

County Councillor Report- Cleeve Prior

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Upgrading the railway in the Cotswolds

Over the coming months GWR will be bringing more new Intercity Express Trains into service, providing more seats and quicker journeys to and from the Cotswolds. By the end of this year all the rolling stock on the Cotswold line will have been renewed.

In preparation for this, Network Rail need to make the platforms longer at Charlbury, Evesham, Hanborough, Honeybourne, Kingham and Moreton-in-Marsh stations. This will allow more train doors to be opened and make journeys easier.

While this work is carried out, all train services between Moreton-in-Marsh and Worcester Shrub Hill will be cancelled and replaced with buses.

There will be no trains from Honeybourne between Saturday 17 November to Sunday 25 November inclusive whilst the platform is extended, but a replacement bus service will be operating.

After this improvement work, a new timetable will be announced increasing the number of trains to and from Honeybourne per day.

New Bin lorries

Wychavon District Council and its waste and recycling collections partner FCC Environment have bought 15 new bin lorries to support the new road side collection service that will see more waste recycled. Small electrical goods and batteries will soon be collected from every household as part of the fortnightly green bin collection. To recognise this investment, WDC asked the public to name the new lorries and the results are in. Over 300 residents sent in suggestions, and the winners have been announced as follows:-

The names are:

- 1) Reggie refuse
- 2) Sir Trash a Lot
- 3) The Incredible Bulk
- 4) Lambergreenie
- 5) Recyclosaurus Rex
- 6) Jus-bin Timberlake
- 7) The Ter-bin-ator
- 8) Binderella
- 9) The Flying Dustman
- 10) Greta Garbage
- 11) Bin Diesel
- 12) Trash Gordon
- 13) Donald Dump
- 14) O-bin-wan Kenobi
- 15) Amazing Anna

The 15 brand new waste and recycling trucks which will take to the roads in October and more information on the collection details will be sent to every household in the next few weeks. Please note to coincide with the introduction of these new vehicles, FCC are reviewing the "collection days" so some villages may see a change to the days that their waste is collected. However publicity will be provided before any changes occur.

WCC projected overspend of £17.9m

The County Council has just announced that due to unprecedented demand on their Adult Social Care Services, and Children's Services, they were forecasting a £17.9 million overspend against budget. Actions have been announced that reduces this to a shortfall of £5.2million. However, a review of all spending at the Council is occurring to balance the books.

Highways:

Worcestershire County Council's road and pavement improvements programme is nearly finished for this year. Now the winter season starts and gritting becomes the main task for Highways.

1. **New pavement for the entrance into the Close** – Major improvement – access to The Close is now safe for pedestrians – no more walking in the road. At the same time, Highways resurfaced a lot of the existing pavements in the Close.
2. **Leylandii hedge on the left hand side as you travel towards Cleeve Prior centre along the B4085 just past the Gypsy site entrance need cutting** – The land owner has agreed to have it cut. I chased it up with Highways who sent a reminder to the landowner, who confirmed he was having trouble finding a contractor to cut the trees. I understand Highways have given him some names of their contractors who may be able to help.
3. **Carriageway patching - B4085 Cleeve Road, Cleeve Prior - Road closure on behalf of Worcestershire county council - -22.10.18 - 02.11.18**

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

Concrete Bollards By Traveller Site, Cleeve Prior

Site meeting organised for Wednesday 10th October with Fiona Argyle to look at the location of the bollards.

Divisional Fund

Grant requests received this month include:

1. Vale Landscape Heritage Trust – grant requested to help fence Littleton Meadows & Rough Hill next to the B4510 - paid
2. South Littleton Scout Hut – grant requested for a new fridge - paid
3. 1st Honeybourne Scout Group – grant for some tents – paid
4. St Peters Church Pebworth – grant for roof - paid

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at adams.pebworth@gmail.com

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