

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 11 OCTOBER 2021

- 4.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; PC Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580; **PCSO Christina Howard, 07773 052529** (new member of team).

Get in touch

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

 herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.police.uk



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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 August within parish and ward – from West Mercia website

Reported in Marden parish in August – Burglary x1; Other theft x1; Violence and sexual offences x1; Vehicle crime x1.

Sutton parish – Violent and sexual offences x2; Moreton parish – Other theft x1.

Fake BT call scam

Criminals, pretending to be from BT (British Telecom) are calling local people and asking them to download an app on their mobile device which appears to allow them to take control of the victim's computer. Once the app has been downloaded, in order to 'assist' the BT staff, the offenders are then able to access the victim's online banking.

The police received a report from an elderly victim on 23 September who confirms that he was telephoned and told by the fake BT staff that there was suspicious activity on his account. Once he had downloaded the app onto his computer, the offenders then took control. They showed him a transaction of £30,000 into his current account and said that he needed to transfer it into a different account for safekeeping.

The vulnerable victim was then asked to attend his bank, keeping his phone line open. He then transferred the £30,000 into an unknown account. The victim has since found out that the original £30,000 had been transferred from his own savings account into his current account, which he then transferred to the 'safekeeping' account, which was the offender's.

"I would like to remind everyone that the police, government agencies and well-known companies such as BT will never ask you to transfer funds for them in this manner. They will certainly never ask you to attend your bank and if you or your family receive a call like this, hang up immediately.

"Please speak to your elderly family members, friends, customers and neighbours to make sure everyone is aware of this scam and to hang up the phone, wait ten minutes which will clear the telephone line and then call 101."

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/>

New service launched by police – Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts; receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more. You can choose exactly what type of alert you want to receive and how you receive them, whether it be via text, email or phone call. Sign up now <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

- 9.1 Work done in September: Mow x1; Splays and Signs – safety cuts & clean up.
Work due in October: Mow x1 (Final for Season); P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church (Final for season); Strim/cut either side Laystone Bridge; Cut back overhanging trees/bushes either side Laystone Bridge; Strim round grit bins and remove rubbish from inside as required; Cut grips with digger throughout parish
- 9.2 MR24 – landowners contacted about trees down across path; MR21 by chapel – landowner concerned about stiles and liability and upset at dog mess left in field where there are sheep; MR22 – liaised with S&A to get problems corrected; MR32 – stile mended by landowner; MR16A – landowner grateful that issue of cut water pipe mentioned at last PC meeting; MR38 – landowner has put black bags on kissing gate mechanism so does not make noise but still closes, Locality Steward reported grass cutting category 2c; MR22A – S&A have cut hedges.
- 9.4 Work on Marden-Moreton junction and opposite The Volunteer going well, following delay as turf cutter did not work on first attempt (discount requested by Gardeners to compensate for this!).

Request made for an extra noticeboard by the BT phone box, as part of parish enhancement.

Christmas tree quote received and S&A has agreed sponsorship.

See separate document for details of benches.

