

Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council Councillors - April 2014

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Parish Clerk: Chris Bucknell

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DORMINGTON AND MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on the following dates throughout 2014:

- Tuesday 21st January
- Tuesday 18th February
- Tuesday 18th March
- Tuesday 15th April
- Tuesday 13th May 7.30pm *Mordiford Parish Meeting*
- Thursday 15th May 8.00pm *Dormington Parish Meeting, St Peters Church Dormington*
- Tuesday 20th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Tuesday 17th June
- Tuesday 15th July
- Tuesday 16th September
- Tuesday 21st October
- Tuesday 18th November

All meetings take place at 7.30pm, at Mordiford School Hall, unless otherwise advertised.

Extra-ordinary meetings maybe scheduled as required. Please check notice boards and website for details.

www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk



The Dragon For April 2014



Dear All

Finally it has stopped raining, the sun is shining, the daffodils are in flower and spring has arrived. Let's hope this heralds a long, hot summer (but with rain at night to keep the farmers happy!).

As you will have seen, work has now started on the affordable housing at Sufton Rise. We hope that a photographic record can be kept during the building process which will be of interest to future generations of residents. As you will see inside, the developers are looking for a new name for the site, so please enter our competition with your suggestion.

We have recently installed two new benches on Mordiford Green. These are to be dedicated to our much loved and greatly lamented Councillors, Beth Dickson and Peter (Cutter) Davies. We are also planning the installation of a monument in memory of those who died in the Mordiford flood many years ago and are considering the relocation of the 'little green weighbridge' hut from its current position by/in the Pentaloe to the Green to act as a mini tourist information office, with guides for local walks etc available. I also want to publically thank Brian Dukes and his team of volunteers for making such an improvement to the (closed) burial ground at Mordiford. Work is still to be done to make safe/renovate some of the old graves and remove the eye-sore that used to be a fir-tree, but these things take time as Mordiford is in a Conservation Area and the necessary permissions have to be obtained.

In the last edition of the Dragon, we asked for your support to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, giving your Parish Council a very real and legally binding say in future planning decisions, guided by your view of how you would like to see your local area develop in the future. Although we did not receive the overwhelming positive response we had hoped for, the Parish Council has decided that it is in the best interest of all local residents for us to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, especially as so many surrounding Parish Councils are developing theirs. Councillor Cheryl Shearer has kindly volunteered to lead this initiative. Please read her interesting article inside.

As always, we value your comments and input as we are here to represent you, so please join us at one of our monthly meetings or contact your local Councillor (see back page).

Best wishes

Nick Brewin

Chairman – Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council

CHANGES TO THE WAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ALLOCATED

The way affordable housing is allocated through Home Point, the agency that manages the county's housing register, is set to change from June 2014, moving from the current Bronze, Silver, Gold categories to a traffic light system, with more emphasis on local connection to where people want to live.

Those who are currently on the Bronze list will be removed but will be able to re-register for a specific area provided that they can demonstrate that they have a connection to that area. So, for example, those currently on the Bronze list wishing to bid on one of the new properties in Sufton Rise will be removed under the new system but can re-register their interest in Mordiford provided that they can clearly show that they have a local connection.

People who are currently registered with Home Point will receive a letter and be given six weeks to complete the new application form and, where requested, provide supporting evidence. The applicant will then be reassessed on their updated application and if eligible, re-banded under the new system, ready for when the changes take place.

It is very important that people wishing to remain on the list reply within this timescale to retain their position, otherwise it will be lost. If they don't reply, they will be removed from the register completely.

Details of the new Allocations Policy can be found on either of the websites below:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/housing/advice/housing-register/> or
<http://www.home-point.info>



You are cordially invited to meet **Mr Andrew Blake**, the officer for the **Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. He will tell us more about this special area, show photographs, and describe the Wye Valley AONB Partnership.

The meeting will be held in Mordiford School Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th May.

After refreshments, the **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held with the Parish Council's vice chairman, Mr Ray Dickson, being in the Chair.

Pub is the Hub

Following the successful introduction of pub meals at Norfolk House, the council's director of adult wellbeing, Helen Coombes, has backed the idea of pubs getting more involved in helping vulnerable adults. Speaking at the **Pub is The Hub** launch, she said: "Social isolation for elderly people, particularly in rural areas, has a devastating effect on people's health. I see no problem in encouraging pub licensees to work with everyone involved in adult social care to offer healthy, affordable lunches, cooked with locally sourced food.

