaping lawn edging: total £121.60 +VAT. If funds can be found – x2 backless benches, fixings, cement and sand etc.
 Total without benches – £188 +VAT as currently sourced. Total with benches – £1,048 +VAT.
 Clerk will need to find costs from Leominster Building Supplies for landscaping items and a company/garden centre for plants; or other companies that will invoice.
 Need to wait for BB officer to check information on utilities at the 4 areas and therefore tell us whether the plans can proceed.

S&A has offered £1,100 as sponsorship for parish enhancement work – which will cover full cost of work opposite The Volunteer (£1,048 +VAT depending on final costs). Request to Marden Court Farm also made for support for work at war memorial.

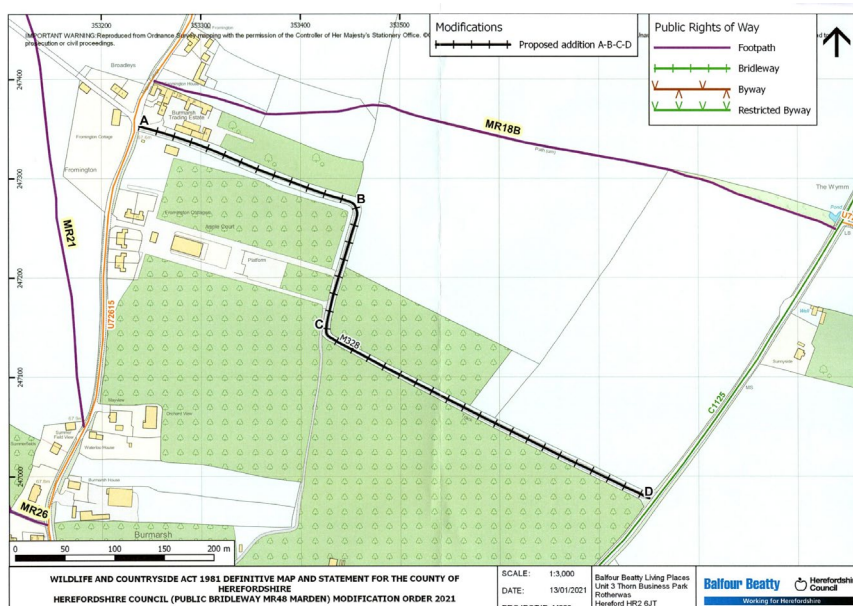
4m flagpole for installation by war memorial –

Aluminium one piece pole with hinged base for easier lowering and internal lanyard for security, cost £273 +VAT + £21.60 delivery – total £291 +VAT

Fibreglass one piece pole with hinged base and internal lanyard, cost £321 +VAT + £30 delivery – total £346 +VAT.

- 8.7 Working from the governments road map-organised outside sports can commence from 29th March 2021. We are governed under NASA and have guidelines to follow, to run a COVID secure meeting. Our meetings will be running the same as last year with pre online booking for track and trace and limited numbers will apply. Our dates scheduled for this year are, all are one-day meetings:
 Sunday 18th April
 Sunday 9th May
 Sunday 4th July
 Sunday 1st August
 Sunday 15th August
 Sunday 26th September.

- 8.8 Addition of new bridleway MR48 to Definitive Map – from Burmarsh Road to C1125



8.9



Possible alarm

130dB+ Key ring personal attack alarm with bright torch and additional hand ripcord activator. Supplied with 3xLR44 batteries. Dimensions 6cm long, 3.7cm wide, 2.1cm high – so easily carried in a pocket.

Price per unit £5.49 +VAT. Company will invoice.

8.10 Great British Clean Up – 28 May to 13 June.

8.11 PC has been asked if a gift can be given to retiring shop owner, who has lived in the parish with his wife for 23 years and given great service to the parish.

8.12 Clerk had site visit with Locality Steward who recommends that sites for 'Caution horses' signs be amended so mostly paired as in map below. Signs usually will be sited on left hand side facing traffic – arrows show direction sign will face.



9. Summit agenda based on info about Talk Community project, parish hubs, update on Covid in county and new Herefordshire Police Superintendent's presentation. Presentations highlighted that Marden is doing many of the same things to support the community as other parishes – Covid volunteer service to support vulnerable residents with shopping and prescriptions etc, and continuing to provide information on the website. Ed Williams, the Herefordshire Superintendent, described the new initiative Local Policing Community Charter, which will focus on safer homes, safer people and safer roads by working with communities particularly through parish councils with the wish to draw up a contract with each PC so it can have a say on the most important areas to police within the parish. He said that local SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Teams) staff will be attending a meeting over the next few months to make these links.

10. **Correspondence – significant items received as follows:**

From parishioners –

- Email to and from MVT, copied to Clerk, re May election and MVT's decision that unable to provide venue
- Emails re PC involvement in venue for May election
- Email re S&A fencing footpath – passed on to PFO for response
- Email re drainage issue in Litmarsh – reported online again, previously assessed by BB as below the level of intervention
- Email from Hereford Autograss – dates of events on Haywards Lane – see above
- Email re missed bin collections as operatives came earlier than normal and bins not put out early as required by HC – advised to report it online to HC
- Email re risk assessment needed for face-to-face meetings
- Email re damage to Laystone Bridge
- Email and visit to Chair re collection for retiring postmaster
- Email asking why CF notes were not on new website – screenshot showing where they are and direct link sent
- Request about ownership of car park at international store and whether improvements could be made
- Request from Chair of Wildlife Trust re ownership of pond and whether could be purchased or maintained by Trust or parish
- Email suggesting planting a tree as a memorial to HRH Prince Philip – Chair replied that unfortunately the PC does not own any land to plant on

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Stopping western crossing and new Transport Plan
- From HC – Parish council updates on Public Spaces Protection Order for dog control, budget consultation summaries, Covid guidance, phone box consultation
- From HC – 4 free cycle stands available – unable to access as must be installed by LifecycleUK within 3 months
- From HC – new parking charges information
- From BB – invitation to annual update meeting
- From Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean 28 May-13 June – see above
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation
- From HC – Helping completing the Census

Important items sent/calls made

- Email to parishioner explaining separation of 2 legal entities of the PC and MVT
- Further emails re no PC involvement in venue for May election

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