- 9.5 The CF Group has worked with the architect to finalise the amended option B plan to go to planning for a decision on whether this changes can be a non-material amendment or not. Work is continuing on the draft Business Plan to come to the November PC meeting and then go to all properties in December. The CF Group will be looking for volunteers to hand deliver to ensure all properties receive the document without a huge postage cost. An event is planned for Saturday 11 December 10-4 and possibly Monday 13 December 6-9, with a Zoom meeting on Thursday 16 December 6-9 for anyone who cannot make an event and wants to ask questions or make comments. If there are Covid changes all events will be by Zoom. Event plans will be available for PC approval at November meeting, along with document to go to all properties.
- 9.7 Correspondence received from owner of pond: not be in my best interest to allow you to maintain or put any seating area by the pond. I am however keen to encourage wildlife and natural habitat so to this end I would be prepared to sell the plot as a whole for the price of £30,000. This does not quite cover what I have spent on research, environmental and ecology surveys and legal expenses but I consider this a fair price. May I suggest that if you wish to purchase the plot but do not require it as a whole, you could perhaps approach the residents who own the property siding the plot, I believe they had shown interest when it first came on the market. Possible grant for up to £15,000 can be applied for to the Community Climate and Nature Grant Scheme.
- 9.8 Event is Thursday 2 June, Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Beacons are to be lit at 9.15 pm. Beacons that are open to the public should be registered with the Pageantmaster for the Jubilee Beacons and must be managed safely. 3 types of beacons are suggested:
- Gas-fuelled Jubilee beacon, package with stand, anchor, lighting torch etc is £490 + VAT and then needs 1x 47kg propane cylinder and 1x 400g propane cylinder for lighting torch
 - Beacon brazier, no price given
 - Bonfire beacon, constructed so it collapses inward – detailed instructions provided.
- 9.11 Updated quotes received for all formats of N&V – errors in previous costings with result that company lost money with every edition, now under new management and new name, Signworx. Clerk contacted by new MD with cost for October edition and has obtained quotes for ongoing editions. Cost per edition up to now £217 for 24 pages x650. Quotes obtained from PIP Printing in Hereford as well. New costs:
- A4 x650 copies, black throughout –
- 20 pages Printworx £338, PIP £231
 - 24 pages Printworx £360, PIP £263
 - 28 pages Printworx £429, PIP £296
- A5 x650 copies, colour covers, otherwise black –
- 20 pages Printworx £267, PIP £176
 - 24 pages Printworx £298, PIP £193
 - 28 pages Printworx £328, PIP £210
 - 32 pages Printworx £353, PIP £227
- Although in Hereford, PIP have agreed delivery to one address in Marden included in quotes. Copies have to be collected from Printworx at Moreton railway site.
- Meeting of N&V editors and others request move to PIP from now. A4 format November and December/January editions. Then change to A5 format. Next financial year costs on basis of 4x editions of 28 pages and 6x editions of 32 pages – total cost £2,196.
- 9.12 The Vault, Burmarsh and Church Lane all freestanding but some posts in need of repair/replacement. Kitten Gate fixed to fence in hedge, as below – would be better freestanding just in front of the hedge. Urdimarsh fixed to fence/posts behind fence, as below – would be better freestanding just in front of fence. The Vault board has been pulled off the posts, as below. Landowners will need to agree change of position for Kitten Gate and Urdimarsh.

Kitten Gate



Urdimarsh



The Vault



Prices from Kedel Ecofriendly Plastic Products – able to make sizes of boards as they are now, exact prices not yet known but not more than as below for bigger boards.

Kitten Gate, Urdimarsh, The Vault, Burmarsh, Church Lane – currently around 620mm wide, 640mm high – each board no more than £405 +VAT, with a drop down front to protect notices but not locked (though can be).



Would be mounted other way up if not locked.

Rudge Grove board is disintegrating!



Rudge Grove – 1200mm wide, 910mm high with locked section 430mm wide – needs approx. 800mm locked, cost approx. £720 +VAT.

Ideally replace all posts at same time, rather than mount new plastic boards on wooden posts that are rotting in many cases. Cost of 2150mm high posts, £57.62 +VAT each.

Estimated cost to replace all 6 boards, posts and delivery is £3,487 +VAT. Lead time is 12-14 wks, March delivery would suit them and weather better to install.

If extra board at BT box agreed, cost increases to £4,008 +VAT. (see 9.4 above).

9.13 Trustee has resigned at AGM after many years of service. Other Trustees have put forward another parishioner who is willing to serve as a Trustee if the PC approves. Charity's constitution requires PC to appoint nominative Trustees.

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

From parishioners –

- Email offering books for church library – passed on to librarian for church
- Email that unable to stand for co-option to PC though had intended to
- Email from Marden Consolidated Charities re new Trustee and annual accounts
- Letter re village pond

From other sources –

- From HC – Illegal money laundering seminar
- From HALC – Oct-Dec training schedule
- From HC – Leader's Letter
- From HC – Talk Community updates, PC Summit presentations etc, PC Reference Group info, community hubs
- From Herefordshire Community Foundation – 2 grant streams available for Green Spaces and Community resilience
- From police – Autumn newsletter
- From HC – Bus It free weekend bus travel in county
- From Balfour Beatty – offering 1 tonne bag of salt but parish/landowner has to offload bag at site
- From Dinmore Trees – cost of tree this year
- From S&A – happy to sponsor tree at cost of £205 – invoice sent
- From HC – Notice of Withdrawal of draft reg 14 NDP

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