

Ward Report – For June 2019
From your local County Councillor Cllr Barry Durkin
Old Gore Ward – Herefordshire Council

Ground breaking moment for cyber security in Hereford

Work is due to start on the £9 million Cyber Quarter - Midlands Centre for Cyber Security in Hereford and was marked by an official ground breaking ceremony on Friday 7 June. Cllr David Hitchiner, Leader of Herefordshire Council, said: “We are very excited about this joint venture with the University of Wolverhampton, which is a key investment in creating more knowledge-based jobs in Herefordshire.

“The new Midlands Centre for Cyber Security is a fantastic facility which promises to attract new hi-tech investment, draw expertise and create high-income jobs in the County. It will create a range of opportunities in the growing cyber security sector in Herefordshire, which already has an established, highly regarded security industry.”

Andrew Manning Cox, chairman of Hereford Enterprise Zone and Marches LEP board member, said the new centre would further underline the zone’s position as a natural home for cyber security, business, research and innovation.

“Skylon Park has already been highlighted by the Government as having a crucial role to play in the growth of cyber research in this country and the new centre will put the zone firmly at the heart of this vital field.

“The national and international importance of the work which will be undertaken at the centre will act as a beacon of excellence, attracting still more investment at Skylon, the only Enterprise Zone in the country to focus on the defence and security sector.

“The result will be good news for Skylon Park, Hereford and the Marches region as a whole.”

The Cyber Quarter - Midlands Centre for Cyber Security is to open in summer 2020.

Council recycling scheme generates £8k for charity

The donation was possible thanks to a national metal recycling scheme that has allowed the Crematorium to donate over £70,000 to local charities since 2011.

The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) launched their metal recycling scheme in 2005 as a way to recycle the metal recovered from cremated remains instead of burying them. Participating crematoria are asked to nominate a local bereavement charity to be given a share of surplus monies from the recycling process each year.

The service is provided at no cost to crematoria who have signed up to the scheme and metals are not recycled without the next of kin’s permission, which is sought at the time of the funeral arrangements.

Since November 2011, this scheme has so far raised £76,624 for local charities including the ELY Memorial Fund, The Haven, Cruse Bereavement Care, St Michael's Hospice, Sands –

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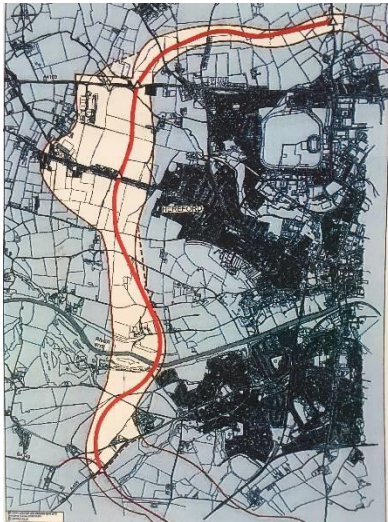
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The Born sleeping Appeal, Home Start, Phoenix Bereavement Support Services, Winstone's Wish and Rocky Lee's Little Feet.

Hereford Bypass

The new council is bedding in but the real concern is their thinking in cancelling the western



Hereford City bypass. The building of houses was predicated on a western highway which is the only side you can build a complete north to south route. It is also the core infrastructure project to deliver more sustainable transport solutions in the City and reduce the pollution levels in the streets.

The western bypass planning application was due to come to the planning committee in January 2020 and cancelling the project will mean millions of pounds of our money wasted with no alternative probably developed. Over the 23 years I have been a County Councillor we have worked on various transport alternatives including looking at going on the east of the city, park and ride and bus routes. We have a

challenge to deliver sustainable transport solutions for rural areas like Herefordshire, but the consequences to the growth of the local economy, delivery of services and impact on our residents needs to be clearly understood before cancelling the project without a developed alternative.

