


**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 18 October 2022**

- 3.1. West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; 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](http://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](mailto:herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

**Crimes in parish reported in August 2022** (from Police database)

1x Anti-social behaviour, 1 x Public order.

**Reporting crime anonymously** Crimestoppers UK, call 0800 555 111 or fill in the online form

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

**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/>

**Useful numbers**

- Victim Advice Line - 0800 952 3000
- West Mercia Women's Aid Helpline (available to help all victims) - 0800 980 3331
- Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327
- The Mix (for under 25s) - 0808 808 4994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0800 999 5428
- Samaritans - 116 123

**Other Useful Information**

Power cut: Call 105 <https://www.powercut105.com/>

BT phone line outages: [www.bt.com/help/report-and-track-your-bt-problem](http://www.bt.com/help/report-and-track-your-bt-problem)

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 <https://www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas/>

Welsh Water: [0800 052 0130](tel:08000520130) (Water emergencies) or [0800 085 3968](tel:08000853968) (Sewer emergencies)

<https://contact.dwrcymru.com/>

Severn Trent water: [0800 783 4444](tel:08007834444) <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/check-my-area/>

Report a tree down, flooded road or highway obstruction- BBLP : 01432 261800

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up to get [Flood Warnings from gov.uk](https://www.floodwarnings.gov.uk/) by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels. You can see the [actual water levels at different locations in the county](#)

More information and advice can be found here: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/storm](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/storm)

(The Clerk has noted the slight aberration in the numbering of the points below.)

- 3.2 Report from Ward Cllr. Kema Guthrie:

- a. "Update on OFSTED report into children's Services. OFSTED published their report on the Council's Children's Services which identified that the local authority is inadequate in all aspects of the service.

The Secretary of State for Education has issued a statutory declaration appointing a commissioner to review the service and report in three months on the actions the department should take.

I attended an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on Friday 30 September regarding the Ofsted Report. The full report can be viewed online at: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50192875>

The Council is already working hard to put things right and it is hoped that the improvements really make a difference for families, children and young people living in Herefordshire.

b. Ukraine Grant Launch. Herefordshire Council has developed a community integration grant scheme to support new and existing projects and activities that help Ukrainian guest settle into the county. More information can be found on Talk Community's website at <https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/supportforukraine>

c. Herefordshire Green Doors 2022: The event is taking place across the county throughout October 2022. It will showcase real life homes that owners have altered, amended or added to in order to make them more energy efficient and cheaper to run.

For more information please go to: <https://herefordshire.greenopenhomes.net/herefordshire-green-doors-2022-263> and/or email [buildingsense@hgnetwork.org](mailto:buildingsense@hgnetwork.org)

d. Keep Herefordshire Warm: In partnership with Hereford Council, Keep Herefordshire Warm run a free energy advice line, as well as providing one-to-one energy support.

Get in touch with the team on 08800 677 1432 or visit Keep Herefordshire Warm website at <https://www.keepherefordshirewarm.co.uk/>

e. Planning matters: I understand that a number of people are here this evening regarding the Berrington Bower planning application. As the local Ward Councilor I am in attendance to listen to everyone's' views and I will not be making any comments at the current time. As there have been many representations both for and against, I have submitted a Redirection Request to the Planning & Regulatory Committee. I have recently spoken to the Head of Service and the Redirection Committee will consider the Redirection Request this Friday."

:Re: Update on Redirection Request ref: 222295 Holiday Let, Berrington Bower, Marden

I have been notified by the Planning Department that the above planning application shall be referred to the Planning Committee as it "*had attracted an unusually high level of public interest in the relevant area. This was considered to be significant for the purposes of the constitution*".

The Case Officer is in the process of receiving further information regarding the application. Hence, I will await to hear from her in due course. I will keep you all updated accordingly."

- 8.1 Work done in August: Mow x1; P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish, clear as required; Strim/cut either side Laystone Bridge.  
Work done in Sept: Mow of designated areas; Splays and Signs – safety cuts & clean up.
- 8.2 Parish Footpaths Officer: Report will be received at meeting.
- 8.3 Caravans: Information attached.
- 8.4 E&S Group: Report will be received at meeting.

- 8.5 Sandbags: Sandbags are no longer available from BB.  
The information below shows the options:

#### Marden Parish Council

**Sandbags** Not Supplied by Hereford Council anymore

<b>Polypropylene</b>	Cost	Free Delivery over £50				
Size	1-99	£	0.42	100-999	£	0.40
13 x 30 inches	50	£	21.00			+postage
Aspli, Leeds				100	£	40.00 +postage
				150	£	60.00
				200	£	80.00

<b>Hessian</b>	biodegradable (6-9 months)					
Size	1-49	£	0.82	50-999	£	0.78
13 x 30 inches		£	-	50	£	39.00 +postage
Aspli, Leeds				100	£	78.00
				150	£	117.00
				200	£	156.00

<b>Sand</b>	15kg of sand per bag	=approx 50 filled bags		Total	per bag
Wickes	1 tonne	£	57.00	+ delivery £	30.00
				£	87.00
					1.74
	So 50 filled bags	£	2.16	+ labour to fill bags	

#### Filled Bags

The Sandbag Company	Filled bags					
	50	£	112.00	per bag	£	2.24 free delivery
	70	£	132.00	per bag	£	1.89 free delivery

The cheapest options were researched, and it was found that filled bags would cost £1.89 each including delivery whereas unfilled bags would cost £2.16 plus the labour to fill the bags for the same quantity.

The unfilled bags are subject to postage depending on the quantity, and the sand has a minimum delivery charge of £30.00. It is suggested we liaise with others in the community who might also need sandbags and make a combined order thus making greater savings.

- 8.6 Timing of the Parish Council Meeting and submission to N&Vs. Moving the Council Meeting date has impacted on the communications between the Council and News and Views. A strategy is required.
- 8.7 Events Group: The next meeting of the Events Group is 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.00 at 9, Walkers Green, Marden Links Parish Hub to plan the Christmas Event and events for 2023. All who wish to get involved please contact the Clerk parish.clerk@mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk
- 8.8 Marden Links: Report will be received at meeting.
- 8.10 Online Email & Scams: Statement will be received at the meeting.

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

From parishioners –

- Email re grass cuttings have been removed from Urdimarsh by Bridleway
- Many Emails concerning the planning application at Berrington Bower. Cf Cllr Guthries report above.
- Email re waste ground at rear of 9-10 Walkers Green. Parishioner informed of developments.
- Email re Women’s UK Title Grass Track Meeting.
- Emails re 9 Walkers Green, Marden.
- Emails re S&A

From other sources –

- From Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Apology for Speed Group
- From West Mercia Police – The Fraud and Scam Bulletin
- From HC – various planning applications
- From Great Collaboration.
- From HC – Re Neighbourhood Planning
- From HC – Place Shaping Options
- From HC – confirming precept
- Talk Community Newsletter
- David Nicholson re NDP
- Invoices from DC Gardening Services: PIP Printing; PKF Littlejohn Cf: agenda.
- Balfour Beatty.
- Gov.uk re Vehicle Operator Licenses. This in ongoing.
- Herefordshire Green Network
- HM Government re the death of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II.
- Email from PKF Littlejohn LLP re AGAR.

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