

BORDER GROUP PARISH COUNCIL WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT OCT 2020

I was made aware of the incident in Buckton lane with regard to the ditch damage due to a refuse vehicle. Lee Fishwick has put up slow notices and he hopes to have the repair done as soon as possible. He is at a loss as to how this could have happened if the driver was acting responsibly.

I am assured that the jetting of the culvert will be done, but no date has been set for this!

Lee Fishwick has raised with Welsh Water as an emergency job now the sinking manhole cover in Adforton. He is concerned as to what is underneath, if anything!!

I have once again raised with John Harrington the Portfolio Holder the reimbursement of the money for the Lingen/Walford signage which he feels the parish council should not have paid for.

I have received a request from a resident in Adforton for a 30 mph repeater sign as she believes that the sign coming from Wigmore is some distance from the main settlement. I have spoken to Ray Wallace about this and he is investigating.

I hope that the parish council has completed the consultation document on Planning for the Future. I have been advised that if you do not want to plough through the questionnaire, parish councils can just write a letter outlining which sections of the White Paper they support and which they do not.

With regard to the Covid situation, Herefordshire had as of Monday 12th October there has been 1,113 confirmed cases which was 108 up on the previous day. The rate of infection in Herefordshire now stands at 577 cases per 100,000 people far lower than the England average of 935. Since the beginning of August 33% of the cases have been 18 – 30 year olds compared to 14% previously, 129 deaths were recorded up to the 3rd October. You will be aware that there have been cases within the most Northerly part of Herefordshire in Orleton, Wigmore and Brimfield including pupils at Wigmore school, one of which lives in Wales. The difficulty with the numbers per local govt administration is that in education settings ie schools, colleges and universities, although the young person may have caught the virus in that institution, the number count is attributed to their home address. Therefore, although we do not have a university, students who catch the virus whilst at university but have a home address in Herefordshire will be counted in Herefordshire's numbers.

The mobile testing unit in Herefordshire is at Merton Meadow overflow car park in Hereford with access from the link road.