

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 15 DECEMBER 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

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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 October within parish and ward – from West Mercia website

Reported in Marden parish in September – Violent and sexual offences x3.

Sutton parish – Violent and sexual offences x2; Moreton parish – Violent and sexual offences x4; Burglary x1.

Winter 2021 Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

The police have sent the Newsletter with useful information on staying safe at Christmas, WhatsApp scams, Drink Driving Campaign, Emergency SMS service for those who have difficulty communicating on the phone and winter road safety. Please access on the website <https://www.mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk/2021/12/06/winter-2021-safer-neighbourhood-team-newsletter/> or contact the Parish Clerk for a copy.

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.**

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/>

- 8.1 Work done in November: Strim round grit bins and remove rubbish from inside as required – from October; Installation of 2 kissing gates and 1 gate without hoops; Kerb scraping
Work due in December: Check drain tops and grips round parish.
- 8.2 MR19 and MR12 to Venn's Green – Piles of soil on Bridleways. Work in progress to make Bridleway passable in all seasons.
Notice to warn people not to walk along MR17A attached to stiles on MR17 and MR5 have been deliberately removed.
S & A commented that the public are still not keeping to footpaths. Have requested a reminder to be placed in Feb edition of News and Views.
MR12 from MR19 to Urdimarsh blocked due to fallen tree. Landowner sorting problem but may take a while to solve.
MR38 – 2 fallen trees, landowners aware.
MR12 – problem with foreign drivers following SatNav and driving and getting stuck. PFO advised that landowners can put temporary sign on own land warning no access, ignore SatNav.
- 8.3 Currently there are 20 people signed up for the Great Collaboration of which 13 are classified as live. The top 4 actions with 3 people each are: Join the electric vehicle trend; Reduce, reduce, reduce; Do you really need it; Save seeds
The areas that need help are: Low carbon mortgage lenders 2; Insulate it 1; Chose second hand 1; Buy less/share more 1; Join the electric vehicle trend 1
By category: Food and Waste see the most actions (16)
Money needs the most help (6)
1. I have made contact with the school and now have a contact. We have agreed to meet up in the New Year to look at how we can work with the school.
 2. I had a meeting with 2 volunteers from Wellington. We are looking how we can work together.
 3. I have yet to meet with Marden recreation Ground Trust to discuss whether there are possibilities for tree planting and wild flower planting on the playing fields.
 4. I have spoken to the school about whether they use a green energy supplier and am awaiting a response.

5. I have spoken to the school about the lighting for the carpark area and whether it could be put on a system so it is only on when people are there. Currently it is on a timer to go off at 10pm although it was remaining on until 11 due to the clocks changing. This has now been corrected.
6. I have received lots of information from the Green Network on how we can push the Great Collaboration. Most of my focus over the next 4 weeks will be on this.

Rod Lees

- 8.4 HC has issued a PCN (Planning Contravention Notice) – legal document that requires a person to complete and return information about use of land, where waste comes from, how many lorries etc. Has time limit for completion and return, due around 16 December. PCN process allows further action to be taken
 HC contacted Environment Agency and found out EA had sent landowner a warning letter about 1-2 months ago, requiring removal of some of waste, as excess on land over amount allowed by his permit; proof has been provided that he has done this.
 HC waiting for EA clearance that can say to landowner that aware he has had EA warning letter.
 HC would expect PCN to confirm excess waste had been brought onto the land, otherwise it contradicts the EA letter. If matters don't add up based on PCN, will investigate further and consider prosecution.
 If PCN not returned will consider legal action on that fact alone. Any further breaches will consider legal action.
 HC lawyers have to agree to take case to court based on file from Community Protection Officer.
 Very important that if residents see waste being brought onto the land that they provide date stamped photos of number plates and what is being carried and send to Community Protection, as officers are limited in what surveillance they can do and use in a case.
- 8.5 Talk Community confirmed not able to order boards beforehand if requesting funding in grant.
 Grant application made for other items, not boards. Waiting for result of application.
- 8.6 Clerk contacted one of landowners who queried insurance liability situation. Clerk contacted PC's insurers who confirmed that the owner of the land would normally have Public Liability insurance, probably through their own property insurance. In addition the PC's insurance cover has £10 million Public Liability. Advised that should a claim occur as a result of any enhancement undertaken on behalf of the PC, the insurers would sort out between themselves but either way there would be insurance cover.
 Information sent to landowner who has passed it on to co-owners and will get back to PC asap.
- 8.7 No response from parishioners to article in November News And Views re not holding a bonfire for environmental reasons and asking for other suggestions to celebrate the Jubilee.
- 8.8 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?
- 8.9 The PC and a member of the Speedwatch team met with the police, officers from Herefordshire and the Ward Cllr recently to consider traffic calming issues, particularly in relation to the list of possible items submitted for the Section 106 monies that will come from the New House farm development. The recommendation from the police and HC officers is that the PC consult with the community to get suggestions for traffic calming measures and that the PC then considers what is likely to be possible, based on previous advice and consultations and then send the list to the police and HC officers for informal advice. The list can then be submitted to the S106 officer at Herefordshire and/or the PC can consider using the Community Commissioning process to get a quote to see what is feasible from PC funds.

8.10 Email received from landowner where poles currently stored asking for their removal.

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

From parishioners –

- Emails re community consultation process
- Email re bush overhanging and obstructing pavement
- Email re removal of flagpoles from land where currently stored

From other sources –

- From HC x2 – Leader’s Letter
- From BB – Annual Plan consultations
- From HC – Officers interpreter training
- From HC – Avian flu outbreak

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