


CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 10 JANUARY 2022

- 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

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Crimes reported within parish and ward – from West Mercia website

Reported in Marden parish in November – Violent and sexual offences x2; Vehicle crime x1.

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

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 December: Check drain tops and grips round parish.
Work due in January: None due.

- 8.2 Online meeting attended by Cllr Bennett, report as follows:

BB summarised the work they have undertaken this year across Herefordshire - conscious decision to put significant effort into drainage issues following the extensive flooding around the county. Some 230 projects this year versus the 20-30 in a normal year. This work has taken place at the cost of less road resurfacing and dressing. The plan for 2022 is to continue the work on drainage projects, some 150 but also start to reduce the backlog on resurfacing work

The planned work for Marden is currently quite small in 2022.

1. Two small drainage items on the C1120 between Old School and Moreton Bridge but no resurfacing work

2. Several small specific maintenance jobs on Moreton Bridge

And basically that is all so I asked some specific questions:

1. Were they aware of the study taking place regarding Laystone Bridge and the possible need for funding any recommendation. It was slightly worrying that they had not heard of Laystone Bridge until I pointed out that it was the one with flood gates and had just had major repairs. They did not know about the study but would talk to "Bridges" and find out more. This was one of Kema's written questions. My reading is that if there is recommended work to come out of any study it may be quite some time before funding would be available.

2. I indicated that we were embarking on an in parish study early next year to determine and develop a traffic calming measures plan and that if there were plans to resurface or repaint lines it might be a waste of money. They noted what we are planning to do. There was a suggestion that there might be some extra funding coming their way that could help us but it would be county wide and would need prioritisation.

3. I asked if the Burmarsh Road was on any future list, medium or long term, for resurfacing work. Phil Pankhurst (Locality Steward) said while it is in a poor state there is no major defect and is therefore not deemed dangerous but he does photograph the road on about a six monthly basis and submit to the asset team. Final points made by BB. There may be some additional funding for next year but on what they were not specific. I suspect we would be low down on any priority list. The good news is they wish to hold update meetings on a two monthly basis. Finally, we should note that as they have a large reactive workload priorities can change.

- 8.3 MR8 and MR13A, reported online for stile kits to be supplied to landowners. MR12, overhanging branches that could affect horses – landowner informed and actioned. MR30, new stile on roadside installed by landowner.

8.8 Email received from landowner:

The landowner has given this some thought, but has decided, whilst not wanting to be a killjoy, that it is not really a practical idea from his perspective. He has replaced the fencing in this field with a view to having livestock on it again, and to site a bench could only lead to it getting damaged as cattle are curious creatures! It could lead to all sorts of other issues – litter being dropped etc.

I am sorry but he has decided to say no in this instance.

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

- Email re parish freighter service
- Email re vegetation encroaching on garden from private land behind hairdresser

From other sources –

- From BB – November update
- From HC – query re previous community facility consultation process
- From HC – Parish Council Summit invitation 17/1/22 at 7.00pm

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