

## **County Councillor Report- Cleeve Prior**

**Month: June 2019**

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### **Reminder about weed-killing on pavements around the Parish**

This time of the year grass and weeds are growing fast so please use your lengthsman to apply weed-killer to kill any growth on your pavements/kerbs.



Growth like above can destroy a pavement, especially if someone pulls it up and pulls the tarmac up with it! So please take preventative by applying weed killer regularly in the growing season.

### **Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group**

Worcestershire County Council has agreed to lead the resurrection of the VFQP Working Group (Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group) with the support of Wychavon District Council who have agreed to provide secretarial support. The aim is to meet once or twice a year to discuss any issues.

Draft dates:-

Friday 26 July (pm)

Wednesday 21 August (pm)

Friday 6 September (pm)

Over the last few years, I have been working with Kanes, Unipart, various hauliers, parish councils, the Police, Wychavon DC, Warwickshire CC, and Worcestershire Highways looking at HGV using the roads around the area. As a consequence we have reduced speed limits, or in places extended speed limits, imposed weight limits, promoted compliance to advisory lorry routes maps, and much more. However to have joined-up thinking it is consider that a meeting of all interested groups would help. I have spoken to following about re-starting the Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership and there is widespread support;

- the main users of HGV's, ie hauliers, and local businesses like Unipart
- the Freight Transport Association - FTA, and the Road Haulage Association - RHA
- the West Mercia Police, Safer Road Partnerships, Warwickshire Police, Gloucestershire Police
- the Highways dept from Worcestershire, Warwickshire & Gloucestershire CC

### **Cleeve prior Heritage Trust**

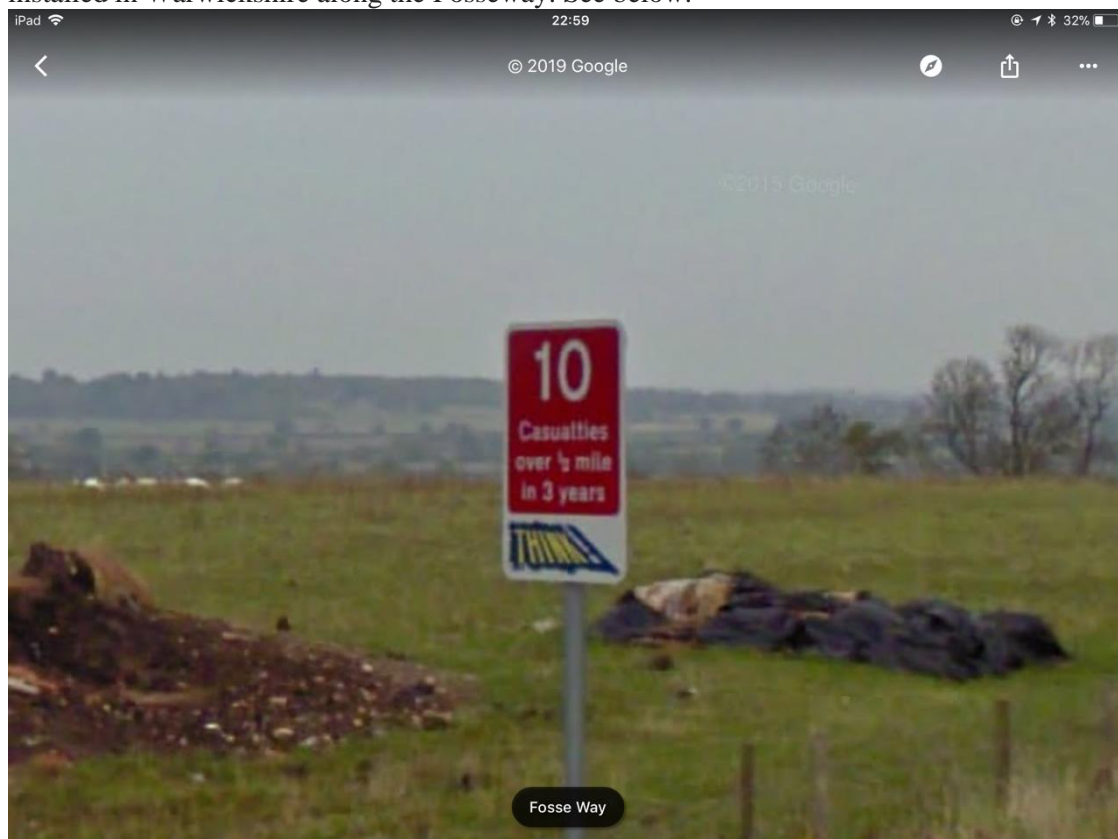
Promotion of facilities to schools – I forwarded some publicity to Chipping Campden school and to Blackminster School.

### **Please be careful when driving along Buckle Street**

Following another fatality along Buckle Street when a man died after a car crashed into a tree in Bickmarsh. on 17<sup>th</sup> April, I have asked Highways and the Police to re-look at what can be done on this road.

PC Jamie Lee has been carrying out some speed checks near Bidford Gliding Centre in the last month.

Highways are looking at erecting reminder signs such as “Think! 10 casualties in 3 year” as installed in Warwickshire along the Fosseway. See below.



Next time you use this road, please watch your speed! The maximum speed is 60mph, and 40mph through Bickmarsh. However, always drive in anticipation of the unexpected, and when driving along this road remember there are entrances into houses and crossroads, so drive slower than the speed limit – especially through Ullington.

### **Highways:**

Worcestershire County Council’s road maintenance programme has started, and there will be a few road closures around the area whilst the roads are upgraded and improved. To keep up to date on the roads affected see

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks\\_in\\_worcestershire](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks_in_worcestershire)

Or look at the national roadworks website below, and type in Honeybourne in the top right box to search.

[www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

It is also that time of year when Highways cut grass verges – see attached leaflet

1. **Station Rd footway from Shop Lane/New Street junction ( B4035) Bretforton** – PCC requested it was re-surfaced and Highways have confirmed back saying it is not on this year’s footways maintenance plan unfortunately.
2. **Temporary Closure Stratford Rd Honeybourne- Bridge maintenance 8<sup>th</sup> July for 5 days.**
3. **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 had it cut, but the Highways inspector does not think it has been cut to the right height so has contacted the land owner again and asked for more trimming to be done.
4. **VAS post to be installed at much reduced cost - £230+vat**
5. **PC Jamie Lee agreed to carry out some more speed enforcement through Cleeve using his laser gun**
6. **No Access for HGV’s advisory signs to be installed at top of Arrow Lane**

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](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.

#### **Worcestershire Archives & Archaeology based at the Hive, Worcester**

A little known gem of a County Council department which contains all the historic paperwork of Worcestershire. A must to visit, but you can explore it on line by going to [www.explorethepast.co.uk](http://www.explorethepast.co.uk)

#### **County Council Divisional Fund**

Divisional grants have re-opened in April, so any community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service can apply by contacting me.

Grant requests received this month are

1. Badsey Soap Box Races – grant requested to help organise it
2. Cleeve Prior Annual Cricket Match – grant requested for new equipment
3. Badsey Carnival - grant requested to help organise it
4. Badsey Flower Show & Scouts – grant request towards a new marquee

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