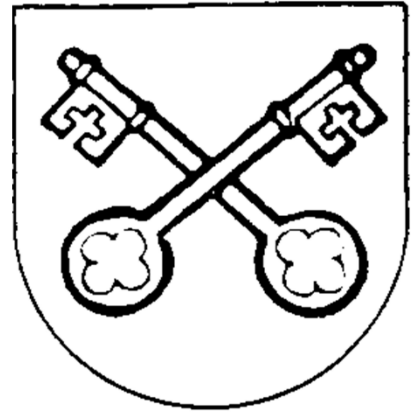


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## Editor's Letter

Happy new year to you all. May 2024 bring peace to everyone.

Social media has many problems, and at this time of year, when people are posting pictures of perfect Christmases, and all their achievements it can be very daunting and it can make us feel inadequate. But it also has its uses. I tend to use Facebook for marketing my glass work and it's a handy tool, but one group came up on a "recommended" post and that was something about a bird called a waxwing.

I did a little reading and a waxwing is a very pretty bird that visits the UK from Scandinavia this time of year, to coincide with the rowan berries being ripe. In some years they arrive in large numbers, called "irruptions" and this is one such year. I thought it would be fun to find one. They had been spotted in Moreton in Marsh which is close enough to try and far enough away to make it an adventure. I remembered I'd left my camera with my parents (no room in the car after Christmas) so I went into the loft to find the old one that got run over. Charged its battery. Got out my safari lens (covid scuppered the actual safari).

I went to Moreton in Marsh and looked at trees. Nothing anywhere. Maybe some nice jackdaws but not what I was looking for. Went into the cheese shop and bought cheese. Found the actual tree that the internet had suggested: it had berries and everything. Noticed the wine shop behind me sold HANDMADE CHOCOLATES!! so went in there. Asked the nice man if he had had many bird people about and he asked what they'd all been looking for. I explained and he asked what it looked like. Just then a waxwing landed on the tree behind him. We both watched and I went out with my camera... I hadn't put a memory card in it. And then it flew off. So I bought some chocolates, showed the wine/chocolate man some pictures on the internet and went home.

Sometimes it's not about the picture, but the (very little) adventure.

Thank you to Elizabeth Spencer for all the Christmassy contributions this month and for the beautiful cover photo too.

Until next time,

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## Letter from the Vicar

### Growing Character

New Year can be a time of new beginnings. It is an opportunity to reflect on what has been and what the future might hold. Some people identify things they want to develop and make a list of resolutions. Each year one of my brothers traditionally gives up smoking. He, like many people focuses on an outcome, on doing something, an external change. Resolutions requiring internal change are less common.

Acquiring a new skill will be easier for some and more difficult for others. No-one is good at everything. Our talents and even our aptitude for learning can be accidents of birth. John Maxwell, the American author observed,

“Talents are a gift, but character is a choice.” Good character cannot be inherited it is something we must all build choice by choice with determination and courage. To paraphrase the great Professor Dumbledore,

“It is our choices, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” Whilst we cannot all be professional sports men or women, rocket scientists or brain surgeons we all have the capacity to improve our character. How would we go about becoming more generous, more patient, more peaceful?

I once took a course aimed at making us more generous. Each week there was a different exercise. We were encouraged to find ways of being spontaneously generous, de-cluttering and donating the inevitable surplus, giving away things unused for three years away, including charitable donations in a household budget, we worked at being generous with time; making our priorities in conversation listening and empathy. When we practice generosity, we focus on what we have and not what we lack, we re-calibrate our lives, shifting our attention away from ourselves onto others, we become more thankful and thereby more content.

When we have more than others, we should make the table longer not the fence higher!

In Saint Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia is a list of attributes known as the fruits of the spirit; which also include love, joy, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. There are few people who wouldn't want to be these things. Paul suggests that it is only through Christ we can become more Christlike. The church is called to imitate Christ; indeed Saint Teresa of Avila goes further and reminds the church;

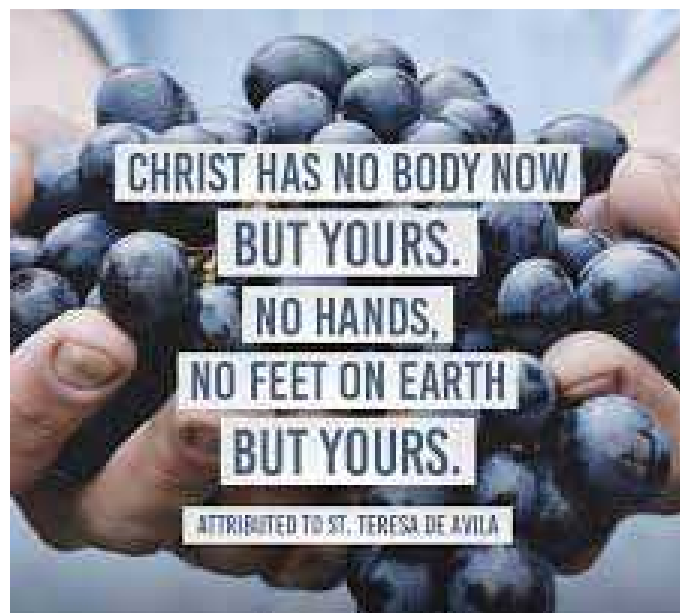
*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks*



*Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

May your character grow this coming year  
may you know joy and peace  
Every blessing

Revd Craig



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## **Carols at Christmas**

Oh come all ye faithful, and they did – you did. The church was full. Elbows jostled in pews, the choir clustered on red seats and the readers of lessons strode up to the altar, to tell us the news of the Coming. Even the stone columns, standing with the congregation, felt the words. For those of us behind them the words reverberated around the walls, filling the very air.

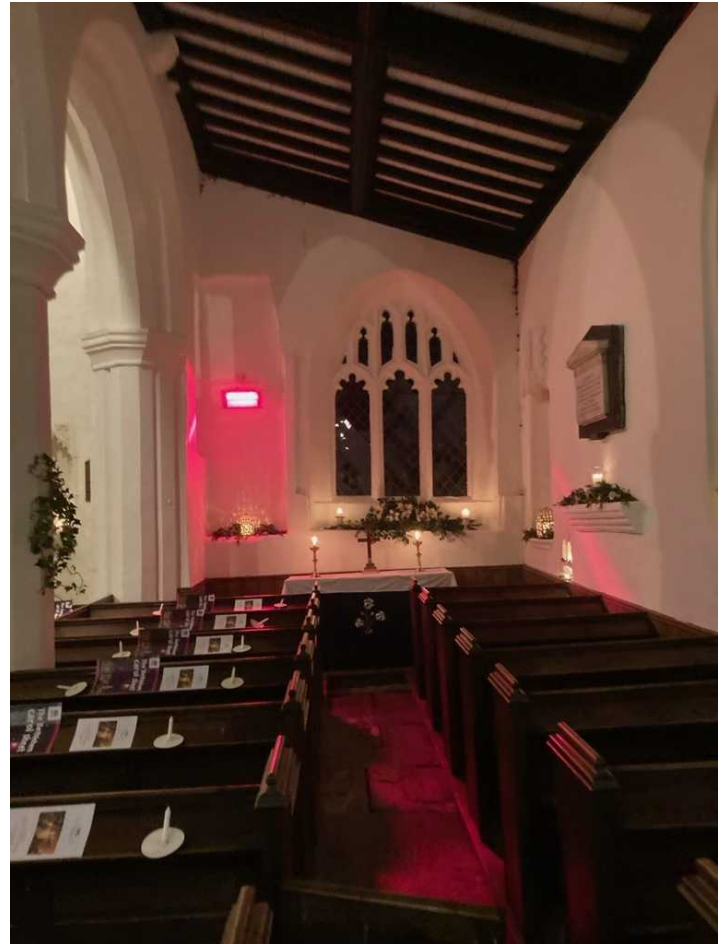
This was a time when the voices of the village could reach the Heavens with the carols of long tradition. The organist gave us volume that filled everyone with energy. Then the village choir began. Happy people made a happy, smooth and evocative sound. They followed the curving hands of the conductor through stairs of notes and rivers of volume. Necks creaked as they turned from the pews and cheeks glowed with appreciation – the long known words brought memories of school halls and chilly nights singing for pennies from the houses.

Everyone felt better by the end – much better. Better as men and women, and better towards the world. The faithful nudged their neighbours – their friends and wished each other a Merry Christmas as they returned to their families. The turkeys gabbled something too, as they gave their all to the cause.

If houses of brick could have a heart, Pebworth has a heart. The name is a thread that sews the village into the pageant of history. Many village men have come and gone and the best of the women have cultivated the busy life that grows so well in Pebworth.

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# All Pebworth Christmas Photos from Elizabeth Spencer









## A Village Crib Service

A little child laid the baby Jesus in a manger. Smaller children carried miniature sheep and shepherds to stand in the stable. That sacred scene in Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, was alive again in St Peter's church. Outside, the wind blew and the trees bowed to the crib. Inside, wise men and women sang carols about the sacred birth. The day darkened. The Earth tipped back on its return journey around the Sun. Candle flames burned brighter in puddles of wax.

They, and the little white dots of offertory candles, brought light to the dimmest of hollows in the ancient building.

How many souls of Peabworth have celebrated Christmas, in the church on the hill that is Peabworth's crown? How many resting souls are still with us in the churchyard? How many living souls are closer to Heaven when hearing the tones of the great bells? Centuries have passed while generations have knelt her, in reference to the kindly Father of Mankind.

