

County Councillor Report – Cleeve Prior
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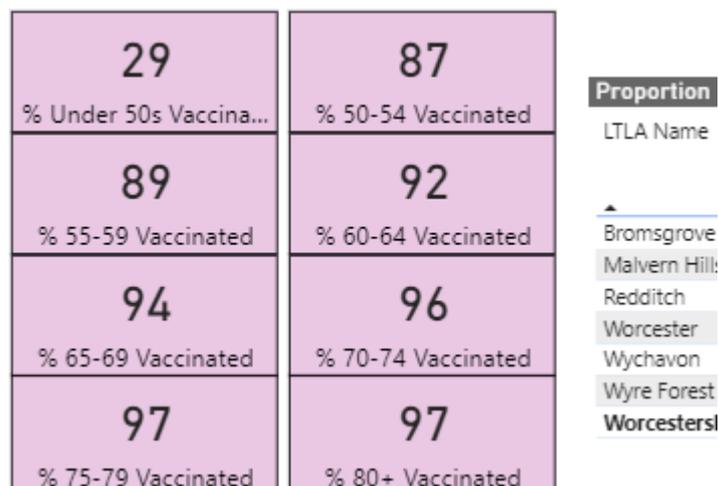
County Council Elections May 6th - purdah has started for the run up to these elections. I confirm I am standing for another 4 years so if you are happy on what I have achieved for Cleeve Prior in the last 4 years, then please support me at the elections.

Update on the vaccines rolled out in Worcestershire

See <https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccine> for more up to date information showing where you can be vaccinated and what to expect when you arrive. The good news is Worcestershire is one of the best performing counties in the roll-out for vaccinations.

Patients are reminded that the GP's or NHS are contacting people in priority groups when it is their turn to receive the vaccine. However, if you know your NHS number (10 digits) you can use the following website to book a vaccination and are eligible (ie of a certain age). See <https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination/do-you-have-an-nhs-number>

To see the latest statistics on vaccinations – see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>
 And in Worcestershire see https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/648/worcestershire_covid-19_vaccinations_dashboard



Even if you have received the vaccine, you must still follow the national lock down rules.

Besides the vaccine roll-out, the other big news since my last report is good progress is being made with the Government's roadmap out of Lockdown. For full details see - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

12th April has arrived so I now can get my hair cut and drink a pint in the pub gardens!

Roadmap out of Lockdown



STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following
(subject to review):



No legal limits on
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all
life events.

COVID-19 STATISTICS LOCALLY

Last month in Wychavon



This week in Wychavon



Official statistics and information are available on the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-track-coronavirus-cases>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-covid-19-surveillance-reports#history>

Self-isolation support payment

From Monday, 28 September 2020, you are required by law to self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

The Government has introduced a £500 support payment to help people on low incomes who have to self-isolate. The scheme will run until 31 January 2021 but is being kept under review by the Government. See for more details;

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-update/self-isolation-support-payment>

How to get a COVID-19 test

Currently there is good testing capacity in Worcestershire. Supply is meeting demand in the county. To organise a test go to

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-19/2247/coronavirus_covid-19_testing

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION, HELP AND ADVICE?

Reminder that the Here2Help website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help is the first point of contact if people want to offer assistance or gain support. The other option is the telephone contact number which is staffed 8am-6pm 6 days a week – 01905 768053.

Carers who support a family member or friend who require support should contact the Worcestershire Association of Carers on www.carersworcs.org.uk or call the Helpline 0300 012 4272.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS Website for information on Coronavirus
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Financial support for you

If you are struggling financially then the advice is to make a claim for Universal Credit, Council Tax Support and other benefits you may be eligible for.

There is more information on the [coronavirus employments and benefits page](#).

Help paying your Council Tax

You can apply online for [Council Tax Support](#) if you are struggling to pay your bill.

More information is available on our [Benefits and Council Tax page](#).

Even if you are not eligible for Council Tax Support, you still may be able to defer your payments for a short period or spread them over 12 months instead of ten.