"Pub licensees are the heart of their communities and play an important part in natural safeguarding for elderly and vulnerable adults – they are likely to be the first people to notice if a regular customer has been absent from the pub and to check up on them."

Anyone interested in finding out more can contact **Pub is The Hub** on 01432 546165. We'll keep you up to date with progress.

Community meals and lunch clubs

We are gathering details of lunch clubs and publishing them on our website (www.herefordshire.gov.uk/meals). If you fancy meeting some new friends, have a quick look and see if there's one near you.

Dormington and Mordiford Group Neighbourhood Watch

Local representatives meet quarterly to discuss problems with regard to criminal activity and crime prevention. If you are not a member of Neighbourhood Watch and would like to join, please access the Neighbourhood Watch page of the parish council website www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk for contact details. A copy of the monthly newsletter from the Safer Hereford Team is available from this page.

Your local Policing Team consists of:-

Police Sergeant Emma Freer

Police Constable Neil James

Police Community Support Officer Dean Wall

Police Community Support Officer Elena Ekanite

Mobile PC James 07974 818920

PCSO Wall 07970 602443

West Mercia Police 0300 333 3000

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Victim Support 01432 347208

Childline 0800 1111

Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 7831359

National Drugs Helpline 0800 776600

National NHW Association 02079 630160

Herefordshire Road Safety Hotline 01432 364582

Herefordshire NHW www.communicate.co.uk/here/hfdsneiwatch/

Naming the new development at Sufton.

Have you ever wondered how places get their names?

Why was Mordiford so called? What about Checkley? Or Dormington? What is the meaning of Prior's Frome?

We have some really interesting place-names within our parishes as well. Why was Haugh Wood so named, or plantations such as Kidley, Woodshutts, Bear's, Limburies? What about the settlement called Bagpiper's Tump? Swarton, Scutterdine, Citterdine, Marian's Hill, Larport and Broomy Green all have fascinating names. What about Sufton itself?

You are invited to suggest an appropriate name for the new development of affordable housing at Sufton.

The Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council are holding a competition to help us decide on a name which will be just as fascinating to all those coming after us. In addition to the name, a good reason for using the name must be given. The Hop Yard, The Maize Field or The Potato Rows are suggestions which indicate what the land was used for in the past. Dinedor View or Black Mountains Vista might describe the situation but what about Dragon's Nest?

Now it is your turn for your imagination to run wild.

Send your suggestions with the reason for your choice, to the parish council clerk clerk@dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk before 1st July 2014.

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- Would you like to hear how to make appointments, read your medical record and order prescriptions?
- Would you like to hear how we will implement the latest Department of Health requirements on an accountable GP for over 75 year olds?
- Did you know that changes to the rules in Practice Boundaries mean that you may be able to register with us even if you live outside our area?
- Would you like to hear how the Fownhope and District Trust Fund has supported and continues to fund raise for Fownhope's GP services?

Join us for an open Q & A session on June 20th at 6.30pm in Fownhope Memorial Hall
Light refreshments – cheese and wine
If you have a question for the team and would like to submit it in advance email: admin.fownhopemedicalcentre@nhs.net

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Neighbourhood Planning : Cheryl Shearer

Your Parish Council has decided to proceed to the next step in the process for creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

One factor which influenced this decision was the very high number of Parishes in Herefordshire who are proceeding with a Neighbourhood Plan: at over 70% participation this is the highest number in the UK. The Parish council felt that with such a high number of Parishes opting to proceed, we were at risk of being an undefended target for development on which we had less say than other Parishes if we did not have an adopted plan.

By way of introduction, in case we have not met so far, I have volunteered to be the Neighbourhood Plan project leader, I am one of two Parish councillors for Dormington and I live at Dormington Court in Dormington, my home phone number is 01432 851590 and my email is shearec@uk.ibm.com.

The Next Step

The Parish council has applied to participate in the Neighbourhood Planning process: and this is called "Designation"

You will see large yellow notices going up in the area, and if anyone wants to object to our Parish undertaking Neighbourhood Planning then this is the moment to say so. Please come and see me, or email me with any concerns you may have.