Don't let noise pollution be the sound of your summer

Herefordshire Council's summer noise hotline opens today (Friday 21 June 2019). Noise officers from the council's Environmental Protection team will once again be out and about around the county on Friday and Saturday monitoring noisy summer 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 the council is urging residents and businesses to follow their top tips to make the summer enjoyable and prevent noise nuisance occurring in your neighbourhood.

Herefordshire Council's out of hours noise team will be available on 01432 261761 9pm to 2am every Friday and Saturday evening from 21 June until the end of August, and on August bank holiday Sunday.

To be a good neighbour this summer, read the top tips for limiting summer noise at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/summernoise

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Top tips for limiting summer noise

Parties and gatherings

Always be respectful towards your neighbours and their family, particularly if they have to get up for work the next day. Neighbours are less likely to have a problem with a party if they know about it in advance and what time it will finish. Remember noise from the garden travels further, so make plans to go inside later in the evening and encourage your guests to keep their voices down.

Stereos and TVs

Position the TV and speakers away from your neighbour's wall – raised off the floor if possible. Keep the volume low as bass frequencies carry further, or use headphones if you like your music loud.

Dogs

Constant barking or whining from a dog can be disturbing to neighbours, especially in the summer when people (and dogs) spend more time outside. Dogs may bark because they are lonely or unhappy; if you are going away and your dog is being checked on by a dog sitter, leave a contact number with your neighbours just in case of problems.

DIY

Don't mow your lawn or start DIY too early or late - you may be an early riser or a night owl, but others may not be! Noisy DIY activities should be kept to a minimum amount of time, or pre-warn neighbours about lengthy DIY work. When buying new power tools, look for the Quiet Mark Award which can help you choose quieter equipment.

Cars

Make sure the music in your car isn't disturbing others when you are parked up or waiting for someone. Check that your car alarm works properly and if not, get it mended quickly. Be considerate when carrying out car repairs and make sure you don't start your work too early or too late.

Alarms

Leave a house key and contact number with a neighbour - they can contact you if the house alarm goes off while you are away.

Businesses

Regularly monitor and maintain noisy equipment that can be heard from outside your premises, especially if they operate through the night. When there is less traffic on the roads, low frequency and machinery noises can become louder.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/823/don_t_let_noise_pollution_be_the_sound_of_your_summer

Herefordshire raises a flag to launch Armed Forces Week 2019

Armed Forces Week 2019 begins on Monday 24 June and will be launched by flag raising across the county:

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Bromyard Heritage Centre at 9am / Halo Centre Memorial Garden at 9.15am
Ross-on-Wye Market Place at 10am
Leominster Town Council Offices 11am
Hereford High Town 11am

Armed Forces Day - Saturday 29 June

Chairman of Herefordshire Council, Councillor Sebastian Bowen said:

“Armed Forces Week will be marked by events across the county as we show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community. We want families, communities and organisations from across Herefordshire to show their support and get involved, whether it is attending one of our organised events or throwing a local party.”

Follow @AFCHerefordshire on Facebook for details of Armed Forces Week events or visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/armedforces

Preventing pollution and hazards from soil water run-off

Heavy rain in Herefordshire last week led to a number of pollution incidents caused by soil running off into rivers and large quantities of mud washing onto the county’s roads resulting in hazardous driving conditions.

With a lot more rain forecast the Environment Agency with Herefordshire Council are continuing to target landowners to remind them of their responsibilities.

In heavy rain, soil can be dramatically washed away from fields. Better soil management can help reduce instances of soil loss which causes water pollution, exacerbates flooding and creates dangerous conditions on the county’s roads.

Satellite imagery and footage from drones is used to identify bare, sloping agricultural fields where soil run-off is most likely. With this intelligence, the Environment Agency will visit the landowner to make them aware of the potential issues and guidance on better soil management practices.

This is particularly important for the River Wye; one of the biggest threats to this special area of conservation comes from run-off from agriculture. Herefordshire’s famous sandy red soils are generally very fine and become extremely mobile during heavy rain storms, meaning it is not unusual for soil and sediment enter watercourses and harm the delicate gravel ecosystems.