Whiskery men in coats and smiling women in head scarves, talked of their day and of the morrow's feast, as they settled in rows for the service. Visiting clergy welcomed them all.

By the pulpit, a silvery tree laden with baubles, remembered those who had passed. In the churchyard, bright colours adorned a pine tree, letting a taller pine with brighter, whiter, lights point to the eternity of the stars. Along the path, under the embracing branches, were lanterns aglow, to show the way.

Bells had rung out to gather the faithful for this Christmas Eve Crib Service. The pews were running with children and lessons were read in latter-day English so that all could listen and learn the holy story. The organ roused the voices of the people to sing carols. The very stones of the nave echoed our joy: the Eve was heralding the Day, the day of our Saviour's birth.



## Photos of Pebworth In Bloom's Christmas Tree lighting

This year saw two trees being lit!

Bottom right is Clara Byrd, the Family & Children Youth Worker, who works with the Church & the School, who read the tree lighting prayer.





**Pebworth Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held**  
**At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Present:** Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, Sam Parkins & David Cranage

**In attendance:** District Councillor Hannah Robson & Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

**Also in attendance:** 2 members of the public

**Open Forum:**

**a)** 2 members of the public were in attendance:

- Query was raised regarding flooding on Friday Street. There has been no update from Severn Trent Water. Resident is extremely upset regarding foul water overflowing close (and sometimes in) to his property when there is heavy rain. The Parish Council acknowledged that the system cannot cope, and Severn Trent Water has been made aware several times. He stated that this has become worse since the pumping station was installed. Cllr Weller advised that monies will be put into the budget to look at the overall flooding in that area. District Councillor Robson has some contacts at Severn Trent Water and is happy to support the Parish Council and residents.
- Two new watering cans have been purchased as replacements at the burial ground.

**b)** County Councillor Adams sent his apologies.

**c)** District Councillor Robson continues to chase planning for responses.

District Councillor Ciotti sent her apologies and provided the following report:

- Community Transport (Evesham Volunteer Centre) would like to visit to publicise the private car/ volunteer driver service they provide in the Evesham area including Pebworth. The clerk suggested they would reach more people by attending Coffee on the Close so has put them in touch with Cllr Jodi Cotton.
- Meanwhile I have been finding out about public transport as Pebworth is not well served. Wychavon's funding offer has not been taken up in this area by community groups so it has been paused while the strategy is reviewed. Demand Responsive Transport (DRC) is a WCC initiative supplying funding to help residents in rural areas without car or bus options to request individual journeys by minibus. It has been successfully piloted in Bromsgrove and in June another pilot began in the Malvern Hills area. This could be offered in the Pebworth area in the future if a need is demonstrated. Pebworth could be the case study in this ward because it is, I believe, the parish most poorly served by public transport. There would be a consultation report in the first instance. Wychavon DC is waiting for more details from WCC.
- Severe Weather Emergency Protocol: Night shelters are now open for rough sleepers. Residents are encouraged to report if they see someone sleeping rough.  
<https://bit.ly/3DYn0XU> On this Website or Call Streetlink on 0300 500 0914

**The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:40**

**Planning Matters:**

**Considered:**

- a) W/23/02296/FUL** Location: Meadowbank Farm, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XB Description of Proposal: Removal of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with a 2 bedroom dormer bungalow and garaging. Following discussion Cllr Cranage to forward comments to the Clerk for onward transmission to Planning.



### Considered between meetings:

- b) **W/23/02224/HP** Location: The Old Barn, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA Description of Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear extension, conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation, replacement windows and other external alterations. Following consultation via email Clerk responded with: The Parish Council notes that this dwelling is within the Conservation Area and on the Conservation Area Appraisal Map is categorised as “an unlisted building of local distinction”.
- c) **W/23/02156/FUL** Location: Elm View, Chapel Road, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XJ Description of Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of nine dwellings, creation of new vehicular access into site along with private driveways and gardens, alteration and extension of retained outbuilding at Elm View and alteration and extension of Walnut Tree Cottage. Following the last Parish Council meeting comments are available to be viewed at:  
<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/02156/FUL> Copies are available from the Clerk.

### Decisions:

- d) **W/23/00985/HP** - A dilapidated, old stable building that is no longer used would be demolished and rebuilt into an outbuilding as a living space with one bedroom and a kitchen/living room area as open plan for extra accommodation for family use. Location: The Forge, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA. **Application Approved Subject to Conditions.**
- e) **W/23/01573/HP** Proposal: Two storey front extension, and first floor rear and side extensions. Location: Cherry Orchard, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA. **Planning Refused.**

### Council & Community Matters:

#### It was resolved:

- a) To defer applying for a Community Legacy Grant to the January meeting– applications open in January.
- b) To accept the Community Grant application form and terms and conditions with minor changes. Clerk to place on website.
- c) To allow permission to use the Close and the Recreation Ground for Pebworth Party in The Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- d) To defer the update from Cllr Cranage regarding flooding Friday St once he has spoken with County Cllr Adams to the January meeting
- e) Members noted the damaged manhole cover opposite The Masons Arms to Severn Trent Water has been repaired.