The Shape of the Plan and how to get involved.

A neighbourhood plan is made of several parts, and ours will certainly cover our vision, strategy and policy implementation, for housing, road management, green issues, footpaths and amenities, and many other topics, we will have a working party for each of these, and I would like to invite you to volunteer to join one of these. Please contact me to express your interest in joining in.

We are required to consult formally with various bodies, and I will get this done, but the strength of the Plan will depend on how much local content we have. Anyone who works, lives, or operates commercially will be consulted. To try include everybody, we will speak to schools, churches, clubs, pubs, and businesses to gather and gauge local opinion, and I will need a lot of help to get this all covered in a meaningful way, so please do volunteer.

In the next issue of the Dragon I will be showing the status of the vision of our Parish the Plan, also the working parties and who is leading them and are and where possible who has volunteered to join in.

Make sure you have your say: the Plan if adopted, will have great bearing on the way we live and work in our Parish for years to come.

Delivering our priorities with much less money.



Our response to what you told us in the budget consultation.

Background

We know from previous consultations and engagement with local people that

- Local people want to see improvement in access to decent housing they can afford, wages and job prospects and the quality of roads
- Local people also agree that protecting vulnerable people is very important
- Many local people would like us to invest in a range of other services, for example to support art, museums, libraries, public transport and sport

Our priorities are to

- Keep children and young people safe and give them the best start in life
- Enable residents to live safe, healthy and independent lives
- Invest in projects to improve roads, create jobs and build more homes

Our priorities were reviewed and agreed by a series of cross-party working groups of councillors in the summer of 2013.

To meet our priorities we will need to

- Encourage individuals, communities and organisations to do more for themselves and for their local area
- Radically reduce the cost, breadth and level of services we provide
- Ensure the services that we do provide are cost effective

We face unprecedented reductions in our funding from central government. On 29 October 2013 we published our proposals for how we would deliver our priorities over the next three years while making £33m savings.

We asked you to review them.

In particular we asked:

- are there particular groups that will be impacted by these proposals?
- can you suggest ways we could reduce the impact on particular groups while still making the significant budget reductions we need?
- can you give us specific ideas and suggestions about what we or others could do differently to meet our priorities?

The consultation closed on 20 December. We have analysed the responses and published them in a separate report.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. Cabinet members and senior managers have reviewed all of the comments. There were many specific suggestions about ways we could deliver services differently and more cost effectively which we will consider over the coming months.

Conclusion

As a result of this consultation we propose to vary our proposals in the following ways:

We do not propose to trigger a referendum by planning for a 5% rise in council tax. We have looked again at the budget for next year. If we did not increase the level of council tax by 1.9% we would have to find an additional £700,000 in savings,

The Little Green Hut

The Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council have decided that, as there is so much history associated with the hut, subject to obtaining Planning Permission, it is to be moved to the Main Green, repaired, painted and used as an Information Centre.



Jan has cleared out all the rubbish and hopes it will not be used as a rubbish tip again.

It would be good to display photographs and other historical information about the village, and supply leaflets describing walks and services available in the area.

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, historic documents or photos relating to the village, please contact Jan Ashton-Jones, Kiddleys Copse, Mordiford. janaj1009@gmail.com

The Wye Valley River Festival will be flowing through from Saturday 3rd May to Sunday 18th May 2014. Come and join in the celebrations of nature, culture, landscape and life along the River Wye from Hereford to Chepstow. For more information visit <http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/index.php/wye-valley-river-festival/>



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Working in partnership to conserve and enhance the internationally important protected landscape of the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk



MORDIFORD SCHOOL PAST AND PRESENT

Reunion of all ex-pupils, staff and governors

Saturday 17th May 2014, 7pm

An evening of entertainment in Holy Rood Church

followed by a light supper in the school.

Tickets available from School Office.

For more info. contact Ali Watkins on 01432 873110

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Enthusiasm for Combating Isolation through Circles of Support

ACSYL (A Circle Supporting You for Life) has been delighted by the response to its recent advertisements for more Community Connectors. Clearly there are a number of well-qualified, experienced people who share the organisation's inclusive vision and are keen to join the team. As Aristotle put it, "Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation."