Clive Hall, Herefordshire Council’s Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport, said:

”Anyone with concerns of excessive mud on the road that is presenting a hazard to road users should call Balfour Beatty Living Places on 01432 261800 (calls are monitored 24/7). They will assess the risk and take the action required to return our roads to as safe a state as we can.”

Environment Agency staff respond to pollution incidents 24/7 to contain pollution and protect water quality. They investigate pollution incidents to find the source, stop the problem and

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understand how best to reduce any impacts on local communities and the environment. If you notice pollution to land or water to call the Environment Agency hotline: 0800 80 70 60.

Courtyard pledges support to county's Armed Forces

The Courtyard in Hereford became the 46th Herefordshire organisation to sign the Armed Forces Covenant (Monday 24 June 2019) as the county shows its support to the community during Armed Forces Week 2019.

Together with a partnership of public, private and voluntary sector organisations and military charities, Herefordshire Council works with the Armed Forces to help and support current and former service personnel and their families. Through the Armed Forces Covenant, the council encourages Herefordshire businesses, community groups and individuals to pledge their commitment and support to Armed Forces personnel and their families, as well as reservists and veterans.

Local organisations pledge support for military personnel and families through Armed Forces Covenant

Station Approach car park to close

The council car park will close to allow the development, but the NCP car park will continue to operate. Residents and visitors are asked to make use of the existing capacity in the council's other car parks around the city centre, and new signage along Station Approach will help direct people to Merton Meadow.

Cllr David Hitchiner, Leader of Herefordshire Council, said: "Station Approach will provide state-of-the-art accommodation for students of Hereford College of Arts and NMiTE. The project will improve higher education in the region, and delivering the works through the council's Development and Regeneration Programme (DRP) will help to support the growth of our local economy and further improve Herefordshire as a great place to live, work, study and visit.

"There is plenty of parking capacity elsewhere in the city centre and we ask people to make use of the council's alternative car parks nearby. We would like to thank residents, businesses and visitors for their understanding while works take place on this exciting development."

For more information about alternative parking please visit the Herefordshire Council website.

Hereford car dealer jailed for forgery and unfair trading

A Hereford car dealer has been jailed for 20 months in a case taken to Worcester Crown Court by Herefordshire Council's Trading Standards team.

Mr Kenneth Leach-Smith (59) from Rose Cottage, Kington traded as Halt Garage on Kings Acre Road, Hereford. Two weeks before the scheduled trial in May, Mr Leach-Smith pleaded guilty to three counts of forging service histories, one count of fraud for falsely claiming a car

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received a cam belt change and three unfair trading offences for falsely advertising multiple vehicles and selling two cars which had previously been written off. The offences took place between August 2016 and July 2017.

Sentencing took place at Worcester Crown Court on 13 June 2019; His Honour Judge Cole sentenced Mr Leach-Smith to a term of 20 months imprisonment.

The court heard that Trading Standards officers visited Halt Garage in May 2017 after receiving a complaint and discovered a number of forged service records as well as many vehicles being falsely advertised as having full service histories. A thorough investigation followed and found further forgeries, such as the sale of a clocked car and insurance write offs, and false advertising where the trader claimed all cars were HPI clear. Signage displayed around Halt Garage falsely claimed that money was donated to a local children's charity which was in fact dormant.

The garage has been under reputable new ownership since July 2018.

ROAD CLOSURES TAKING PLACE UP UNTIL THE END OF JULY 2019:-

THIS IS THE FULL LIST FOR THE COUNTY – SOME MAY NOT REFER TO OLD GORE OR ADJACENT AREA

SURFACE DRESSING WORK

The rain has hampered the programme again – the revised programme is shown below for works starting today, Thursday, 27 June running until Monday, 1 July 2019, including weekend working (weather permitting J) .

