

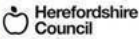
July 2026 – Ward Report – Sutton Walls



At the end of June, we celebrated Armed Forces week across the nation. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of defending our country and the freedoms we so take for granted. Herefordshire has a long military tradition which in recent generations has strengthened to being our largest single employer with an estimated 1,000 military children in our county primary and secondary schools.

183 businesses and public bodies in the county have signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant which helps support the large number of veterans who transfer from military to civilian life. The council is very supportive and supports a Veterans centre which, with many voluntary organisations, gives support, advice and friendship to ex- military.

Photo - the platform for the raising of the flag in Hightown Hereford with Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Hereford Mayor and the Chairman of Herefordshire Council. There was also a special day hosted at Lady Hawkins School where some of the pupils gave excellent speeches.



**Hereford Crematorium
Open Day**

Saturday 4 July 2026
10.00am - 1.00pm
Westfaling Street, Hereford HR4 0JE
Tel: 01432 383200



Please join us at this special event being held at Hereford Crematorium

This event provides an opportunity to learn more about our facilities, the services we provide, and the care we take in supporting families during difficult times.

You will have the opportunity to talk to representatives from different organisations who can offer guidance on registering a death, planning a funeral, cremations, burials and bereavement support. Visitors will be able to take an informative tour of our crematory, where you will be guided through the cremation process.

Our aim is to offer a welcoming and informative environment where visitors can gain a better understanding of what we do and how we support the community.

For further information please contact the crematorium office.

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In 2009 we built a new crematorium in Hereford. Higher environmental standards and more people meant that we had to build a new facility.

The Council are having an open morning on the 4th July when you can visit. The event provides an opportunity to learn more about the facilities, the service provided, and the care taken in supporting families during difficult times.

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Fire Service Report for 2025/26



Hereford & Worcester Fire service operates across the two Counties and in 2025/26 attended 8,665 incidents which represented an increase particularly in outdoor fires due to the dry weather. The service has 34 fire engines based at 24 stations with a budget of 44.7 million (raised by Council tax 30.3m, Government grant 9 m, Business rates 3.2m and special grants 2.2m) with 689 staff. The two counties have a joint population of 812,000 in 342,000 households and 36,500 businesses.

Last year in Herefordshire (population 186,000 and 80,000 households) there were 2,047 incidents of which 536 were fires, 662 special incidents including Road traffic, flooding, missing persons, gaining entry etc and 849 false alarms. Of Herefordshire's 13 stations Hereford is the largest and busiest attending 979 incidents or 48% of all call outs. The Fire service's new station in Hereford should be open in Spring next year.

In addition, the service carries out fire safety inspections of 1,103, nearly 500 building regulations, over 200 fire and post fire investigations and 139 multi agency targeted enforcement operations with Police, customs and excise, immigration teams.

Apart from Hereford all our fire stations rely on part time local people who are invaluable to us to deliver a professional and cost-effective service. The service will improve call filtering and engagement with business to reduce false alarms, work across borders, run programmes on young driver and water safety.

PLEASE Report potholes and concerns

Report problems on the road –

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road



[Check on progress of a defect](#)
herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/pothole-road-defect-progress-map

Report a serious pothole, flooded road or highway obstruction-: 01432 261800

Making a claim for vehicle damage : www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/highway-claims

Footpaths issues –

- **PROW - PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk**
- **PROW No – [01432 383 550](tel:01432383550)**

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/fly tipping](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/fly_tipping)