

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 8 NOVEMBER 2021

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; PC Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580; PCSO Christina Howard, 07773 052529.

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 September within parish and ward – from West Mercia website

Reported in Marden parish in September – Other theft x1.

Sutton parish – Violent and sexual offences x3; Moreton parish – Violent and sexual offences x1; Burglary x1; Criminal damage and arson x1; Drugs 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/>

Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service – **Free home fire safety visits available in Herefordshire**

Our colleagues at Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) are offering free home fire safety visits, across the county, which are tailored to meet individuals' needs. The visits provide actions and advice to help people make their home a safer place, whilst protecting them and their family from the risks of fire, including:

- Offering a fire escape plan to follow, should the unthinkable happen. HWFRS can also fit smoke alarms and specialist equipment, if required
- Identifying any health and care needs that require signposting to local services, to help ensure safety and wellbeing

The visits are free of charge and aimed primarily towards those who may be more at risk of a fire in the home, such as older people living alone or people / families with mobility issues, sensory impairments or additional needs. HWFRS can also support people, if there are concerns around hoarding. To request a free visit for you or someone you know / support (there is eligibility criteria in place), call Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 032 1155 or visit the [HWFRS website](http://www.hwfrs.co.uk). You can also download a copy of the [fire safety leaflet](#).

- 7.1 Work done in October: Mow x1; P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church; Strim round grit bins and remove rubbish from inside as required (not done); Cut grips with digger throughout parish
Work due in November: Strim round grit bins and remove rubbish from inside as required – from October
- 7.2 Hedge cutting well underway, most finger signs now visible. Some bridleway signs need installing & replacing. Way markers now on all footpaths. Awaiting installation of kissing gates on MR8 to Litmarsh, MR7A to Norton Court and MR39 in November. Awaiting installation of new stiles, MR4A near junction and MR18A. Complaints about bridleway MR19 and MR12 being unsafe for horses. Piles of soil by boggy areas making it difficult to walk over. Landowner will sort it weather permitting. Awaiting e-mail with his plans as asked if will use hard core. Fly tipping of soil reported following complaint at Venns Green end. Photos taken. Fallen tree branches on different sections of MR24 removed by landowners. All crops have been harvested, fields have been ploughed and seeds sown. Some crops have grown over paths and several landowners have been contacted.
- 7.4 Moreton-Marden junction – wildflower seeds planted in triangle edged area, therefore Lengthsman needs to not strim that area until September if possible, either in regular mowing or splays and signs clearing as scheduled. Rudge Grove area – will be redesigned next year in light of restrictions from utilities.
- 7.5 Community consultation events booked for 10-4 on Saturday 11 December and 6-9 on Monday 13 December. Plus Zoom session 6-9 on Thursday 16 December.
 Costs for event – Stands £208 +VAT; Hall hire £120; Printing of consultation and flyer £189.77 + £17.50 if flyer stapled to main document; refreshments £50 approx. Total approx. £585.27.
 Consultation document will be delivered by members of CFG and any willing councillors.
- 7.6 EA and enforcement investigation closed, excess waste removed by landowner, who has licence to move some waste to site.
 Balfour Beatty drainage team closed footpath MR17A at C1125 end during drainage works, awaiting update on current situation.
- 7.8 Clerk has contacted landowners at Kitten Gate and Urdimmarsh and gained agreement for free-standing boards sited just in front of current boards. Amberley Arms has given in principle agreement for free-standing board to be sited the other side of the car park to now, at agreed time when reopen.
 Ideally, bigger notice boards are needed than currently and certainly if the Parish Hub is taken forward. Current boards are 620mm wide, 640mm high – suggest purchase Kedel boards that are 690mm high, 1090mm wide at £440.63 +VAT each.
 Rudge Grove board public side is currently 770mm wide, 910mm high. A Kedel board as above would give more space for public notices, provided specific parish council notices are no longer put on it and only put on the board by the school. Items such as the Keep Herefordshire Warm scheme could be put on the Rudge Grove board as useful public notices.
 Cost for 7x Kedel boards as above is £3,084.41 plus £140 to have name put on boards + delivery £220 +VAT – total £2444.41 +VAT.
 Delivery is 12+ weeks once into production system, advice is order asap to get delivery in March 2022.
- 7.11 Questions on pre-consultation survey for Core Strategy update, responses requested by 17 January 2022 –
General questions
1. What elements of the strategy and policies in the current Core Strategy (CS) do you consider to have been successful or not? Please explain reasons
 2. What elements of current CS policy could be improved?
 3. Are there any key planning policies that are missing from the current plan?
 4. Are the policy areas that are devolved to NDPs at the right level?
 5. If you have an adopted NDP, do you consider it has been a success?
- Current CS settlement strategy
1. What impact has the current settlement hierarchy had on your parish?
 2. Do you consider that the current distribution of proportional growth in the named settlements of policy RA2 of the CS achieved its aims of rural sustainability?
- Services and facilities
1. Have existing services been retained or new services and facilities provided through development in your parish?
 2. What would you consider to be the key services and facilities required to support proportional growth over the next 20 years?
- Future settlement hierarchy
1. Are there any constraints to new development in your parish which would affect future growth?
 2. Would you consider your area to be a sustainable community for proportionate growth?

7.13 Currently about 40 bags at New House Farm from last year, so more stock not needed at present. However, when there is bad weather these will go quickly so delegation to Clerk to order more between meetings if required would be helpful.

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

From parishioners –

- Email re closure following damage to Laystone Bridge 8.10.21
- Letter re state of pond
- Email re Remembrance Sunday reading and wreath laying
- Phonecall re Amberley Workshop being used as accommodation
- Phonecall re flytipping of soil on green lane from Venns Green – reported online for BB to contact landowner as their responsibility

From other sources –

- From Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service – Free fire safety visits – info at item 3.1. On website as post, on notice boards, MailChimp and in N&V as separate copy
- From NALC – New publication on website accessibility – .gov.uk email addresses must be used if available
- From HC – Options report for Laystone and Moreton bridges in next year's work schedule for HC/BB
- From NALC – New publication on what can local councils do on climate change
- From HC – Keep Herefordshire Warm project – funding for free home improvements to upgrade energy efficiency, eligibility criteria – long-term health condition, income-related benefits, elderly or very young in household, EPC rating of D-G, call 0800 677 1432. On website as post, on noticeboards, MailChimp and in N&V as separate copy

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