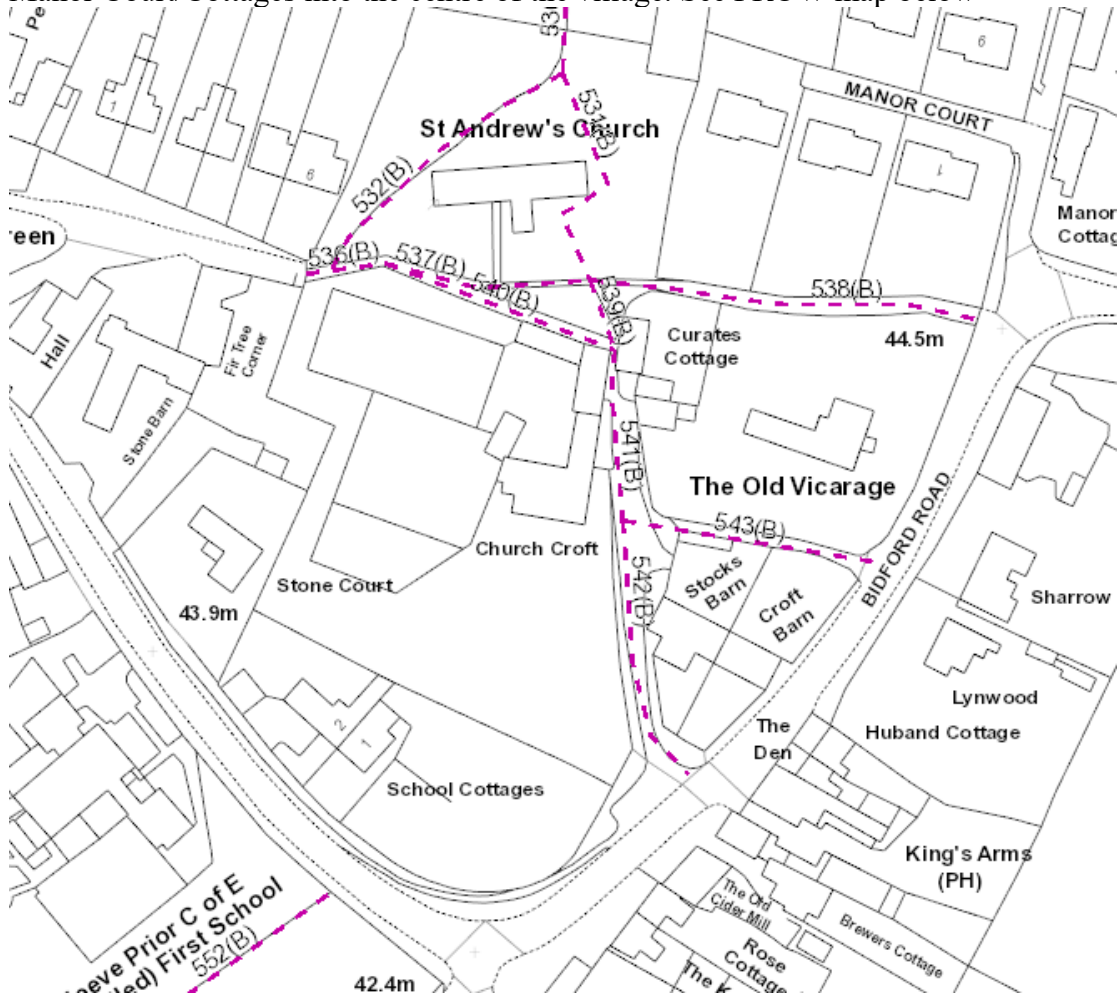


Ramp Access from Manor Court/The Manor to Centre of Village

I have asked Fiona Argyle at PROW to look at what can be done with the steps at the end of 538(B) footpath. The Parish Council would like to get rid of the steps or cover them over with a ramp so wheeled disability scooters can use this path to get from the Manor Court/Cottages into the centre of the village. See PROW map below



Section 278 Scrutiny

I have started a scrutiny on Highways section 278 on ways to get developer funded infrastructure built quicker.

Use your lengthsman to clear leaves and debris off the top of the gullys grates

At this time of the year, lots of leaves fall and can cover the road gullys grates preventing water flowing easily into the drain and thus causing road flooding. So please use your lengthsman to regularly check all your village road gullys and remove any leaves/debris from the top of the grate.

REMINDER 2022 School Admissions in Worcestershire open

Applications for school places in Worcestershire for 2022 opened on 1 September 2021. The applications are open for any child due to start school for the first time, or transitioning to a Middle or High School in September 2022.

- For Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle schools, parents will have until 15 January 2022.

The online system also includes guides on starting school or transitioning to a new school.

