

Work in Specific Parish:

Goodrich and Welsh Bicknor:

1. Delivered 'Facing the World' talk to Years 5 & 6 at Goodrich Primary School
2. Outstanding - Investigating 'whose' responsibility is it to clean up area near the bridge of A40 Highways England or BBLP); Noticeboard to be placed in/near Dean Swift Close; tour of Welsh Bicknor

Walford:

1. Attended a Walford Community Support Scheme coffee morning at Walford Church
2. Met with Cllrs Puzey and Newbert regarding last minute preparations for the WPP
3. Walford Parish Party (WPP)! Thank you to Cllr Puzey and his wife Chris for setting up the hall + parishioners and Parish Councillors for their help & support. Our sponsor - Mr Bradbury – reported that he thought "... it was money well spent".
4. Met a local business and communicating with another to discuss concerns about transport/pausing the bypass
5. Outstanding - Leys Hill junction (waiting receipt of traffic survey); Local grubbed out hedgerow on top of Leys Hill (still waiting feedback from Council Ecologist); Kerne Bridge Launch site (recycling/ecological responsibilities in contract)

Whitchurch

1. Met with Cllr Morris re: setting up and advertising Baby and Toddler Group
2. Met with two residents about a driveway and a BT box on lawn
3. Delivered 'Your Voice Matters' (local democracy) talk to Years 5 & 6 at Whitchurch Primary School
4. Met with local business owner to discuss transport issues/bypass
5. On-going conversations with local residents and Herefordshire Actively engaged with Highways and Balfour Beatty issues: C1257, A40, dropped curbs.
6. Outstanding – Monmouth Recycling facilities being closed to Herefordshire residents (awaiting briefing and named person from Officer); lack of football pitch and activities for teenagers; parents worried about children walking/cycling to Memorial Hall from Ridgeway via Llangrove Road; Council Officers report about animal welfare/puppy farming concerns at a property in Whitchurch

Across the Three Parishes:

- Attended every Parish Council meeting
- Commenting on every planning application in the Parish and investigating those where the Parish Council have expressed concerns
- Connectivity – continue walk routes across the three Parishes; reducing traffic into Hereford; lobbying for bicycle friendly buses for no. 33 and 34
- Continuing to research the number of Carers in the Ward (awaiting central government data)

Herefordshire Council (HC):

1. Carrying out my responsibilities and duties on four Council Committees - Planning & Regulatory, Audit & Governance, AONB Joint Advisory Committee and Local Access Forum
2. Working behind the scenes with colleagues (and meeting appropriate Council Officers) in relation to the Environment Bill, Nature Recovery Networks, enabling and supporting the local economy and businesses in the ward including accessibility and connectivity through and across Herefordshire
3. Attended the 'Directorate of Economy and Place' half day briefing by Senior Management Team on the work the Directorate is delivering and feedback concerns about fly-tipping; recycling in rural areas (eg. no glass in bags but no boxes) and issues regarding highways/drains
4. Attended the Directorate of Adults and Communities half day briefing by Senior Management Team on the work the Directorate is delivering and feedback concerns particularly about lack of 'outreach' health care services in the ward
5. Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst proposed and I seconded a joint motion to ask that Herefordshire Council write to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to close permitted Development Class 3 Q loophole, which was unanimously supported by the Full Council.
6. Attended the Directorate of Children and Families half day briefing by Senior Management Team on the work the Directorate is delivering and feedback concerns from local parents and children about lack of infrastructure
7. Met with local Social Worker and Participation Officer for Looked After Children
8. Attended the Campaign to Protect Rural England Herefordshire Branch AGM
9. Attended and participated in the Herefordshire Council's Climate Emergency Workshop and able to feedback 'carbon' issues that face the ward, i.e. no spatial planning in England; town planning principles being placed on dispersed rural communities; ward is car-dependent; lack of school buses/community transport; poor recycling infrastructure (no joined up thinking); ward is 10% most deprived in barriers to services and requested that preventive health & social care services (eg. health visitor checks etc) be delivered in local Village Halls - avoiding the need to travel into Hereford
10. Was one of three Herefordshire Councillors selected to feed back on the 9 recommendations that were made by the Local Government Peer Challenge in February 2018
11. Attended the Budget Spend Consultation and made a plea that funding must be sent on supporting and enabling small businesses (eg. under 15 employees) thrive in rural communities as well as consider challenges faced by residents/businesses getting to/from/through Ross-on-Wye and Hereford.
12. Sent a letter of concern to the Leader of the Cabinet, key Cabinet members and the Wye Valley NHS Trust regarding the closure of Minor Injury Unit in Ross-on-Wye over winter. My letter alongside others has activated a Spotlight Review in November.
13. Cabinet Leader's November Newsletter attached
14. Did you know you can subscribe for updates on Council matters by signing up to:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHEREF/subscriber/new>

Walford Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report of progress to Walford Parish Council Meeting

27th November 2019

Written by the NDP Steering Group chair: Andrew De La Haye

Key facts:

Project end date	Plan: July 2021
Budget to March 31 st 2020	£4,172
Actual Spend to March 31 st 2020	£98

1. Consultants:

- 1.1. We have selected the consultant to support the project. Bill Bloxsome and Maxine Bassett will undertake the work.
- 1.2. Please sign contract so we can start work.