### The Close & Recreation Field

Cllr Shiers reported that a quote has been provided for £450 to clear the ditch at The Close. It was **resolved** to accept the quote. Clerk has received acknowledgement that Rooftop Housing will share the costs.

### Date of Next Meeting:

Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.

#### Future dates:

5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8<sup>th</sup> Apr, APM – 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr, 13<sup>th</sup> May & ACM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun, 1<sup>st</sup> Jul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, Budget meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

# **Home Upgrade grant phase 2 (HUG2)**

## **What is HUG2?**

The Government funded scheme is designed to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of lower income homes that are not connected to mains gas for central heating (off gas) and have an EPC rating of D or below.

Worcestershire County Council is working in partnership with Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove, Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils to deliver this project. The project will end in March 2025. Worcester City Council and Wyre Forest District Council are administering their own HUG2 scheme and information can be found on their websites.

## **Who is Eligible?**

Homeowners and private tenants may be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Have a household income of £31,000 or less, or the property is located in a government defined low-income postcode.
- Have an EPC rating of a D or below – for homes that do not have a current/valid EPC certificate, an assessment can be funded if they meet all other criteria,
- The property doesn't have mains gas central heating,
- Pay council tax to Redditch Borough, or Bromsgrove, Malvern Hill or Wychavon District Councils.

Those who are exempt will be asked to provide other evidence to satisfy they have an eligible postcode.

Landlords may also be eligible if they own fewer than four properties but will be asked to contribute at least one third of the total cost of the measures installed.

The tenant must also meet the above Low-income criteria.

Installations may be subject to permission being granted. This may include planning permission or listed building consent.

## **How are we promoting this scheme?**

We have been looking at low income and EPC data to identify some potentially eligible properties. These will receive direct communication about the scheme. A wider marketing campaign will



help us to reach other households along with working with community partners including parish councils, charities and community groups and collaborating with existing cost of living support schemes.

### **What types of measures can be considered?**

The project has a 'fabric first' approach which prioritises insulation and may require improved ventilation to meet installation quality standards (PAS2035/PAS2030). The funding prioritises certain energy efficiency measures including:

- External/internal wall insulation
- Loft insulation/room in roof insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Air source heat pumps
- Hot water cylinder insulation and thermostat
- Digital/smart heating controls

Other measures may be recommended such as: solar PV; low energy lighting; underfloor insulation; double glazing; night storage heaters; high temperature heat pumps; solar thermal, direct electric heaters, high retention storage heaters. All measures are subject to a government value-for-money assessment and available funds. An eligible home will need a survey to determine the most suitable energy efficiency measures. All works and services carried out will be undertaken in compliance with the latest versions of PAS 2030 and PAS 2035, TrustMark and the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS), where applicable. All contractors will be appointed for the delivery of the project.

To apply, residents are to contact their local energy charity, Act on Energy 0800 988 2881

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# The Home Upgrade Grant is ready!

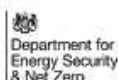
Government funding is now available for free energy improvements to make homes warmer and reduce energy bills for eligible households in Worcestershire.

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- Your property is not connected to the mains gas network for heating
- Your household income is £31,000 or less or live in a defined low income Government postcode
- Pay council tax to one of the following: Bromsgrove District or Redditch Borough Council, Malvern Hills District Council, or Wychavon District Council
- You own the home you live in or are a tenant in the private rented sector\*
- Your home has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D or below. You can check online at [www.epcregister.com](http://www.epcregister.com).\*\*

\* Funding is available for private rental landlords with 4 or less properties. NB a financial contribution of at least 33% is required. Contact Act on Energy for full eligibility criteria.

\*\*If you are eligible, we will provide you with a free EPC assessment.

For more information or to register:

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Call: 0800 988 2881

Email: [advice@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:advice@actonenergy.org.uk)

\*Click on Home Upgrade Grant scheme



If you qualify for the scheme, your property will undergo a free technical survey to see which measures would improve its energy efficiency the most.

Priority measures may include:



Wall insulation



Loft insulation



Cavity wall insulation



Air source heat pumps



Hot water cylinder insulation & thermostat



Heating control upgrades



Solar PV



Draft proofing

Secondary measures may include: Low energy lighting, Underfloor insulation, Double glazing and External doors.