U65610	Frogend Lane, Bishops Frome <i>B4214 to Surface change</i>	U92210	Jay Lane, Leintwardine <i>B4367 to Jay Bridge</i>
U67413	Butchers Arms, Woolhope <i>Butchers Arms Pub to End</i>	U92622	Kill Horse Lane, Elton <i>C Road to Junction</i>
U93402	Westhope Hill, Westthorpe <i>Backwoods Junction to End</i>	U92622	Kill Horse Lane, Elton <i>Bottom of hill to top of hill</i>
U93404	Birley Road, Birley <i>A4111 to Marsh Mer House</i>	U92622	Cullis Pitch, Comberton
U93408	Ledgemoor Road, Ledgemoor <i>Junction to S Bends</i>	U92402	Yatton Common Road, Yatton <i>A4110 to Kentish Bungalow</i>
U90414	Hopleys Green Road, Woonton <i>Hazel Croft Farm to A480</i>	U92406	Lucton Lane, Lucton <i>B4362 to School Wood</i>
U90415	Stocks Lane, Woonton <i>Linked with above location</i>	U92404	Stocking Lane, Lucton <i>B4362 to U road junction</i>

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C1031	Milton Cross, Upper Marston <i>Noke Lane to Milton Crossroads</i>	U93606	Cholstrey Lane, Cholstrey <i>B4529 to Farm</i>
C1033	Broome Lane, Leominster <i>Broome Farm to Bridge Cottage</i>	U93002	Church Lane, Monkland <i>A44 to Farm</i>
C1011	Coombe Moor <i>B4362 to Highfield House</i>	C1112	Stoke Prior Village, Leominster <i>Pink Cottage to Brow of hill</i>
U90416	Wootton Lane, Woonton <i>Almeley Woonton House to Lower Woonton Farm</i>	U94005	Wicton Lane, Humber <i>Stoke Prior road to End</i>
U	Upcott Lane, Upcott <i>Surface change to Crossroads</i>	U94202	Bache Lane, Grantsfield <i>Crossroads to Gateway</i>
U91032	Woodbrook, Kington <i>A4111 to End</i>	U94204	Brockmanton to Whyle Cottage, Whyle <i>Whyle Cottage to Junction</i>
U91009	Bullocks Mill, Kington <i>B4355 to Downfield Farm</i>	U94402	Church Lane, Middleton on the Hill <i>C road to Church</i>
U91001	Knill Lane, Knill <i>B4362 to End</i>		
U91600	Green Lane, Titley <i>Turning Ways House to Surface change</i>		
U91620	Willey Oak, Lower Willey <i>Junction to Raft Farm</i>		

RESURFACING WORKS

B4352 – Weston Farm, Bredwardine

Monday, 1 July 2019 to (and including) Thursday, 4 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

B4203 – Saltmarsh Castle – Chestnut Cottage, Tedstone Wafre

Monday, 1 July 2019 to (and including) Thursday, 4 July 2019

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Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

C1205 – Near Rockyfold Farm, Michaelchurch Escley

Friday, 5 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours

C1228 – Haywood Lane, Haywood

Monday, 8 July 2019 - Civil Works (preparatory works)

Tuesday, 9 July 2019 to (and including) Friday, 12 July 2019 - Resurfacing works

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4220 – Holling's Hill Farm – Palace Farm, Mathon

Monday, 8 July 2019 to (and including) Wednesday, 10 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4348 – C1228 Tram Inn (Railway Crossing), Much Dewchurch

Monday, 15 July 2019 – Civil Works (preparatory works)

Tuesday, 16 July 2019 to (and including) Thursday, 18 July 2019 – Resurfacing works

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

C1157 – Raycomb Lane, Wellington Heath

Wednesday, 17 July 2019 and Thursday, 18 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

U92207 – Kinton Lane, Whitton Leintwardine (Remedial works)

Friday, 19 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours

A4110 – Three Elms Road, Hereford (Remedial works)

Friday, 19 July 2019 – NIGHTS

Road closed 20.00 hours to 06.00 hours (Saturday, 20 July 2019)

C1297 – Near Scutterdine House, Mordiford

Monday, 22 July 2019 and Tuesday, 23 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4220 – Cradley Village (South)

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 to (and including) Friday, 26 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4214 – Stony Brook towards Bosbury