If you know someone who may be interested in having a circle of support built (either for themselves or for a member of their family), encourage them to contact ACSYL personally. Alternatively, you would be most welcome to contact ACSYL yourself on their behalf in the first instance. The service is for anyone who is at risk of social isolation. The circles provide lifelong advocacy and support for individuals whose lives are limited through disability, illness, age, mental health difficulties or other factors. ACSYL also helps with wills, trusts and other aspects of financial planning.

For more information, ring 01989 555 006, visit www.acsyl.co.uk or e-mail info@acsyl.co.uk

on top of the £15.4 million we have already identified. Given both the demographic and inflationary pressures and very legitimate concerns raised in other parts of the consultation we will need to raise council tax by 1.9% this year. We will do everything we can to ensure that the vital 'market day' bus services in rural areas are protected.

We agree with the comments that suggest we could further reduce our core and management costs by more outsourcing and by merging particular service areas with other councils or organisations. We will do as much of that as possible over the next three years.

Working age people who qualify for council tax reduction will have to pay a bigger share of their bill themselves under our budget. We recognise that this is a big change so we will phase the increases over the next three years. We will remove the discounts people receive on the council tax bills when their properties are empty. Where properties are empty for two years or more we will charge a premium.

Long-term empty properties will be charged at 150% of the standard council tax rate.

We will be forced to continue to reduce the funding to library services from April 2015.

We will work even harder to facilitate the use of self service, online services, greater support from volunteers and user groups, opportunities for trading, and possibly local financial support.

While we do need to change the way we work with voluntary and community groups, we agree with some of the concerns raised and recognise that this will take some time and we would not want to destabilise any group. We do want to be consistent with all the groups in this sector while ensuring best value for the Herefordshire taxpayer.

We believe we can support this sector in many different ways including the transfer of buildings and the provision of training and expert advice. We will phase in funding reductions over the next 3 years to both HVOSS and CAB and work with them to see what other forms of support are available.

We will continue to talk to local councils and community organisations to find opportunities to transfer appropriate buildings and pieces of land to communities. We have agreed with our partners in the Herefordshire Business Board to support them in holding an economic summit in Herefordshire. This will enable businesses to agree what they will do and what the council will do to deliver many new jobs to Herefordshire.

We will continue the existing business engagement contract with Hereford and Worcester Chamber of Commerce but with a reduced level of funding.

Healthwatch Herefordshire is the new consumer champion for health and social care services in Herefordshire. We are local people working for you, to represent the views of children and adults. We're inclusive and we want people from every part of the community to participate.



As a national scheme, every local council in England has their own Healthwatch. The national body, Healthwatch England gives advice and guidance to its local Healthwatch. It is a statutory committee within the Care Quality Commission, accountable to the Secretary of State from Health.

If you have a compliment or a complaint about a service you are currently receiving in health or social care then please do let us know, we are here for you.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Healthwatch Herefordshire then please have a look at how to get involved on our website.

- Telephone: 01432 364481
- Email: info@healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk
- Address: Healthwatch Herefordshire, Berrow Business Centre, Bath Street, Hereford, HR1 2HE
- Twitter: @HWHerefordshire
- Web: www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk

On behalf of the late Peter (Cutter) Davies, the family would like to thank all who donated to the collection made at the church.

£1110 has been forwarded to the Midland Air Ambulance and £100 was donated to Mordiford Church

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE?

Age UK Hereford and Localities is currently recruiting volunteers for our footcare service at different locations across Herefordshire.

No previous experience is necessary. All you need is a compassionate and caring nature and a willingness to help others. Full training is provided and travel expenses are fully reimbursed.

Volunteering is fun, worthwhile and very rewarding.

To find out more about volunteering with our footcare service, please contact Margaret Metzger on 0845 688 1298 or email her directly on margaret.metzger@ageukhl.org

Registered Charity Number: 1093512

on our When and Where page - www.fastershire.com/when-where. The postcode checker provides a 12 month rolling programme of information. Those exchange areas outside of that 12 months are marked as Under Evaluation.

Once your exchange area is in the plan for the next 12 months, it will show as a Future Exchange on the postcode checker and show the year during which it will be delivered. At this stage the exchange area will go through a period of detailed survey work which enables us to plan the network for your area. Once this work has been completed your exchange area will be marked as coming soon and will provide you will a more detailed timescale for delivery of faster broadband for your area. Forecast dates provided at this stage are estimates only and are subject to change.

