

BORDER GROUP PC WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY 2022

As requested, I have asked that when the white line is marked on Buckton Lane after the road resurfacing, that the white line on the road to Adforton also be remarked.

There are still a number of outstanding planning applications in the Border Group area which are either waiting for our ecologist or environmental health officer to consider and we have vacancies or are held up due to River Lugg Pollution issue.

Really pleased to be advised that the verge at Walford has been levelled. I am unsure as to whether any working party meetings have taken place about other potential measures but I have not been advised of any.

According to the police, drug selling taking place in Adforton and other villages in the area have been traced back to Powys and there have been arrests.

As previously stated, larger Walford village signs can be erected but any design must be agreed with BB. I hope this is progressing and has Stef Harper contacted the working group about Speed watch or have the group contacted her?

I attended a Mortimer ward Zoom meeting with Balfour Beatty recently which was very useful. We were advised that all PROW work, TROs. SIDs has now moved over to Herefordshire Council and that includes Ray Wallace. To contact HC about PROW issues you should email PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk or 01432 383550 and TROs or SIDs TM@herefordshire.gov.uk.

I also attended the quarterly Balfour Beatty Zoom meeting for councillors at the end of last week and during the discussion it was pointed out by a Balfour Beatty officer that the only authority which spends less on roads is the Isle of Wight. This I believe goes someway to explain why our roads are in such a poor state.

The timescale for responses to the rural village safety grant bids was extended to the 9th May. There is only 51K in total so there will not be a lot of money available to each parish I suspect but I hope that Border Group PC have taken advantage of this grant bid.

Parish councils are starting to receive feedback from BB on their drainage bids and I hope that Border Group has received an acknowledgement. In some cases, the bids have been agreed and in other cases the locality steward has been asked to go out with Mark Watkins to see what work is being suggested before the OK is given.

Herefordshire Council are developing an accommodation check list which they will circulate as soon as it has been approved to support Ukrainian refugees. Please do not hesitate to contact the team via the supportforukraine@herefordshire.gov.uk email address if you have any queries or wish to be added to the list offering accommodation or support. Some Ukrainians have already arrived in the County