

**Dear All,**

**I wish you a very happy Easter.**

**At this time of the year, hedges, and trees are all growing so fast, so can I ask you to be considerate and check your hedges or shrubs do not overhang your boundary and are not causing an obstruction to public places. See notice below**

### **OVERGROWN HEDGES & VERGES**

This is a problem that is raised in the meetings of Parish Councils around the county. The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980) to ensure that the ‘public highway’ adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property, e.g. overhanging growth from a tree, hedge, or vegetation that has been allowed to grow into the public highway. The ‘public highway’ is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway, or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has a right of way.

#### **The requirements;-**

Although the Highways Act 1980 doesn’t specify any actual measurements for overhanging vegetation, the requirement should be met by:

- For pedestrian areas, minimum headroom of 2.3m (7ft 6 inches).
- For carriageway and an area immediately adjacent to it (for a distance of 0.45m (1ft 6 inches)) minimum headroom of 5.2m (17ft).
- In both cases, all the vegetation should be cut back vertically.

Thank you from the Highways Team.

### **Update on Home for Ukraine Support in Worcestershire**

Council leaders across the county have pledged to welcome Ukrainian guests with a ‘One Worcestershire’ approach, confirmed by a joint statement of support:

**“The situation in Ukraine has shocked us all locally, nationally and internationally and our thoughts are with all those who have been affected.**

**“As Leaders of the seven councils across Worcestershire, we have unanimously pledged to support in as far as we are able, those arriving to our County from Ukraine with a One Worcestershire approach.**

**“We’d like to thank residents across Worcestershire for their continuing support.”**

Worcestershire County Council and the six District/Borough Councils are working together with local communities to ensure the county can offer the best experience to those arriving from Ukraine.

Nationally, over 150,000 people registered as Sponsors in the first few days and it will take some time for the Government to work through the detail and match families to potential homes and share this information with relevant councils.

There is a lot already being done to ensure the county is ready for guests to arrive. The role of the District/Borough Councils is to carry out checks on the suitability of the accommodation and the welfare of the Ukrainians. This includes providing emergency funding support for each person. The council will also help them to claim Universal Credit or other relevant benefits, if required as well as provide the £350 a month 'thank you' payment to sponsor households.

We would like to ask for your support to encourage anyone who feels they are able to support in any way to go through the Worcestershire website <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help> and fill out the 'offer of help' form.

There is specifically a request for those individuals, organisations or services who are in a position to provide practical/emotional support and translation support and are not already registered on the Community Services directory, to register online as soon as possible.

When the guests start to arrive, we will be working closely with them and their sponsor families to understand what additional support they may need in terms of donations from residents and businesses.

Libraries in each district have also become hubs for residents to find trusted information about how they can help, access a wide variety of information and will also be locations where Ukrainian families can meet and use our services and we have increased our stock of books that will be useful for our Ukrainian guests.

### **COVID-19 Update**

On 18<sup>th</sup> March , the government announced the final relaxation of COVID restrictions as follows;

“When you arrive in England from abroad you do not need to take any COVID-19 tests or fill in a UK passenger locator form.”

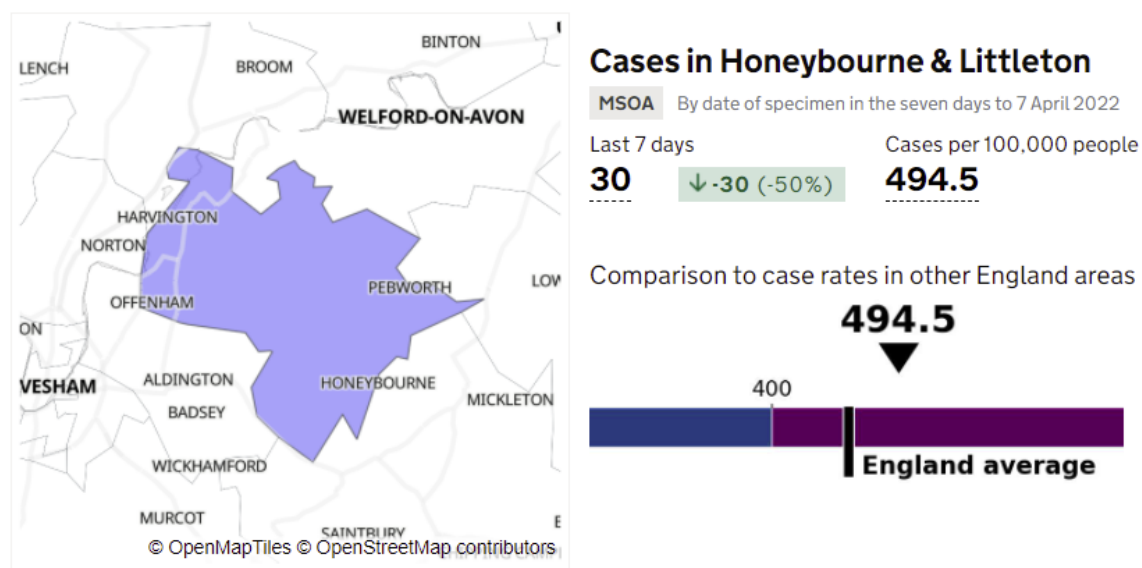
For more details on travel see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19#full-publication-update-history>

**COVID statistics do show there is an increase in the number of people having the disease but very few people are being hospitalised because of the success of the vaccination programme. However, please be careful and follow the guidelines and stay safe. See link for full details of Government's advice <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>**

**Further information on the number tested positive with COVID is available on the link below:**

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

In Pebworth & Littletons and surrounding area see COVID cases below



### Highways:

Spring is **the** season for road patching and surface dressing, so please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis. Please note although One.Network may say a road is shut for up to 2 weeks for resurfacing, this is because the work is weather dependent so the legal permit that closes a road will cover more days than is required to be on the safe side. Also once the road has been re-surfaced, the road sweepers need to clean the road of surplus stones. And then the white lines and road markings need to be painted onto the new surface. In the majority of cases the road is only closed for one or 2 days for patching and surface dressing, and then a few hours for the road sweeping and line painting.

1. **Blakes Hill closed for 1 day in May for surface dressing**
2. **High Street, Honeybourne closed 11 April to 22 April for Severn Trent Mains for new water mains**
3. **Bretforton Rd / Honeybourne Rd to be closed for 1 day in May for surface dressing**
4. **The Public Right of Way PROW 503** is being used illegally for cars. PROW dept looking to install more bollards from the B4510 end.
5. **The side access road to houses off Evesham road needs re-surfacing** – WCC have identified the land owner from archives and is checking with the legal dept. Hopefully the road will be re-surfaced this year.

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.

### **Queen's platinum Jubilee celebrations**

For more information and how to organise road closures for street parties free of charge, see <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/the-queen-s-platinum-jubilee>

### **County Council Divisional Fund**

The new Divisional Fund starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April so applications are invited from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me.

### **Speed Checks carried out by the local Police in Honeybourne & South Littleton**



#### Speed Checks 9/4/2022

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Speed Checks carried out today on Stratford Road in Honeybourne and also Shinehill Lane in South Littleton. I am pleased to say that the majority of road users kept to the speed limit. However action taken against those that did not. As ever, please can we all keep to the speed limit (especially in the villages) to keep our communities safe.

Kind regards,

**PC 3838 Matt Beards**

**Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team**

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#### **Attachments**

[Speed Checks Honeybourne 9.4.22.jpg](#)

[Speed Checks South Littleton 9.4.22.jpg](#)



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### **REMINDER- Neighbourhood Matters**

Sign up now to hear about policing updates in your area.

[www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)

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