It's not possible with a project of this size to deliver faster broadband to every area at the same time, so some areas will go live before others. The whole process of building the new network in Gloucestershire is expected to be complete by the end of 2015, with Herefordshire completing by the end of 2016.

Scutterdine Limekilns

A few years ago a detailed survey of 11 of the best preserved lime kilns in the Wye Valley came up with a league table identifying those that most deserve preserving.

This Oxford Archaeological Survey was carried out for the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's Heritage Lottery Fund bid, and top of the league were kilns at Tintern, Scutterdine (near Hope Springs Farm), the Doward and Coppett Hill. Tintern kilns scored highest because of their unique position close to the Wye Valley Walk, proximity to Tintern Abbey and their relevance to one of the most important industrial landscapes in the UK.



Unfortunately the money had run out by the time it came to considering our kilns in Mordiford, in spite of their setting near the Wye Valley walk. I have recently argued this point with the officer in charge of the Wye Valley AONB, especially as our kilns include some unusual features such as the brick lined charge hole, which the archaeologist suggests shows the kilns were in use for a long time, from the 1800s up to possibly the 1920s.

Our Parish Council is keen to protect and preserve our heritage whenever possible, as once it has gone, it has gone forever. The new land owner at Hope Springs is willing for us to investigate the possibility of repairing the kilns, for as you may know, the arches and right hand keystone are in a poor state. I have persuaded the Wye Valley AONB to allocate £1,000 towards the costs of repair, but complete renovation will cost more. The plan as it stands at the moment is to consider a further application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, but first the vegetation around and on top of the kilns will need to be cut back as the roots are prising the stones apart. As there is a power line running through the trees Western Power has been requested to cut these back, then we will be able to plan our next move. Let's hope we can save them for posterity.

John Litchfield

More communities set for Spring switch on

The first homes and businesses in Gorsley, How Caple, Llangarron, Much Marcle and Symonds Yat in Herefordshire will be able to upgrade to fibre broadband in the coming months.

The Fastershire engineers haven't just been focusing on the areas where fibre broadband is now available. Work has been going well in a number of areas and fibre will become available to more communities during the spring. So far, throughout the Gloucestershire and Herefordshire project area, engineers have walked around 300km to undertake vital surveys, laid more than 165 kilometres of fibre cable, moved more than 250 tonnes of earth and poured around 115 tonnes of concrete to make faster broadband a reality.

Cllr Graham Powell, broadband lead for Herefordshire Council, said: "A great deal of vitally important work has gone in to get us where we are today. We are now starting to see the results of all that labour with more and more local people and businesses in towns and villages throughout the county getting access to faster broadband.

"This fibre technology will not only help people access services in their community, but it will also mean that businesses can grow and Herefordshire will benefit from a thriving local economy."

Bill Murphy, managing director of next generation networks for BT, said: "There is still a long way to go, but we are getting there and this is an exciting time for people in the Fastershire area.

Fastershire has so far delivered faster broadband to over 14,000 homes and businesses across Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.

Fibre broadband is now available in some areas in and around Brimscombe, Cinderford, Cirencester, Coleford, Coln. St. Aldwyn, Fairford, Kempford, Lechlade, Lydbrook, Ross on Wye, Southrop and Whitecroft.

If you live in one of these areas, you can check to see whether you can upgrade to fibre broadband by using the line checker which is available on www.fastershire.com/when-where. Simply enter your telephone number, and it will show whether or not you can get fibre broadband yet. If you get the message saying that fibre broadband is available on your line you will need to contact an Internet Service Provider of your choice to discuss taking a fibre broadband package. There is a list of internet service providers who offer packages for homes and businesses at www.fastershire.com/how-to-get-it.

Your line won't automatically be upgraded to fibre broadband as the fibre packages tend to have different tariffs to the broadband that you may be on now. It's worth shopping around to see which package and tariff best suits your needs.

Not all cabinets linked to an exchange will go live at the same time and the rollout will continue in the areas above over the coming months. When an area does go live, the Fastershire Project Team will email anyone within that postcode area who has registered to receive this newsletter to let them know that they can now upgrade.