# Coffee on the Close

**Pebworth Village Hall**

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**2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month**

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September	13th	27th
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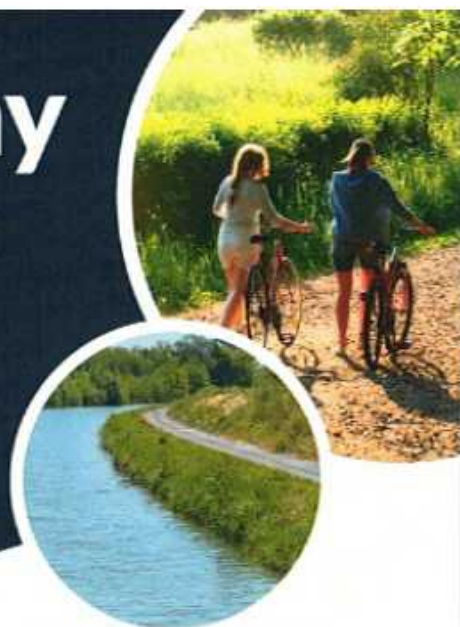
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*If there is enough interest , we will look into offering a Hot Lunch option for  
colder months and possibly a Christmas Lunch in December - details TBC*



# Public Rights of Way in Worcestershire

There are 4604km (2861 miles) of network across Worcestershire, they can be found in towns, villages and the countryside. All Public Rights of Way should be denoted by a signpost or waymark. Some paths may be surfaced in towns but many follow tracks, cross fields or pass through woods in the countryside. The network is managed by the County Council with the help of volunteers



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
Among other things here you will find:

- The Public Rights of Way interactive map for reporting defects found on the network
- Ways volunteers help us to maintain the PRow network
- Details of promoted circular and linear routes

Please remember to follow the Countryside Code  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code)



Paths should be signed from the roadside and the route is often waymarked by coloured arrows. Different types of Public Rights of Way can be used by different users:

-  **Footpaths** - indicated by yellow arrows; for use by walkers only.
-  **Bridleways** - indicated by blue arrows; for use by walkers, horse-riders and pedal cyclists.
-  **Restricted Byways** - indicated by plum-coloured arrows; for use by walkers, pedal cyclists, horse-riders and horse drawn vehicles.
-  **Byways** - open to all traffic (BOATs) - indicated by red arrows; for use by walkers, pedal cyclists, horse-riders, horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles.

To view the Public Rights of Way interactive map please visit:  
<https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside>



Please remember to follow the Countryside Code  
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## WWW.Pebworth.org

Keep up-to-date with what is happening in Pebworth via the Pebworth.org website or follow Pebworth Village on Facebook.

If you have anything you would like included on the Pebworth Village website or on the Facebook page, please send it to Karen or Wendi ([Kpearson@Active-Research.co.uk](mailto:Kpearson@Active-Research.co.uk) or [Wendibowz@googlemail.com](mailto:Wendibowz@googlemail.com))

### Pebworth Village Hall

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Pebworth Village Hall Management Committee

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# **County Councillor Report – Pebworth**

## **Prepared by Alastair Adams**

*Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council covering Pebworth (including Meon Way Gardens), Honeybourne, Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham, Cleeve Prior, South Littleton, North & Middle Littleton, Ullington, Bickmarsh and Broad Marston)*

Dear Residents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a wonderful 2024.

At the start of the New Year, we can look forward to another 12 months of Pebworth community activities – there is always something going on in our village and surrounding area and this is the time to plan ahead; why not join one of the many clubs, or join in at the local pub playing crib? Or just pop in to the pub and meet up with friends.

Please put in you diary Sunday 1st September 2024 which is the date for the Pebworth Party in the Park which I am sure will be another fantastic day of fun, frolics and festivities.

## **County Council News**

At this time of the year the County Council is setting its budget for 2024/25 year. It looks like it is going to be a year of hard choices as pressures on the council are increasing with the aging population and the increased pressures on Children Services. For example, when I was first elected over 10 years ago, the number of children in Council care was around 400. Today it is 1089 and the cost to is nudging £100m per year.

Many councils around the country are feeling the same pinch and have cancelled many vital services such as mending the potholes! However, in Worcestershire, we will continue to invest in our roads and pavements over the coming 12 months to keep them some of the best in the UK. We are also always looking to be more efficient and cost effective, and we are continuing to do this in 2024.

## **NEW drains under the Honeybourne Bridges**

WCC Highways cleaned the debris/mud from the right hand side of the first bridge which was causing pooling of water partly across the road. This will need to be monitored as debris and mud gets washed off the fields onto the road and ultimately ends up in these new

drains.

### **Other updates on flooding – Broad Marston**

Still a little fine tuning to the inlets into the 2 x Flood plains is needed to help the flood plains take great capacity. Hopefully this will happen in Spring.

