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**Dear All**

Please find enclosed amended Castle ward update

Can I ask all clerks if they could forward to their Councillors and any other interested residents or organisations

Many thanks

Roger



## SEPTEMBER UPDATE CASTLE WARD

**Email: [rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

**Dear Residents**

As you will aware Clive is recuperating and I am looking after any ward business at the moment. Please find enclosed an amended version of my Arrow ward monthly update for your information.

I have overseen planning applications across the ward, including calling one via Clive to committee, an enforcement action, liaised with all the Parish clerks and our Balfour Steward Lara Edwards. I have been in contact with Balfour on the recent resurfacing and future resurfacing programmes. I have meet the County monitoring officer.

Diary permitting I will try and attend some of the Parish Council meetings but will be in contact with the clerks beforehand.

if you have any concerns re the Council please contact me via email.

Don't forget of the largest countryside events in the County **Kington Show** will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ovals Lyonshall. That weekend sees the start of H.Art week with over 100 venues across the county to go and visit including many displays by local artists. More details on their

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Just outside our Parishes the Weobley Ploughing Society will be holding its **last ever ploughing match** and show at Bidney farm between Eardisland and Dilwyn on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September.



## **Shobdon Flower festival**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

Hereford Male Rail voice choir concert

Saturday 30<sup>TH</sup> night tickets £10 inc drink.

I have been working with partners to established a local commission overseeing the **future of health services** in the Kington locality. This includes an oversee of the GP Surgery, three nursing homes, Kington Court with the Logan Jack unit, Minor Injuries Unit, Pharmacy and Dental provision as well as district nurses and mental health team. I have secured local Parish Councillors to serve on the project. There are two opportunities for public comments at the Masonic Hall in Kington on

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**                      **18:30 to**  
**19:30**                      **Kington Masonic Hall**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**                      **16:00 to**  
**19:00**                      **Kington Masonic Hall**

These sessions will be to engage with the public and to feedback information that has been collated and reflected on to date.

We are all aware of the challenges to our Health and Care services nationally and locally and I welcome the opportunity to have an engagement with the Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and to influence their future service designs,



## **DOLYHIR QUARRY VISIT**

I arranged a visit for my five Parish



Councils to the Quarry at Dolyhir just over the border at Old Radnor. Together with the neighbouring Gore quarry the two quarries send out approx. 6,000 tonnes per day of stone product virtually all of it through local villages. We travelled around the site and saw the extensive excavations exposing 170 feet of five different layers of rock including limestone and granite.

Blasting takes place several times a month and the stone is crushed on site and developed into a range of 100 different products. This local stone is of very high quality and in demand. Much of the production travels via our roads to a freight depot at Moreton on Lugg and is sent chiefly to London and the south east. Indeed our local quarries supplied the runways for Heathrow, Gatwick and the M25 surface. A limited amount of stone is imported to make the coloured safer surfacing like we have at Lyonshall nursery bend on the A44.

The Quarry employs 100 people with 80 sub contracted drivers and we had a good opportunity to express concerns with them on speeding and safety. The existing quarries can be excavated another 100 feet down and planning permission is in the system to extend into the adjoining land which is in Tarmac's ownership and means that operations will continue for the rest of this century.

I invited the new Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr Barry Durkin to join us on the quarry visit and took the opportunity to take him around my ward and show him the state of the highways in particular Pembridge and Shobdon, the Royal George bend in Lyonshall. I also showed him the poor work down by Balfour on the dropped kerbs in Shobdon and we are awaiting a reply from them on the project.

Herefordshire recently gained some highway funding for three specific main roads in the county I



...specific main roads in the county. I am working with fellow councillors and officers on submitting a bid for the A44. In addition I am in contact with Powys and Worcestershire colleagues to see if they would support additional funding for our highway.



Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

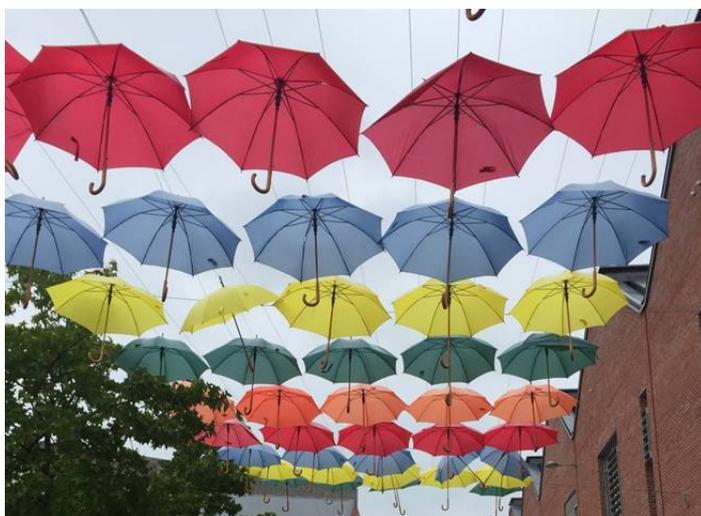
<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle please use

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims)

**Faster Broadband** in rural areas is a challenge and I have been working with officers on a project to get to some of our more sparse businesses and residents who are some distance from the green cabinets. We have targeted an area in Brilley. The aim is to access some European funding which is targeted at sparsely populated areas to improve their broadband. Depending on the level of grant we receive it may be possible to extend the area. Many of you will over the last 12 months have noticed a significant improvement in your Broadband but sadly there are still a great many households with poor connection



## OLD MARKET HEREFORD

Last month Lancaster Council visited Hereford to see the **Old Market** retail area which is regarded nationally as a very successful modern retail development. As the then



development. As the then  
Leader of the Council I  
pushed forward this  
development against huge  
opposition.

We realised that it was  
important to link the Old  
Market to Hightown and so the  
investment in crossing to and

through Widemarsh street was critical. I think it is generally accepted  
that the Old Market is not only a success but has helped bring back  
footfall to Hereford with over two million crossings per year between on  
Newmarket street.

The £90 million project was funded by British Land who currently have  
all the 33 units let with nearly 1500 jobs created. Debenhams, Waitrose  
( with a John Lewis click and collect) and the multiplex Odeon cinema  
are the principle anchor tenants with many catering outlets including  
the local Beefy Boys.

The Council receives an extra one million pounds in Business rates from  
the Old Market and has had a significant increase in car parking income  
from the Garrick multi storey car park.

The company extensively monitors footfall which is used to improve the  
visitor experience. The rise on internet shopping and many retail outlets  
is huge challenge to the sector nationally. Locally retailers across the  
city have formed a Business Improvement district and pay a small  
supplement to their Business rates to help promote the City to visitors.  
If we hadn't moved the Livestock market and developed the site I dread  
to think what Hereford would be like now.

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact

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if you a planning enforcement concern

[Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Police contact: to **report a crime telephone 101**

Our community team details are

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Mobile [07968 462523](tel:07968462523)

PCSO 40067 David Boden

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As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

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