If you live elsewhere in Herefordshire or Gloucestershire, you can find out when faster broadband is due to be delivered to your area by using the postcode checker

Letter received from Herefordshire County Council

Thank you for your application to designate a Neighbourhood Area for Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish received on 25th March 2014.

The application will be publicised on our website and within the parish via a number of site notices for a period of 6 weeks for public comment in line with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

A number of site notices will be placed in the parish this week.

The 6 week period will run from **31st March 2014 to 12th May 2014**.

Comments can be made either via our website at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/ or email to neighbourhoodplanning@herefordshire.gov.uk or in writing to Neighbourhood Planning Team, Planning Services, PO BOX 230, Hereford, HR1 2ZB.

Following the end of the 6 week period, any comments will be considered and a decision regarding the designation will be sent to you within 2 weeks.

If you have any queries, please feel free to give Edward Bannister a call on 01432 260126.

Kind regards

James Latham

Technical Support Officer

Neighbourhood Planning, Strategic Planning & Conservation teams

Herefordshire Council

Planning Services

PO Box 230

Blueschool House

Blueschool Street

Hereford

HR1 2ZB

Tel: 01432 383617

Below is the text which will be displayed on the memorial to the victims of the 1811 Pentaloe Flood which is about to be erected on Mordiford Green. Four residents were drowned, and much damage was caused to property.

A plaque commemorating the loss, and giving a much more vivid account of the occurrence, appears in The Church of The Holy Rood, Mordiford.

**This memorial was erected by
The Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council
27th May 2014.**

It commemorates the loss of William Husbands, a miller, his niece, Ann Evans and also Elizabeth Greenly, a widow, and her infant daughter, Jemima. They were drowned in the flood of the Pentaloe River which occurred in Mordiford between 5.00pm and 9.00pm on Monday 27th May 1811. The flood, some 180ft wide and 20ft deep, swept away a large barn, a cider-mill and the adjoining cottage, and did severe damage to other cottages and gardens in the village. A fund of £80 was raised and distributed amongst the sufferers in this catastrophe.

**Consultation on review of bus services in
Herefordshire 6 March-21 April 2014**

Introduction

Around 39% of the 3.1 million bus journeys made each year in the county are supported by a subsidy from the council. The total cost of the subsidy is around £1.6 million. The remainder of journeys are made on services run commercially by bus operators. The services supported with subsidy are listed below. The council spends an additional £1.4 million reimbursing bus operators for concessionary travel - free travel on the bus network for older and disabled people.

You will be aware that public services are facing significant financial pressure as central government reduces funding to local authorities as part of its austerity measures. Facing significant cuts in its budget, Herefordshire Council is reviewing all its activities. At a meeting on 23 January 2014, the council's cabinet considered a report on the review of transport services. It agreed to undertake a detailed review to save £1 million over the next two financial years (2014/15 to 2015/16).

What will the review cover?

We are working closely with bus operators to explore how we can make savings through more efficient services and journey planning. There are opportunities to integrate some contracts, increasing the efficient use of vehicles and drivers. Examples of integration include incorporating school transport services within the wider bus network, retaining some limited rural/market day services as feeder services which link to the core bus network (key transport corridors with regular, higher frequency services). We are also exploring whether or not some supported services might operate commercially and without subsidy and the level of savings that might be achieved by reducing the frequency of some services.

However, it is unlikely that we will achieve £1 million savings purely through efficiencies. Therefore, we will have to consider withdrawing subsidy for some services. We carried out a comprehensive consultation in 2011, which asked about your bus service priorities. We would like to update that consultation in the light of this significant budget reduction and to help guide the decisions we will have to make following contract negotiations with operators. We will carry out further consultation with local communities as we finalise what operators are prepared to provide with lower levels of subsidy.

Your views

Please let us know your views by answering the survey questions about your use of buses in the area, so that we can take them into account in the review.

You can complete the questionnaire online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/busreview, or by downloading a copy from the same page which can be completed electronically and emailed to [publictransport\(a\)herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:publictransport(a)herefordshire.gov.uk) or printed and posted. You can send your completed response to:

Herefordshire Council Research Team, Freepost SWC4816, PO Box 4, Hereford, HR4 OBR.

If you have any queries, need help to complete the questionnaire or would like it in another format or language, please call 01432 260211 or e-mail publictransport@herefordshire.gov.uk

Your personal information will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The council will not disclose such information to any unauthorised person or body but where appropriate will use such information when carrying out its various functions and services.