There was some water on the road in front of the Broad Marston Manor entrance, but the road was still passable. This water was mostly coming from the field opposite Cotswold View. A few years ago, the ditch on the right hand side (as you drive out of Broad Marston) was dug out and the soil used to build a bund in the field. This bund has now eroded and disappeared, and in my opinion this ditch needs digging out again, and the soil used to rebuild the bund.

I have asked the Pebworth Parish Council to see if there any monies left from the Cala Homes Flood alleviation maintenance fund (£5000) to help clear this ditch. They paid for it last time to be done, and I would strongly recommend they do it again. I spoke to Nick Farmer who did it last time and he is happy to quote to do it again.

### **Other updates on flooding – Honeybourne**

Honeybourne PROW volunteers have agreed to dig out the ditches along the High Street. Also some of the outlets under the raised pavement have been blocked off on a temporary basis to see if that stops water coming back onto the road from the brook.

### **Network Rail gives the green light to the new Honeybourne Railway Station Car Park**

I am keeping pressure on the WDC and Network Rail to complete this project, and I'm chasing them every month.

### **Highways:**

There are still some road and footway maintenance in progress in Worcestershire please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

- I have reported the sunken road opposite the entrance to Pebworth Nursery to Highways. WCC are going to dig to investigate. No date set when.
- Dropped kerbs requested opposite 2, and 3, Chapel Road for mobility scooter. Order given to proceed and install – no date given



yet.

- I had a meeting in November with Severn Trent and again reminded them about the foul sewer manhole in School Rd and Friday St which suffer foul water coming up through the manhole when we had the heavy rainfall recently. They have promised to take action. I have heard nothing since so I will chase.
- Flooding at Chalk Farm , Buckle Street –Ditch on RHS to be dug out by farmer and new grips dug by WCC

## **Welford Bridge Closure**

**Christmas - bridge open**

**Sat 23 Dec - Mon 19 Feb**

**Closure:**

**Tue 20th Feb - Wed 19 Mar**

**(Foot & Cycle Access only)**

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.

## **County Council Divisional Fund**

Applications for the Divisional Fund 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 on [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com)

The following grants have been requested, and some have already been approved & paid

1. Honeybourne Village Hall – grant to help provide a Senior Citizen lunch for the Coronation
2. Honeybourne School – grant to help build a “Growing Hope” garden
3. Honeybourne Bowls Club – grant for a contribution towards a new mat
4. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust – grant for new tables
5. Pebworth Bells – grant to help improve their Website
6. Freedom Day Centre – grant for a defibrillator
7. Cleeve Prior Art Club – grant for portrait training
8. Coffee Mornings in Pebworth Village Hall – grant requested for

soup kettle and hall hire

9. Offenham Cricket club – grant towards an artificial wicket for training
10. Honey Tots Playgroup, Honeybourne – grant requested for some play equipment
11. Badsey Film Club – grant requested for a new projector
12. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust- grant for laptop
13. Honeybourne Public rights of way volunteer group – grant for a strimmer
14. Vale Landscape Heritage Trust – grant for some tools

*Your County Councillor, Alastair Adams can be contacted on [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com) or mobile 07725 979 277 or [www.alastairadams.org](http://www.alastairadams.org)*





# PEBWORTH *Party* IN THE PARK

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**12-5pm**



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**If you are able to volunteer to help at this spectacular village event, please contact Oz Jordan on 07540 291949 or email**

**[ozjordan@msn.com](mailto:ozjordan@msn.com)**



# Are you a Graphic Designer?

## Or do you have Graphic Design skills?

The Pebworth Party In The Park team is looking for someone to help with designing flyers and the show programme.



If you are able to help, please contact Karen Pearson  
on 07887 613301  
or email [KPearson@active-research.co.uk](mailto:KPearson@active-research.co.uk)



# The Evesham Volunteer Centre

The Evesham Volunteer Centre, located in Brick Kiln St Evesham, have a community car scheme. This scheme is available for people who have no access to a vehicle, have no friends or family able to transport them and who are unable to access public transport. This includes trips to hospitals, doctor appointments, shopping trips and social trips to visit family and friends.

Our volunteer drivers will pick you up in their own car, take you to your appointment, wait and bring you home. A sliding fare scale is applicable for all journeys and a cost can be given when you enquire.

If you require our service, please call **01386 45035** weekdays from 9:30am till 1:00pm.

We are always welcoming new volunteers!

Wednesday Volunteer Required  
9:30am till 1:00pm

Working on the transport desk answering calls and matching clients up with a volunteer driver.

## Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers will use their own car to transport clients to and from their appointments and will get 45p a mile which is paid monthly to cover expenses. As a

volunteer driver you can provide companionship to passengers who may be socially isolated and make new friends by being part of our team.

