

Weobley Ward
2019 February/March Report

Please excuse my absence from your Parish meeting.

I am not aware of any major issues affecting the ward and so this is a more general report, extending beyond the ward boundaries.

Potholes

With the comparatively mild winter (so far) and the advance on fixing previous pot holes I am not aware of any issues with regard our roads. Lets hope spring arrives soon.

As previously advertised I advise residents to report any emerging pot hole issues directly with the Council, preferably via their website or using the mobile app.

Computer & Internet Workshops

Fastershire is continuing to offer free monthly beginners' computer and internet workshops at main libraries.

February workshops are listed below:-

How to use your Smartphone – at Kington Library
Tuesday, 12th February, 10am to 12pm

How to use your Tablet Computer – at Ledbury Library
Tuesday, 19th February, 4pm to 6pm

How to use your Smartphone – at Leominster Library
Thursday, 21st February, 10am to 12pm

How to use your Tablet Computer – at Hereford Library
Monday, 25th February, 11am to 1pm

Introduction to Emails – at Ross-on-Wye Library
Tuesday, 26th February, 5pm to 7pm

Herefordshire Community Champions Awards 2019

Nominations have opened for the Herefordshire Community Champions Awards 2019, with sponsorship from Avara Foods.

Five categories are open to nominations for people in Herefordshire who have made a positive difference in their community. The awards recognise exceptional contributions to local communities in the following categories:

- Community Champion
- Volunteer Champion
- Caring Champion
- Environment Champion
- Youth Champion

In launching this year's competition, Councillor Brian Wilcox, Chairman of Herefordshire Council, said: "Now in its fourth year, the Herefordshire Community Champions Awards continues to show appreciation for the outstanding contribution made by individuals and groups across the county. The awards recognise the outstanding community contributions of so many brilliant people, so make sure you nominate those who have made a difference to your community! I am grateful to our sponsors Avara Foods, together with the Mayors of Hereford City and the market towns, for supporting the awards."

Julie Cartmell was named 2018 'Caring Champion' in recognition of 25 years volunteering for Herefordshire Samaritans. Julie said: "Many people who reach out to Samaritans may start with seemingly trivial issues, and through sensitive handling, we are able to uncover the real issues behind the contact. Receiving the 'Caring Champion' award in recognition of 25 years' service was completely unexpected, but I feel really proud of my contribution to Samaritans and the opportunity to be there for people who may not have anyone else to turn to."

Speaking about the awards, Chris Hall, Chief Commercial Officer, said: "Avara Foods relies on great people to make a difference in our business every day, which is why we continue to support the inspirational Herefordshire Community Champions Awards. It is a great platform to showcase the effort and contribution of people around the county who give back to their community."

Find out more information and make your nomination by midday on Monday 11th February 2019 at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions.

Hereford Transport Package Consultation

Improving the way we travel in and around Hereford is important to reduce journey times, cut pollution, create a safer environment for all road users and make the city a better place to live, work, study and visit.

Proposals set out in the Hereford Transport Package include the Hereford bypass and associated improvements to walking, cycling, bus and public spaces, which are designed to make it easier to move about the city and give people more choice about how they travel.

During a public consultation in February and March 2018, 87% of people who responded said they approved of the walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements proposed. Since then, work has been taking place to develop these further.

There will be the opportunity to provide comments on the proposals during a six-week consultation being launched on Tuesday, 29th January and running until Monday, 11th March 2019.

The consultation is asking people for their views on a series of proposed walking and cycling route improvements, including new cycle lanes, changes to junctions and crossings and new footways. It also aims to learn more about what would encourage people to walk, cycle or take a bus more often for short distance journeys.

The proposals will be on public display, Tuesday, 29th – Thursday, 31st January, 11am-8pm at the Left Bank (Bridge St, Hereford), when there is an opportunity to speak with the project team and ask questions.

The proposals will also be available at a manned display, Monday, 4th – Thursday, 7th February, 10am-6pm at the Old Market kiosk, Hereford.

The exhibition will then be on public view (unstaffed) at Hereford Library, Tuesday, 12th February – Saturday, 9th March 2019 during library opening hours.

To view and complete the consultation online, from 29th January 2019, please see the Herefordshire Council website at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP.

Councillor Philip Price, Cabinet member infrastructure said:

“Creating an environment in Hereford where people want to live and work, where businesses can grow and communities can thrive, continues to be our overarching aim for our city.

“In early 2018, we asked people to let us know what they thought of proposals for the bypass and active travel improvements across the city. The consultation feedback highlighted considerable public support for measures that encourage and support more people to walk or cycle in the city.

“We are now asking those who visit, live, study and work in Hereford to once again get involved and help us develop options for safe and attractive alternatives to the car for travelling in the city. I do hope that people will take the time to come and talk to us at one of the display venues during the consultation.”

Work is currently underway to develop detailed proposals for the Hereford bypass. More information will be available later in 2019, when there will be a statutory public consultation

This completes my report.

Kind regards

Regards

Cllr Mark Cooper