What happens next?

All responses will be assessed and the findings included in a report for Herefordshire Councillors to consider. The information will be used to make informed decisions, including an Equality Impact Assessment on any service changes.

Please note that any information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be used for the purposes described here and will not be shared with any other parties. Any comments provided may be included in anonymous form in the published results.

We will not respond directly to your feedback, but we will produce a summary at the end of the process. This will be available on our website in May 2014.

Any proposals for bus service changes will not be introduced until at least September 2014.

List of Supported Bus Services

Service	Route	Operates
Sunday Services		
39A	Hereford - Hay-on-Wye - Brecon	Sundays
71/74/74A/79A	Hereford City Services	Sundays
75B	Hereford - Hampton Park	Sundays
420	Bromyard - Hereford	Sundays
492	Ludlow - Leominster - Hereford	Sundays
Monday to Saturday Evening Services		
32/33	Hereford - Ross-on-Wye - Gloucester	Evenings
72/74/74A/75	Hereford City Services - Evenings	Evenings
449	Madley - Hereford evenings	Evenings
476	Ledbury - Hereford Evenings and Sundays	Evenings
Monday to Friday/Saturday Early Morning Services		
71/75B	Credenhill/Hampton Park - Hereford	Mon-Fri/Sat
72A/74A/75	Bobblestock/Newton Farm/Belmont - Hereford	Mon-Fri/Sat
449	Madley - Hereford	Mon-Sat
Market Day Services		
31/45/459	Ledbury/Whitchuch - Ross-on-Wye	Thurs
54	Bridstow - Llangarron - Monmouth	Thurs
55	Howle Hill - Ross-on-Wye	Thurs
388	Hereford - Cheltenham	Sat
405	Cradley - Bromyard - Hereford	Wed
411	Ross - Llangarron - Hereford	Wed
441/442	Cleghonger - Abergavenny, Clodock - Hereford	Tues/Wed
444	Kilpeck - Hereford	Wed
436	Kinnersley - Hereford	Wed
448	Bredwardine - Hereford	Tues/Thurs
456/7	Newent - Hereford	Wed/Sat
460	Kington Town Service	Tues/Fri
478	Much Marcle - Hereford	Wed
479	Much Marcle - Ledbury	Tues
482	Bromyard - Leominster	Fri
488/509	Woofferton/ Kinnersley - Leominster	Fri
489/507	Wigmore/Weobley - Leominster	Tues/Fri
491/8	Leintwardine - Hereford	Wed
499	Burford - Hereford	3rd Wed
500	Burford - Leominster	Fri
666	Newent - Ross-on-Wye	Thurs
Regular daytime Monday - Friday/Saturday services		
33	Ross-on-Wye - Gloucester	Mon-Sat
34	Ross-on-Wye - Monmouth	Mon-Sat
35	Ross-on-Wye - Coleford - Monmouth	Mon-Sat
36	Hereford - Monmouth	Mon-Sat
40	Ross Town Service	Mon-Sat
44	Ross - Hoarwithy - Hereford	Mon-Sat
76/76A	Hereford - Bartonsham / S02 Leominster - Hereford	Mon-Sat
78	Hereford - Rotherwas	Mon-Sat
400	Bromyard Town Service linked with 672/3/4	Mon-Sat
401/2/3/6	Leominster Town Services	Mon-Sat
412	Garway - Hereford	Mon-Fri
417	Worcester - Ledbury	Mon-Sat
426	Leominster - Bodenham - Hereford	Mon-Sat
437/477	Tillington - Hereford	Mon-Sat
440	Abbeystead - Pontrilas	Mon-Sat
446	Almeley - Hereford	Mon-Sat
453/4	Woolhope - Hereford	Mon-Sat
461/2	Llandrindod Wells - Kington - Hereford	Mon-Sat
492	Ludlow - Leominster - Hereford	Mon-Sat
493-7	Leominster - Presteigne/Kington	Mon-Sat
501/504	Leominster - Canon Pyon - Hereford	Mon-Sat
672-4	Bromyard - Ledbury	Mon-Fri
600/675	Ledbury Town - Great Malvern	Mon Sat
903/905/913	Hereford Access Bus	Mon-Fri