For more information please contact Helen on [co@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:co@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk) or call 01386 45035

### *Evesham Volunteer Centre's Community Transport Scheme is available for:*

- People who have no access to a vehicle of their own.
- Have no friend, neighbour or relative to transport them.
- Are unable to use or have no access to public transport.
- Are temporarily unable to use public transport due to illness or injury.
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### *Transport can be requested for:*

- Doctors
- Dentists
- Hairdressers
- Social visits
- Supermarket shopping
- Hospital appointments



## *To make a request*

Telephone the Volunteer Centre office on  
**01386 45035**

**Weekdays 9:30am till 1:00pm**

Please give at least 3 working days notice of your appointment **if possible**.

It is **your** responsibility to ring the office the day before your appointment to confirm that we have a driver available.

## *General Information*

We cannot take wheelchair clients who are unable to transfer from wheelchair to vehicle without assistance, unless accompanied by an escort. People who have had a general anaesthetic or have been discharged after a stay in hospital must be accompanied by an escort.

Please be aware that the community transport scheme is in constant demand. Your call will be answered as quickly as possible.



*Thank you for your patience!*

## *Payment*

A sliding fare scale is applicable for all journeys and an approximate cost can be given when the telephone booking is made. A £2 administration charge is also payable on all bookings in addition to the fare.

Fares have to be paid in cash at the end of each journey.

Should an escort be required for the journey they will travel free of charge.



*Although the Volunteer Centre receives some funding towards the scheme it does not cover all costs and all donations are very gratefully received.*





# Honey Tots Playgroup

Thursdays  
9.30- 11.30  
Honeybourne  
Village Hall



£2 per  
Child



Arts & Crafts  
Ride on toys  
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Baby Area  
Book area  
Snack included



# **Evesham Bat Care Needs Your Help**

Evesham Bat Care looks after and rehabilitates bats. They are a charity that needs your help, but in this case, it's your old toothbrush tubes, and any dental packaging.

They send it off for recycling and get money for mealworms to feed the bats. It's very simple and there are loads of places to drop all your bits off.

They collect and recycle pretty much any thing oral / dental hygiene related.. Old toothbrushes, electric tooth brush heads, toothbrush packets and boxes, inter dental brushes/denture brushes, mouthwash bottles, plastic dental floss cartridges, toothpaste tubes and boxes.

You can also help by collecting any used (or unused) stamps that you get in the post - UK, international, collector and themed (please leave a border of envelope and if its a new stamp with a QR code please include that bit also). All of these bits of "rubbish" will be traded in for Charity cash

There are multiple places you can drop off used postage stamps (foreign/ UK/collectors) and your oral hygiene terracycle: every penny from your "Rubbish" goes towards collecting, feeding, rehabilitating and releasing bats.

- \* Squab Storage - Evesham reception - Vale Park
  - \* Simply Stone - Port Street
  - \* Wallace House - Oat Street
- \* Berry and Young, Evesham, Worcestershire. - 105 High Street
  - \* The New Hampton Farm Shop And Cafe
  - \* Imagine - Riverside shopping arcade
- \* The Queen Elizabeth Inn Elmley Castle - tea room



- \* Sedgeberrow Church
- \* Hinton on the Green Church
- \* St Michael's Church - Broadway
- \* 6 Binyon Close (in the Porch) - Badsey
- \* Bank House - 45 Main Street Bretforton



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Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex Prentice and PCSO Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing [eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk).

We are actively involved with social media accounts, please follow them for updates on our work, and local events/news. These are @EveshamCops (Twitter) and @EveshamSNT (Facebook).

What have we been up to?

Officers have conducted various drop-in sessions across the area. Please keep an eye on social media and Neighbourhood Matters for future dates. Even if the session is not in your village, you are more than welcome to attend any drop-in session to speak with us. This is a great way for you to understand what we are doing in your village, and if there is something that you believe we are not doing, it's a great way to tell us.

Officers have attended various schools within the area to do presentations on topics such as ASB, Hate crime and social media. We have also held a drop in session within a school lunch time which proved very popular with the students. We had approx. 50 students come and speak to us about various topics. It's a great to engage with people who may not get a chance to see us normally.

We have also held various meetings with agencies we work closely with such as Housing Associations and Trading Standards. Multi agency working is vital for us in order to share intelligence and build on our already great relationship. You will have seen recently on our Facebook page that we recently seized approx £14,000 worth of illegal vapes, counterfeit cigarettes from shops in Evesham town centre. As well as multi agency working, the Safer Neighbourhood team have attended a cross border meeting with Warwickshire, Thames Valley and Gloucestershire police forces. Again, this is vital as it allows intelligence to be shared between the forces regarding a variety of issues/nominals. These meetings are extremely helpful in sharing information to combat cross border crime.

All of the above is sent through Neighbourhood Matters as well as any engagement sessions we run. We are encouraging people to sign up to this service as it's a great way of finding out what we are up to and where we will be. Please ensure you sign up to this free service.