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Monday, 29 July 2019 to (and including) Thursday, 1 August 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4399 – Holme Lacy Village

Monday, 22 July 2019 to (and including) Wednesday, 24 July 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

B4234 – Walford Village (Ross)

Monday, 29 July 2019 to (and including) Friday, 2 August 2019

Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours each day

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS

U81241 – Grimmer Road, Hereford

Sunday, 30 June 2019

Road closed 17.00 hours until midnight

Installation of a statue on a concrete plinth (near Sainsbury's Petrol Station)

C1205 - Michaelchurch Escley

Monday, 22 July 2019 to (and including) Tuesday, 13 August 2019

Full road closure from 09.00 hours on Monday, 22 July and will not re-open until 17.00 hours on Tuesday, 13 August 2019

Excavation of stone culvert to be replaced

HIGHWAY SUBSIDENCE ROAD CLOSURE

C1257 – Symonds Yat West Road

Road closed until further notice

CYCLEWAYS

Y81200 – Yazor Brook Cycleway, Hereford (Between Plough Lane and Yazor Road)

Monday, 17 June 2019 to Friday, 9 August 2019

Cycleway closed from 09.00 hours on Monday, 17 June until 17.00 hours on Friday, 9 August

Please note that there will be no through route between Plough Lane and Yazor Road

Upgrade of footpath to 3m shared use cycleway

CATTLE GRID REPAIR

U70217 – May Hill Cattle Grid (Lea side of May Hill Road), Cliffords Mesne

Monday, 17 June 2019 to (and including) Friday, 28 June 2019

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Full road closure from 09.30 hours on Monday, 17 June and does not re-open until 16.00 hours on Friday, 28 June,

(i.e. the road will not open during the evenings). Access via the livestock gate is still possible provided the Countryside Code is adhered to, i.e. ensure gate is kept closed at all times.

BRIDGE WORKS

U93017 – Brook Bridge, Brook Lane, Kingsland – Works extended

Works ongoing to Friday, 28 June 2019

Road closed from 09.00 hours until 16.00 hours daily

Bridge parapet wall repair works/brickwork

FORTHCOMING WORKS

A465 Stoke Lacey Bridge

Strengthening work requiring full road closure for several weeks

Commencement not before August 2019 - TBC

Programme update to follow

B4399 Holme Lacy Bridge

Bearing replacement under temporary traffic lights, with a full road closure for a few days

Commencement not before September 2019 - TBC

Regards



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Parishes Information

Brampton Abbots has just received approval for a Traffic Regulation Order enabling speed indication in the village and approaching the village to be reduced.

General Information

Council tax reduction or exemption

You can get money off your Council Tax bill, or even pay nothing, in certain circumstances. A discount or exemption depends on your current situation and circumstances, but does not take account of income or savings.

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If you are on a low income, you may also be able to get help to pay your bill through Council Tax Reduction. We will need to assess your financial and other circumstances to see what help you qualify for.
https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200146/council_tax/39/council_tax_reduction

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432 261800.

Please note that Herefordshire Council strongly encourages Balfour Beatty to promote all service requests and queries should be logged via the HC website at <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

Please use the website or call the customer services call handling team. This will help ensure that everything is logged in to the operating system known as CONFIRM where it can be responded to in a timely way.

For any PROW (Public Rights of Way) maps or problems, you can report these via the following link on the Herefordshire Council's website:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/248/public_rights_of_way_map

You can search for PROW information on the map using: - Footpath references, Postcodes, Addresses and Grid References e.g. 354000 254000

If you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claimsplease_use

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame by either calling the Contact Centre above or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

General Data Protection Regulations Statement

The General Data Protection Act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information, and it comes into force on the 25th May 2018; superseding the Data Protection Act 1998. As a County Councillor I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do not and will not share those email addresses with any third party.

In seeking legal compliance as a data controller I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with my holding their email contact that you please advise me so that I am able to remove you from the list.

Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates, emails as required and occasional key information.