

### **Monitoring noisy hot spots and investigating noise complaints**

Herefordshire Council receives up to 1000 noise complaints a year, with a 50% increase over the summer months. Most summer noise complaints are about loud music, parties, barking dogs and loud factory equipment, so Herefordshire Council is urging residents and businesses to follow [their top tips](#) to make the summer enjoyable and prevent noise nuisance occurring in your neighbourhood. Funded by a grant from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, noise officers will be on call into the early hours of the summer weekends, monitoring noisy hot spots and investigating noise complaints.

If you are concerned about excessive noise in your area this summer, call Herefordshire Council's out of hours noise team on 01432 261761. They will be on call until the end of August from 9pm to 2am every Friday and Saturday evening, and on August bank holiday Sunday

### **Top tips for being a good neighbour this summer.**

To be a good neighbour this summer, read the top tips for limiting summer noise at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/summernoise](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/summernoise)

### **Hereford Crematorium Open Day – Westfaling Street**

When faced with bereavement it can be a very distressing time for those involved and people often don't know which way to turn. There are also many people who are thinking ahead and beginning to make plans for their funeral in advance.

The Open Day provides the public with the opportunity to meet representatives from the many services involved. We will also be giving guided tours of the Crematory to dispel the many myths and misconceptions that surround the process.

Saturday 16th September 2017 – 12:30pm to 4:30pm

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.



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### **Queens Award for export - local businesses**

Please find attached details of a scheme that might be relevant to companies in your parish, as you will note it is a highly prestigious award for export and it would be great if we could encourage some local businesses to partake.



QAE Toolkit.pptx

### **Do you need support with a community housing project?**

Herefordshire Council has been awarded £502,000 of government funding to support community groups to deliver countywide community housing projects.

The Department for Communities and Local Government funding offers eligible community groups financial assistance to start up and progress a range of community housing initiatives, which will contribute to the government's aim of boosting the supply of affordable housing across the country.

There are two main funding schemes available - the start-up grant offers funding between £1,000 and £10,000 while the project support grant provides funding from £5,000 to £40,000.

### **Libraries summer reading challenge is back**

This summer it's the Animal Agents with a mystery to solve!



This year's FREE Summer Reading Challenge embraces the animal kingdom.

Your child can help the Animal Agents, a bunch of furry, slippery and four-legged friends solve a library mystery – with a huge helping of fun along the way! The challenge encourages all children aged 4 to 12 years to borrow and read six books by collecting special stickers to complete their folder.

There is also a mini challenge for preschool children to join in the fun.

### **The Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge runs from 15 July to 9 September 2017**

It is available at all libraries across Herefordshire. To sign up visit your local library now.

### **Road improvements for Hereford**

Plans for improvements to St Owen Street will be on display in the Assembly Hall at the Town Hall. The consultation will run until Wednesday 30 August and the exhibition can be accessed online at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/StOwenStConsultation](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/StOwenStConsultation) where you can find a link to a short questionnaire about the scheme.

The proposals include a contraflow system for cyclists and improvements to parking and pedestrian provision as part of the wider improvements of Hereford City Centre.

To view a fly-through of the proposed scheme please visit the Hereford 2020 YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/mDMkTg9-zkc>

### **Herefordshire's growth plans and opportunities for future investment revealed at conference**

The [we're backing Herefordshire Convention](#) at Eastnor Castle on Friday 23 June 2017 welcomed over a hundred delegates to hear about Herefordshire's economic growth. Representatives from local businesses, education, government and the third sector heard about the county's plans for growth and opportunities for future investment.

Matthew Reed of British Land demonstrated why they chose to invest in Hereford and how The Old Market retail and leisure complex continues to buck the national trend, with year-on-year growth since its launch, and visitors spending more and visiting more often. Matthew Reed said:

**“The entrepreneurial spirit and commercial acumen of Herefordshire Council that made Old Market possible in 2012 is still alive and well today. Herefordshire Council are awake to making commercial decisions in order to ensure that the region, and the City, continue to thrive- that is a priceless commodity.”**

Councillor David Harlow, Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Services, outlined the council's investment priorities to ensure growth to the local economy and current projects in development (such as the new University, Cyber Security Centre and Southern Link Road). Councillor Harlow said:

“It was great to see such a good turnout for the ‘We’re backing Herefordshire’ event. I hope that people who love to live and work here will spread the word that Herefordshire is open for business and can offer real return on investment for all kinds of business and social enterprise. British Land gave a powerful presentation on the success of the Old Market, which has seen the year on year growth with people spending more money, more time and visiting more often. There is great opportunity here and we look forward to progressing more projects to help grow and sustain Herefordshire as a successful county.”

Doug Barrat, Chair of the Infrastructure Communication Group, showcased future investment opportunities within the county as part of the new [Herefordshire Investment Pitchbook](#)

The photo gallery from the event and the [Herefordshire Investment Pitchbook](#) which includes the projects highlighted is available on the [Backing Herefordshire](#) website.

Thanks to all who attended and those who made the event possible. If you would like to be an ambassador for investment in Herefordshire, please contact [business@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:business@herefordshire.gov.uk)

### **Kate Adie appearing at The Courtyard in Hereford as part of the Rotherwas ROF Front Line Duty Project**

The Rotherwas ROF Front Line Duty Project is a two-year project with Heritage Lottery Funding, honouring the contribution of the, mainly women who worked at the munitions factory in Rotherwas, Hereford. It will create a digital archive about the Rotherwas Royal Ordnance Factory and its workers, it has also funded a series of community events including the evening with Kate Adie and work with local schools to explore and preserve its history for future generations.

Thousands of women worked at the Rotherwas munitions factory site during both world wars, and the [Rotherwas ROF Front Line Duty Project](#), working with the Rotherwas Munitions Group, aim to compile a complete record of their names and stories.

We are privileged to have [Kate Adie](#) in Hereford for an evening talking about women and war, from her book [“Fighting on the Home Front, the legacy of women in World War One”](#).



Kate will be giving her talk at the Courtyard in Hereford on Tuesday September 5 from 7.30 pm. Kate will also be signing copies of her books.

Tickets are available now from The Courtyard - £15 full price, £12 concession you can [book online](#) or call 01432 340555

### **Disposal of the smallholding estate is progressing**

Herefordshire Council can confirm that the disposal of the smallholding estate is progressing, with strong bids received.

The sales continue to be handled by Fisher German, the council's appointed agents, and all successful bidders and under bidders have now been notified.

Councillor Harry Bramer, Cabinet Member for Contracts and Assets, said:

**"Several tenants have been successful in bidding for their farms or have secured other opportunities as a result of the sale.**

**"A very small number of tenants will be adversely affected, and Herefordshire Council is committed to its duty of care to the local community and to tenants. All decisions will be taken as quickly as possible so the sales can proceed efficiently for all parties.**

**"Tenants' welfare will continue to be supported throughout the sales process, ensuring that their respective rights are protected."**

The process of the launch, marketing and handling of bids and subsequent sales has, and will continue to, follow our adopted governance procedures.

Finally, as you will see from my sign off, I have, from 1<sup>st</sup> August, been promoted to the Council Cabinet with responsibilities for Transport and Roads. Needless to say I will be even busier than currently, but I will continue to maintain my attention to ward duties.



Barry Durkin  
**Cabinet Member – Transport and Roads**  
**Old Gore Ward – Herefordshire Council**

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