2. Finance and funding:

- 2.1. We have succeeded in procuring the grant funding for this financial year (£4,074).

3. Communications:

- 3.1. The parish party on 27th October was well attended and raised a lot of interest.
- 3.2. We will have had the first launch event in Bishopswood village hall on 23rd November. A presentation will have been given to residents and questions and answers taken.
- 3.3. We are holding the second event on 30th November in Walford village hall.
- 3.4. The NDP website is being built.

4. Planning:

- 4.1. The plan is for completion in July 2021.

5. Next steps

- 5.1. Develop a draft vision and objectives for Walford NDP during December and January.
- 5.2. Develop draft site assessment criteria during December and January.
- 5.3. Hold a major consultation event late February.

Walford Community Support Scheme

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 27th November 2019

Since our last meeting we've provided 42 hours of volunteer hours across 3 appointments, 20 social events / visits / activities & 6 shopping trips.

We had a successful trip to Lydney visiting the docks & the craft fair, as well as our usual coffee morning & Bishopswood lunch. Last Thursday we held a community Quiz night in Bishopswood village hall. Thank you to those of you who attended that & made it a fun night.

Next week we look forward to our annual Christmas Soiree at Lower Wythall, where we hope some of you will join us for an evening of mulled wine & homemade festive fayre.

Some of you may already know that it is with great sadness that I am leaving the Walford Community Support Co-ordinator role.

My reasons for leaving are purely due to personal circumstances. I will miss my job & the people of this Community greatly. I am currently preparing a handover pack to issue to my Successor & I wish them the very best in continuing this Scheme & making it even more successful. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council – specifically Karen, Ruth, Joanne & Bob , as well as those from the previous Parish Council namely, Sophie, Dave & Frank – for their unstinting support & belief in the Scheme & for giving me the chance to give something back to those who need it most in the wonderful community of Walford.

Huge thanks & appreciation to all the volunteers, without whom the Scheme would not operate. They are all truly amazing people, who have made a difference each time they've helped or visited one of our Service Users.

As always, I will sign off with the reminder that the Scheme relies on you, the people of Walford Parish, to look out for each other & to let us know, in total confidence, about anyone you are concerned about. The usual contacts will still apply after my departure, of course.

Sarah Hayes

WCSS Co-ordinator

Community engagement Working Group – Report to Council

23rd November 2019

The first edition of the new newsletter has been delivered. We have received some positive feedback, but of course cannot tell how many people have read it and how many went straight into bin. Twenty people have already signed up to receive their copy by email.

Parish party was a success with around 50 people attending, including many new faces. There was a lot of interest in the Neighbourhood Development plan that will hopefully be reflected in attendance at launch meetings.

The basic website structure is now fully in place and operational. We now have 90 subscribers to the site and in the last 30 days 340 individuals have visited the site. The next stage of development is to increase the information about groups and clubs that operate across the parish.

Reports SWG & EWG 27.11.19

Report Safety Working Group for WPC meeting 27.11.19

A very short report this time as the group have not had a meeting before this Council meeting. Next meeting scheduled for 3.12.19

The clerk has requested a community speed check from the police. The response was circulated by the clerk so you will all know that certain measures will be taken by the police to see if the conditions are right for a speed check to be granted.

We are asking today for the council to approve two new members to the group who will be very useful and productive members.

Cllr Cole & resident William Cansdale who is involved in the residents action group for improving the safety around the Leys Hill junction.

Report Environment Working Group for WPC meeting 27.11.19

Also a short report this time for the same reasons. Next meeting to be decided after the 27.11.19 meeting.

The debate on the Climate Emergency was deferred to the 27.11.19 WPC meeting. However, we are asking to defer this debate until the February meeting. You will have all received from the clerk details of The Great Collaboration which is a support network specifically for Parish Councils with regards to this important issue.

Therefore, we would like to attend these events and gather and collate the information gleaned before bringing this back to council.

We are also asking to approve two new group members Ward Cllr Yolande Watson and Cllr Ruth Dolman who will both be great additions to our group.

We are asking the council to approve Cllr Sian Newbert as environment co-ordinator for the canoe launch to work with Cllr Cole, the safety co-ordinator.