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# HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILOR REPORT

**Councillor Roger Phillips on behalf of Cllr Clive Skelton**

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The austerity period in public services continues to impact on the delivery of council services together with the rising pressures of adult and children`s care. Since 2010 Herefordshire Council has had to make £67 million worth of savings with huge impact on all services particularly non statutory. The Government uplifted council tax increases for councils with care responsibilities in the autumn and Herefordshire increased their level to 4.9% ( 5.9% was maximum permitted).

The Council set a balanced budget of £144 million for 2018/19 This will be funded by  
Council tax                    £ 99 million                    ( £93 million in 2017/18        £89m in  
2016/17 ).

Business rates                £33 million                    ( £32.5 million in 2017/18    £30m in 16/17  
).

Government grants        £12 million                    ( £19 million in 2017/18        £27m in 16/17 ).

In 2017/18 £75 million was spent on 3,500 people. These people have high care and complex needs and the council has a statutory obligation to meet their needs. I am representing the Council on working parties submitting evidence to Government on the new formula for funding local authorities including the sparsely populated councils which help gains us an extra one million in grant for this year.

Herefordshire has over 2,000 miles of roads and their maintenance and condition is a concern particularly after the long wet and cold winter we have had. Balfour have had difficulty in dealing with the potholes since the new year and on behalf of residents I have raised many issues with them and our commissioning team. The budget for next year sees 27 million identified for Balfour contract . I will continue to lobby for more resurfacing, better practice and outcomes.

In August I invited my parish Councillors to a visit to the quarry to question Tarmac and learn more of their operation. I maintain contact with major HGV companies and



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contributed to the Local Enterprise Partnership consultation and an upcoming review of traffic in North Herefordshire.

I enclose the Traffic figures via the grey boxes which have been monitored since I had them installed in 2005. I report the October traffic numbers, types and speeds to Parish Councils which is relevant to Woonton.

#### The 2017 October traffic figures over a month period was

**Shobdon 4,602 vehicles per day with 20.5% ( 944) being larger vehicles**  
**Eardisley 4,222 vehicles per day with 24% (1011)**  
**Pembridge 2,851 vehicles per day with 26% ( 740)**  
**\*Lyonshall 2,457 vehicles per day with 9% ( 223) \***

#### The 2006 October traffic levels taken on average over four months

**Shobdon 4,425 vehicles per day with 19% ( 841) being larger vehicles**  
**Eardisley 4,271 vehicles per day with 19% ( 811)**  
**Pembridge. 2,332 vehicles per day with 19% ( 443)**  
**Lyonshall. 2,056 vehicles per day with 17% ( 350)**

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

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 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](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping)

**This year saw the consultation on the option routes for the Hereford Bypass from A465 to A49. The preferred route will be identified this summer and I will work strongly to support its building. We can not afford to make the mistake of thirty years ago again. When you see the Newbridge on wye and Newtown Bypasses it beggars belief that Hereford, Leominster and Eardisley still suffer like we do.**



## **Recycling and Waste 2017/18 Update**

Herefordshire council recycles **41%** of the waste it collects, most of the waste that remains is sent to an Energy from Waste plant in Worcestershire under a joint contract between the two County Councils. There it is burnt in controlled conditions to generate electricity to be fed into the national grid.

- **75,000** tonnes of household waste is collected by the council last year (2017/18)
- The average amount of waste produced by each household in Herefordshire is **900kg** per year
- The Energy from Waste plant accepts 200,000 tonnes of waste from councils in Herefordshire and Worcestershire each year, it generates around **17 Megawatts per hour**, enough to power **30,000 homes**.
- The **Kington Household Recycling Centre** which opened 2 years ago recycles **78%** of the waste brought in, the highest performing site in both Herefordshire and Worcestershire!

For a nominal fee the council also provides:

- A large item collection service
- Garden waste collection (in pre-paid green sacks)

Our local recycling centres are

Leominster                      Open 7 days a week

Kington                              Open weekends and Friday

Check the website for further information [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling)

**Materials Accepted:**

(Household Waste Only)

- Garden Waste
- Furniture & bicycles for reuse
- Paper and Cardboard
- Scrap Metals
- Household Electrical Goods
- Energy saving light bulbs
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Household Batteries
- Waste Wood
- Soil and Rubble
- General Household Rubbish

**Not Accepted:**

(But accepted at main sites in Hereford and Leominster)

- Plasterboard
- Cement Bonded Asbestos

**IMPORTANT**

If you wish to bring your household waste using a commercial vehicle and/or trailer you will need a permit.

Visit our website for further info:

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/recycling)

**No business/commercial waste** may be deposited at Household Recycling Centres



I arranged two meetings for the Parish Clerks, our Balfour

steward and planning officers. I send out updates to my email contacts  
The new data regulations will place an added responsibility on us all with regard to  
cyber security.

This year saw our CSO team move away or in Dick Alford`s case retire. I am pleased to  
report that two new CSOs are being trained and will join Dean later this month.

I will continue to work with Clive, your Chair ,Clerk and Parish councillors to do my best  
to work on your behalf for the residents and business of the Castle ward and  
Herefordshire in these very challenging times.

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If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact  
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Police contact:  
Our community team interim details Steph Annette  
**telephone 101 Ext 61216**

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