

BORDER GROUP PC WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT JUNE 2020

With regard to the County situation. Very few calls are now coming into the Council for assistance and each parish seems to have put together a support network. £845K has been provided by the Government to the Council to support track and trace. Of the 79 primary schools in Herefordshire, 63 returned on the 9th with reception, YR1 and YR6 the remaining 16 will have done so on the 15th June. All Secondary schools will have opened on the 15th June for some face to face work with YR10 and YR12. The Council is at present accommodating 66 rough sleepers whilst 7 due to complex needs remain on the streets.

From the 15th June the Council will be giving out a grant to small businesses in shared office space paying no business rates, market traders B & B accommodation and Holiday Lets. This is good news for people in Herefordshire where the tourist industry is really important.

As at the 9th June there had been 456 confirmed cases of Covid-19 of which 163 were in Care Homes. There were 113 deaths 49 in Herefordshire hospitals, 58 in Care Homes 3 in Hospices and 3 at Home. Last week was the first week since the shutdown that our death rate was below the average for the time of year.

I received an email from the clerk regarding speeding in Lingen and what appeared to be incorrect information given by the BB helpdesk with regard to mirrors/signage. Ray Wallace has responded and given his view on the matter with regard to mirrors and advised that the responsibility is the house owner. If required I can elaborate at the meeting.

I gather the Lingen/Walford signs have moved a step closer to the clerk and by the meeting she may have them. I have spoken to Simon Hobbs about this and he is pursuing whether the parish council should pay for these as they are not new signs but replacements.

The Rose Cottage application is awaiting a Design & Access Statement as at present it is not a valid application.

I have discussed with Lee, Tom and Paul the issue of Buckton Lane. Lee has passed this to the Asset Team ie Ray Hickey as this is a big job and has to be prioritised along with other work, much of which is due to flood damage. I do however think a sign should be erected warning motorists. With regard to The Hollow, Lee and various officers at BB are convinced this does not belong to Herefordshire Council and therefore not the responsibility of BB. This is a landowner responsibility