


**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 15 November 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)

- 3.2 Report from Ward Cllr.
- 5.1 Parish Clerk Salary – Time sheet attached.
- 5.2 Parish Clerk Expenses:
- 5.2.1 Purchase of British Legion Remembrance Wreath including donation to the British Legion. Amount paid via Clerks personal debit card. £150.00. .
- 7.5 Estimated costs of December Event: assuming 70 attendees £160.00  
Mulled wine, Mince Pies, Soft Drinks, Disposable Cups & Plates.
- 8.7 Lengthsman - See attached information.

Meeting with Lengthsman and Footpath Officer on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 re location of replacement kissing gates on MR36. The landowner agreed to the placing of the gates on the Lengthsman's advice subject to MPC agreement.

8.8 Parish Footpaths Officer:

Table 1

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Prow No. North / South</b>	<b>Unresolved issues</b>	<b>New issues</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Solved</b>
06/11/2022	MR36	None	3 x new kissing gates required	Lengthsman to quote for new gates	Landowner agreed to type and placement of gates.
22 Oct 2022	MR44	None	None	None	
22 Oct 2022	MR24	Dog access to Sutton Walls remains a huge issue with Landowner and walkers	19/10/2022 Received a complaint that manure was over the path.	20/10/2022 Contacted Estate Secretary Subcontractors have reinstalled the path.	Yes
22 Oct 2022	MR26 up to MR24 from Church	None	Path was no longer 1.5 metres from hedge to crop	20/10/2022 Contacted Estate Secretary Subcontractors have reinstalled the path.	Yes
23 Oct 2022	MR45 Laystone Bridge to Brook Farm	New stile kit ordered enquiry no: 13100345 02/08/2022	None	Stile delivered to Landowner. Ground has been too dry so still awaiting installation.	
23 Oct 2022	MR45 Laystone Bridge to Church	09/06/2022 stile kit ordered. Enquiry no: 13100346	None	Stile delivered to Landowner. Ground has been too dry so still awaiting installation.	
23 Oct 2022	MR21 next to Chapel	Dog access still blocked off.	None	None	
23 Oct 2022	MR7A to Norton Court	Stile kit ordered Enquiry no:13100358	Another stile was damaged, due to being rotten, during hedge cutting.	New stile ordered. BB Ref no 13100889. Not yet delivered.	
23 Oct 2022	MR19	None	None	Checked with S & A Farm Manager. Ground has been flattened, hedges trimmed and way markers in situ.	
23/10/2022	MR12 to Venn's Green	None	Complaint about chopped branches being left in ditch. 05/09/2022	06/09/2022; Visited with Parish clerk and complainant. Visited with S&A Farm Manager who has agreed to clear the ditch.	
23 Oct 2022	MR17A	Unsafe. A three plank bridge and hand rails and 3 kissing gates are required. Deep excavations need attention.	None	Meeting with Landowner, Lengthsman, Parish Clerk and myself cancelled. Needs to be rearranged soon.	Reported to HC.
23 Oct 2022	MR17	Finger sign just visible from road.	New stile by stone way marker wobbly	None	

Meetings have been held with various landowners re clearing and access to footpaths.

A photographic record of the condition of all the stiles and gates on the Footpaths in the Parish has been started by the Footpath Officer. (There are ideas that this information might be available in an online form showing the paths to the public in the future.)

The 'Walkers and Talkers' group continues to meet every Wednesday at 10am to walk the wonderful paths in the Parish led by our Footpath Officer.

8.9 Asset Register. Current register included in this CIS.

8.10 News & Views. Proposed increase in advertising charges.

### Proposed Pricing Structure for advertising in N and V for 2023

Advert size	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percentage increase
1/8 page	£17.50	£20.00	14.30%
1/4 page	£35.00	£40.00	14.30%
1/4 page colour	£45.00	£51.44	14.30%
1/2 page	£80.00	£90.00	14.30%
1/2 page colour	£90.00	£102.87	14.30%

8.11 Sandbags: Are now at New House Farm and available for parishioner use in case of flooding.

8.13 Lease for Land at rear of 9 & 10 Walkers Green, Marden, attached to this CIS. Currently with owner of land for approval.

8.14 Enforcement: From Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

8.19 Marden Flag:

- a. The Marden Flag failed over the weekend of 5/6<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- b. Any flag is not expected to last more than 12 months, even if removed during very inclement weather.
- c. Many suppliers have been researched.
- d. Most are only able to supply a very inferior product compared with the flag we had.
- e. MrFlag.com, who supplied the last flag, also supplied the artwork and design of the Marden Flag.
- f. Current prices are depending on size:
  - f1. 3 foot by 2 foot is £36.00 plus £3.88 postage
  - f2. 5 foot by 3 foot is £73.20 plus £3.88 postage
  - f3. 6 foot by 4 foot is 107.40 plus £3.88 postage
- g. The above flags are made from 139gsm Rhyfelwr Polyester with antifrayer netting fitted to the trailing edge and a choice of fittings.

8.22 Quote from Dinmore Christmas Trees a 17ft tree for £220.00. Approval & delivery date to be agreed.

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

#### From parishioners –

- Emails - Continued concern for the Berrington Bower planning enforcement.
- Email - Drainage and flooding is a concern. It should be noted that sandbags, now supplied by the Parish Council, are now available at New House Farm. Please contact Andy Owens on 07792 827184 if anyone needs sandbags to stop any water incursion.
- Emails - There is a concern that many motor vehicles are using the bridleway as a short cut causing damage to the bridle path and at times blocking it causing danger for legitimate user
- Ema

#### From other sources –

- Emails and visit re the use of MLPH as a Polling Station.

- From HC Section 106
- From SIGNWORX Hereford. Would like to quote for the monthly printing of N&Vs
- Sutton Walls Conservation Group – Grant Application for contribution for an Information Board.
- Dinmore Christmas Trees.
- From HC – various planning applications
- HMRC.
- Suspicious Email Reporting
- Royal British Legion
- Paul Russell – Internal Audit.
- O2
- Invoices from DC Gardening Services: PIP Printing; Signworx Cf: agenda.
- Balfour Beatty.
- Gov.uk re Vehicle Operator Licenses. This is ongoing.

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