The school admissions system can be accessed at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

NEW GIGABIT BROADBAND

See this month's announcement by Full Fibre Ltd regarding their roll out plans in your area: <https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2021/10/fullfibre-ltd-list-19-new-towns-in-england-for-ftp-broadband.html>

If it is of interest to you, please register your interest <https://www.fibreheroes.co.uk/> to demonstrating local demand. Although you will get a message saying "We aren't currently building in your area", please register. There is no cost to register, and the more that do register, then the higher probability that FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) will be installed in your area. This will give up to 1000Mbps – so very fast!

COVID-19 Update

Although most legal restrictions have been lifted, and the majority of the population have been vaccinated, it is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future, so we need to learn to live with it and manage the risk to ourselves and others.

It is important that we all use personal judgement to manage our own risk. All of us can play our part by exercising common sense and considering the risks. While no situation is risk free, there are actions we can take to protect ourselves and others around us. Following this guidance will help you stay safe and protect others by controlling the spread. Every action to help reduce the spread will reduce any further resurgence of the virus in the coming months.

Most legal restrictions to control COVID-19 have been lifted. See link for full details <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

COVID statistics and information are available on the links below:

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

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.

To see the latest statistics on vaccinations – see

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/648/worcestershire_covid-19_vaccinations_dashboard

NHS Website for information on Coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Another useful site if you need help and/information because of COVID is
<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-update>

Highways:

To see roadworks in the area over the next month, please visit <https://one.network/> to see all the details.

1. **Bidford Bridge closed for repairs from 25/10/21 to 14/11/21**
2. **NEW road Gullys' Map to be launch by Christmas** so any issues with road flooding caused by blocked or defective gullys can be reported on line with much more information available – ie when last cleaned, any defects, its identification number, etc. This should improve the service.

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.

Winter Gritting programme will start next month.

To learn more see;-

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel_and_roads/381/gritting_ice_and_snow/3

The Winter Service team also work very closely with WCC Communications team and provide daily updates on our gritting news. You may wish to look at these

Twitter Feed: [Worcs Highways & Travel \(@WorcsTravel\) / Twitter](#) look out for #GritterTwitter.

EnviroSort – Recycling

Reminder – let me know if any Parish Councillors would like to visit EnviroSort on 16th November at 2pm

The SAD FACT is people are still putting the wrong things into their green bins. Things that cannot be recycled by EnviroSort.. All the rubbish from the green bins goes on conveyor belts, and there are about 30 people that have to sort out the wrong items which are rejected into a skip which then goes into landfill. About 10-13% of items are rejected.

To see what you can and cannot put into your green bin;

<https://www.severnwaste.com/envirosort/what-can-i-recycle/>

Following that visit, Wychavon circulated an “A-Z Recycling Guide” to every house in our area. If you want an electronic version , go to the following website and download a copy - <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-guide>

So please only put items into your recycle bin that are detailed in this A-Z list.

Carbon emissions Worcestershire doings its bit to reduce carbon emissions

Carbon emissions from energy use in street lighting across Worcestershire have reduced by 56% since 2009/10.

This is despite an increase in the number of street lights across the county supporting further housing and development. These carbon reductions have been realised through:

- targeted replacement of street lighting assets with energy efficient LEDs (approx. 46% and counting)
- part-night switch-off of streetlights on some roads
- de-illumination of some traffic signs
- switching traffic lights to LED

To date, the Council has installed 27,700 LED street lights, which have replaced old energy in-efficient and unmaintainable lights. This has saved approximately 2.15 million kWhs since April 2018.

Discover more

Visit Worcestershire is inviting residents to discover more about the county they live in. The 'Discover More' campaign has now launched and it aims to get residents to find out more about the county they call home – as well as attracting more visitors to this beautiful and diverse part of the country. Worcestershire may be near the middle of the country, but the Visit Worcestershire team are determined to prove that the county is certainly not middle of the road. You can find out more about the campaign by visiting the <https://www.visitworcestershire.org/explore/>

County Council Divisional Fund

Hurry up and send in your applications from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me. Fund closes early in 2022.

I have received the following applications

1. Offenham Cricket Club – grant requested for playing and coaching equipment for 17 juniors
2. Honeybourne primary School – grant for use of village hall for dance, drama and PE
3. Littleton Scout Group – grant to help refurbishment of village hall
4. Pebworth Village Hall – grant for new blinds
5. Badsey Flower Show – grant to help buy a storage container
6. Honeybourne Harriers – grant requested for more flood lights
7. Honeybourne PROW & ditch clearing voluntary group – grant requested for some tools
8. Littletons Link – grant requested to restart printing the village magazine

I attended the funeral of Richard Lasota on 3rd November. The St Mary's RC church in Evesham was packed with standing room only. I think Richard would have been pleased at the turnout to show that he had touched many hearts. We will miss him.

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