

Weobley Ward  
2018 April / May Report

Adam Hodges

I begin my report by paying tribute and offering collective sympathy to the news of the sad loss of one Dilwyn resident, Adam Hodges.

Adam was a well-respected resident of the parish. He and his then partner, Helen, moved to the village from Kington. They married at the church and had two children. He worked amongst us as a trusted electrician. Outwardly, he was full of cheer. He was always there when you wanted a reliable tradesman. It was an honour to have known him for such a short time. He will be missed by all.

On behalf of all residents I offer condolences to his family at, what must be clearly, a most difficult time.

Parish Report

There is no formal report this time other than to remind all of the achievements made by Herefordshire Council over the recent years.

It is appreciated that, despite these achievements, residents are more acutely concerned about the state of the roads. This remains a top priority for the safety of all road users. This is despite recovering from a really cold, wet and protracted winter that has further compromised the state of our county roads.

Recent achievements by Herefordshire Council

- A three year improvement in pupil attainment in all key stages
- An increase in the number of foster carers by 9% against a backdrop of nationally reducing numbers
- Reduced agency staffing in the last year by 50%
- Significantly improved adult social care client satisfaction to among the best in the country
- Successfully working with external partners to produce a business case which secured £23m of government funding to establish a new university in Hereford
- Delivered a new livestock market and a £90m privately funded retail and leisure development on the old livestock market site

- Providing a combined Job Centre and customer service centre in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions, to provide easier access in a more cost efficient way than running two separate centres
- Progressing plans for a by-pass for Hereford city and delivered major infrastructure improvements to the city and county road network
- Successfully delivering the Hereford Enterprise Zone, creating over 600 new jobs
- In partnership with Worcestershire County Council, opening a new energy from waste plant
- Leisure centres transferred to HALO leading to much improved facilities for the public and saving the rate payer the cost of running them
- Continued excellent relationship with the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership has secured some £60m in external funding
- Resurfaced 19% of the county roads

This completes my report.

Kind regards

Regards

Cllr Mark Cooper