Please contact the Council's team by emailing Revenues@southworcestershirevenues.gov.uk or call 03004 560560 to discuss your circumstances and they will do their best to help you.

Support for businesses

The Council's new business support programme, **Here2Help Business** is live http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20807/here2help_business
It is a £3m programme designed to assist local Worcestershire Businesses to recover, adapt, develop and support future resilience as lockdown measures reduce.

Also see the Government website www.businesssupport.gov.uk which has details of all the support available to businesses. And for Worcestershire businesses – see www.business-central.co.uk

Other support available

Please check the [Government's website](#) for information about support for business during COVID-19.

Worcestershire Business Central are there to advise local businesses on grant funding and support helping you restart and recover. Please see their [website](#), call them on 01905 677 888 or email info@business-central.co.uk.

Please also see the Chamber of Commerce Herefordshire and Worcestershire [Coronavirus information hub](#).

Support given to Worcestershire employees & employers

- **39,700 employees were furloughed as at end of January = 14.7% of workforce**
- **17,000 grants given totalling £140m**
- **753 Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans Schemes (CBILS) totalling nearly £200m**
- **12,228 bounce back loans valued at £353m**

Update on the flooding meeting held on 24th March

- Mark & Andrew opened the main drainage manhole covers from the corner to the ditch, and the old blue lias built drainage channel looked in good condition and was flowing
- It was agreed Mark Morris of WCC will organise a survey of all the drainage from the start of the culvert all the way to the outlet in the ditch down Holden Rd. Also gullies will be cleaned/jetted where needed. A map of the survey and its findings will be given to the Parish Council.
- It was agreed that the Cleeve Prior Parish Council would request Mark Rawlings to scrape a grip in the grass verge on the corner just past Mark's farm entrance in Holden Lane from the road towards the ditch. At the moment the verge acts as a dam holding water on the road in flood situation. Mark will need to tidy this area of grass verge (level it and put a clear channel in it) and then I suggest it is re-seeded. It will probably need regular annual maintenance to make sure the grip is working. The PC agreed to pay Mark to carry out this work.
- It was also agreed that the PC would ask Mark to clear the section of the ditch that is in his field and which he has riparian responsibility to maintain. This should be

cleared from the outlet of the culvert/headwall along the boundary of his field which he owns. Once this is done we can inspect the outlet and headwall to make sure that there are no restrictions there. The water was flowing in the ditch but it was difficult to inspect the headwall as it was all overgrown.

Once the above is done, then please use the lengthsman to maintain the road gullies by keeping them clear of debris that sits on the surface of the grills. If next time it floods, we see the system is still struggling to drain the water off the highways, then Mark will look at adding extra road gullies on the corner of the road by Holden Rd junction. However, it may ultimately require a bigger flood alleviation scheme to increase the capacity of the old culvert, or looking at something upstream that diverts excess water onto a field before it enters the village.

Highways:

It is that time of the year when surface dressing of the roads occurs following repairs and patching to the roads. So there are quite a lot and lots of roadworks in the area over the next month, so please visit <https://one.network/> to see all the details.

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.

County Council Divisional Fund

- “Young at Heart” Senior Club, Bretforton – grant requested
- Badsey - 2 x benches for their new community garden
- Honeybourne Village News – grant to re-launch the service
- Pebworth WI – grant requested for Zoom annual charges so the members can continue to meet over the internet in these COVID times - Paid
- Evesham Vale Rail Trails for Cyclists – grant requested for a software programme that shows the cycle routes. – grant paid
- Offenham Village Hall – grant requested for the terrace project
- Evesham Sea Cadets(South Littleton) – boat shed conversion – grant paid
- Pebworth Village Hall – a grant request to renovate the wooden hall floor. Paid
- Bretforton Allotments – grant requested for a strimmer- Paid
- Honeybourne Harriers – grant for portable flood lights so the youngsters can continue

The fund is now closed until June 2021

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