



**Ward Councillor Bromyard Bringsty – Peter Stoddart**

### **Update from Herefordshire Council as at 19 November 2024**

This year's Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church was once again very well attended with a very moving address by Reverend Philip Miller. I had the honour of once again leading the Royal British Legion detachment and the march past salute was taken by Deputy Lieutenant (DL) Lady Susanna McFarlane. The after parade refreshments were in the Public Hall and we were very ably refreshed by Gill Churchill and her excellent team.

In regards to our expression of interest that was returned to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) earlier this year, Herefordshire Council are still waiting to hear further from MHCLG. As soon as information is received I will ensure that all residents are updated.

The new temporary home for Hereford library in Hereford Town Hall opened in early November. The library, will be based here until the refurbishment of the Shirehall has been completed in Autumn 2026.



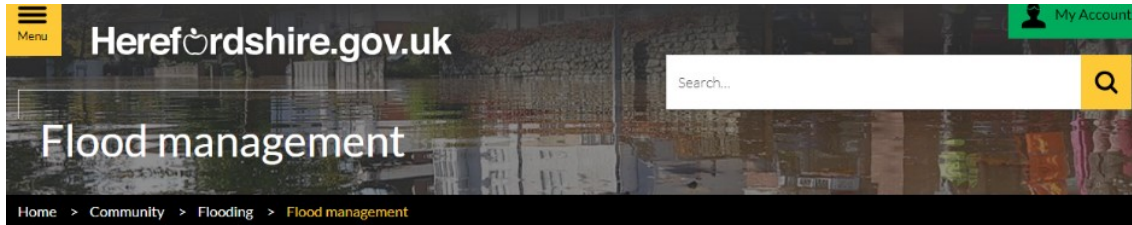
Following the exceptional rainfall in October Herefordshire Council held two flooding summits in late October which were attended by all ward members who shared their experiences and highlighted issues in their wards. The evidence gathered at these events will form the basis of an action plan to help Herefordshire Council respond to future flooding in the county.

Herefordshire Council's two new eRCVs (electric recycling collection vehicles) were delivered in late October and their use in Hereford supports council efforts to reduce our emissions.



Herefordshire Council have made some important changes to our choice-based lettings service HomePoint, to improve the service for users. We've partnered with Home Connections to provide a better, more efficient service, which includes an easier-to-use website. As we move across to the new system we have suspended new applications. All current applicants have been contacted to inform them of this change and the implementation of the new system by 19 November 2024. More information is available on the Herefordshire HomePoint website.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind anyone who was affected by the recent flooding and is in need of £250 to cover immediate emergency items, the Herefordshire Community Foundation's Emergency Relief Fund is now available. With further flooding expected this winter, we're asking for information to be shared with us about which areas were flooded on this occasion,



## Report a flood

If there is any risk of danger to people or property from floodwater ring 999 immediately. This is an emergency service - non-emergencies such as domestic leaks are treated differently.

### Report it

Use the contact numbers below to direct your report to the appropriate agency to deal with it:

- **Flooding on a road or footpath** - call us on 01432 261800
- **Flooding from a burst water main or sewer flooding** - call Welsh Water on 0800 085 0000

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as this will help us to plan. This can be reported on our website at Flood management – Herefordshire Council as shown above.

Herefordshire Council Highways Department have been very active over the last month resurfacing five roads across the ward. The B4203 at Tedstone Wafre, the B4203 from Burying Lane to Church Street, the A44 between the two Brockhampton entrances, the U65021 Cross Downs road and as I write this update the B4204 from Cross Farm to Rock Farm is in progress. I would particularly like to highlight the excellent job done on the Cross Downs road which included concreted grips and clearance of the ditch. At a recent surgery I was also informed by a number of residents that they have been very pleased that on a recent journey from Bromyard to Hereford they did not hit any potholes, until the A4103 junction.

I would like to remind all Ward residents that using the Herefordshire Council website they can report non-emergency pot holes, drainage issues and Public Rights of Way (PROW) issues on the Herefordshire Council website as shown below

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I am also present at the Surgery in the Foyer of the Conquest Theatre on the first Saturday of the month from 10:30 – 12:00 for residents to meet with me in person.

It remains my pleasure to assist residents of the Bromyard Bringsty Ward with their Herefordshire Council issues and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email if you have any Herefordshire Council related issues.

Specifically in regards to the four Parish and Town Councils which make up the Bromyard Bringsty ward I have the following updates:

#### **Bromyard and Winslow Town Council.**

I am staying in contact with the Project Manager responsible for the footpath widening enhancement from the Porthouse Rise estate to Bromyard Town Centre to ensure that the works commence in early 2025

I remain in contact with the residents and BBLP in regards to the drains in the vicinity of Linton Lane and the A44 bypass.

In respect to the conditions of the pavements on the Bypass, at the last Bromyard Town Council meeting I discussed with them a way forward to improve the maintenance of the pavements through the use of their Lengthsman. I am now engaging with Balfour Beatty to refine the detail of this scheme.

Bromyard Town Council were successful with their submission for funds from the rural Drainage funds administered by Hereford Council.

#### **Brockhampton Group of Parish Councils.**

I remain engaged with a number of residents in respect to the resolution of planning issues.

Brockhampton parish Council were successful with their submission for funds from the rural Drainage funds administered by Hereford Council.

The resurfacing of the cross Downs road included some traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Brockhampton School which will, hopefully, assist in making this area more safe.

On behalf of a local Downs resident I engaged with Welsh Water to resolve a long standing issue which has now been resolved.

#### **Whitbourne Parish Council.**

Following a period of investigation I have now briefed the Parish Council on a way forward in regards to a number of outstanding village road improvements that were submitted a number of years ago. I look forward to working with the Parish Council to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

The long – standing issue of the damaged grit bin is still outstanding with BBLP.

I am working with the Parish Council regarding some planning issues.

The Parish Council have submitted their application for funds from the rural drainage fund and I wait to hear of their success.

#### **North Bromyard Group of Parishes.**

The Parish Council have raised their concerns with me regarding the inappropriate operation of the visual speed safety signs at High Cross road crossing. I have forwarded these concerns to the Head of Highways and await his action. I am also working with Herefordshire Council Officers to provide an update to the High Cross safety meeting on 26 Nov.

A section of the U road at Heath End, Wolferlow will be resurfaced in November. Letters in respect to this will be issued to all residents and affected stakeholders in October.

If you wish to contact me, my contact details are

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