Take a look at the website for further information: <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>



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# WYCHAVON

## *Christmas collections*

Usual collection day	Festive collection day
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January





## Strawberry Field, Evesham

28 Dec 2023 · 🌐

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**Did you know that you are able to report issues online, whether it be fly tipping or abandoned vehicles, or many more at:**

**<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/report-it>**

**Issues relating to noise and disturbance; smell nuisance and light pollution are investigated by the Environmental Health Team at Worcestershire Regulatory Services. Their contact information is [enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk) or telephone 01905 922799.**

 <b>VALE &amp; COTSWOLD EDGE</b>	<b>Church Services - January</b>			
	<b>Pebworth</b>	<b>Dorsington</b>	<b>Honeybourne</b>	<b>Willersey</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany</b>			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2</b>	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am Morning Praise	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January Epiphany 3</b>			11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	11.00 am All Age Service
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January Candlemas</b>	11.00 am Family Service			10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>			9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)





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# Pebworth Mobile Library Timetable

## Record details

**Date of operation** 4th Friday in the month

### Timetable

09:55 to 10:10 - Harvington, Orchard Place  
10:15 to 10:30 - Coach & Horses  
10:45 to 11:00 - Bickmarsh, Hill Crest  
11:15 to 11:30 - Pebworth, Pebworth School  
11:35 to 11:55 - Pebworth, Broad Marston Road  
12:05 to 12:20 - Honeybourne, Grove Avenue  
12:25 to 12:40 - Honeybourne, Perrie Drive

### LUNCH

13:15 to 13:30 - Honeybourne, Village Hall  
13:35 to 13:55 - Bretforton, School  
14:00 to 14:20 - Station Road

### Email for enquiries

[mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk)

You can reserve books on the Worcestershire library catalogue and collect them from the mobile library – see [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries) for more details.





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# ONLINE RESOURCES

A list of websites & apps that are helpful for managing mental health

## NHS Every Mind Matters

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)

This website offers a range of mental health advice as well as an interactive quiz that's designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional/mental wellbeing.

## Kooth

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

This site contains free mental health support with their online counsellors. It is a free sign up service that has resources such as discussion boards, helpful tips/articles written by young people and an option for them to write mood journals & set positive goals.

## Childline

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

A mental health charity for children & young people that has a wide variety of helpful videos, games and articles. They have a free telephone helpline (0800 1111) and message boards where young people are encouraged to share experiences and support each other in a positive way.

## Papyrus

[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

A mental health charity dedicated to preventing young suicide by providing support and resources for young people and their families. They have their "Hopeline" (Call: 0800 068 4141 / Text: 078600 39967 / Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)) for children and young people who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or for anyone concerned for a young person that could be thinking about suicide.

## Calm Harm

An app to help teenagers manage/resist the urge to self harm by providing a wide range of distraction techniques.

## Combined Minds

This app contains psycho-education for parents, families & friends with practical advice on how to provide mental health support to children & young people.

## Cove

A relaxing musical app that helps people try to capture their mood and express it by making music within the program and capturing it in a journal format. Note: you do not need to know how to play an instrument to use this app.

## Stem4

[www.stem4.org.uk](http://www.stem4.org.uk)

A charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers as well as encouraging them to build resilience and manage difficult emotions via online resources.

## YoungMinds

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

A mental health charity that gives help and advice for young people, as well as encouraging them to get involved in fundraising/campaigning to raise awareness for children & young people's mental health.

## Samaritans

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

A charity that offers mental health support & information online for everyone. Their helpline is free and available to all ages. Call 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) 24/7.

## Child Bereavement UK

[www.childbereavementuk.org/young-people](http://www.childbereavementuk.org/young-people)

A site which has resources for young people who are grieving, as well as providing information & advice to families/professionals on how to best support a young person who is bereaved. A helpline is also available on 0800 028840.

## Clear Fear

An app to help children & teenagers manage anxiety through distraction & helpful activities.

## Calm

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to as well as "sleep stories" & some guided meditations.

## Headspace

A mindfulness app that has more of a "podcast feel" to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.



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# **PEBWORTH CHESS CLUB**

***Every Tuesday at Mary's Room in Pebworth Village Hall.***

***7 - 9pm***

***If you fancy popping out on a Tuesday for a game of chess you'll be given a very warm welcome.***

***We are a casual playing Chess group. We are a reasonably well supported group with players turning up to play and meet new people just to play a few games. Just arrive anytime you like and play anybody that has just finished a game. It's very organic and there's no pressure. Whatever skill level, there's always someone who'll give you a game. It's a lovely social group. Pop along! Tea, coffee, biscuits. Or bring a drink of choice. The Masons Arms is also 1 minute away for an after game meet up. £2.50 entry. Under 18's accompanied by adult.***



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