

Bewdley Bridge

Collision Damage / Balustrades Collision Damage

Two separate incidents have occurred which have caused serious damage to the parapets at the Wribbenhall end of Bewdley Bridge and the Balustrades opposite.

These incidents are of course being properly investigated and the necessary repairs are already being planned.

However, coincidentally, Ian Hardiman, County Councillor for Wribbenhall, has been contacted by concerned residents who are unhappy at this Bridge access point, that pedestrian safety is threatened, especially as the



Residents continue to raise concerns on pedestrian safety on the bridge. Cllrs Hardiman and Morehead have referred a footbridge proposal to County Hall

pavement leading onto the Bridge and indeed both pavements on the Bridge and the roadway are very narrow, meaning that vehicles are often overlapping the walkways.

Bewdley County Councillor Dan Morehead, together with Ian, recently met with the Chairman of Wyre Forest Cycle Forum who has asked us to support his request for a separate foot and cycle bridge to be installed over the river; we agreed and have now referred this to the County Council asking for Cabinet consideration in the near future.

20 is plenty UPDATE

The Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure at Worcestershire County Council are in the process of working out some options for best delivery of the scheme and are consulting with their internal teams to gain feedback and guidance.

The Traffic Team will be working on the legal TRO process and we will work closely with them during the scheme. Timescales for delivery have not been determined at this early stage but it is progressing further.



Numerous residents living in the surrounds of High Street have contacted Dan about the size, weight and speed of vehicles travelling on this road.

Dan Morehead has raised this

High Street Weight Restriction

with various departments at County Council and unfortunately, due to access reasons we cannot implement a weight restriction. Dan has requested options to be explored to make this safer for both road users and pedestrians and he will continue to work on the behalf of residents.

Further to this, this area will be considered as part of the 20mph scheme with engineering options being explored to help naturally reduce speed and make it safer for pedestrians.

Dowles Road Speeding

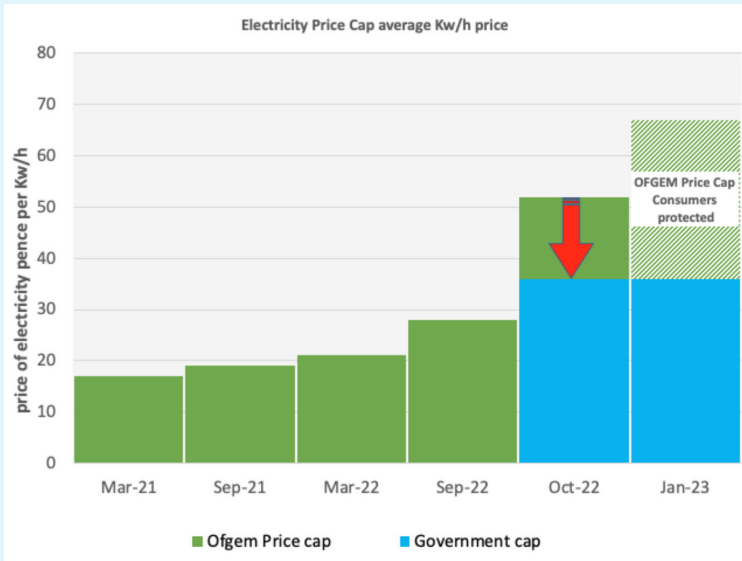
Residents have contacted Dan, as the County Councillor, about continued speeding on Dowles Road. With the

support of the PCC funding, **Bewdley Town Council have purchased another VAS sign and Highways have agreed to have these as you come into Bewdley**

and on the exit to highlight excess speeding.

Dan has also funded 30mph floor signs to further increase awareness and these are being installed shortly. Further to this, this area will be considered as part of the 20mph scheme and enforcement is also taking place here to catch offenders.

The Government Caps Energy



To protect households from increasing energy prices the Government has capped prices for electricity to 34p /kWh and gas to 10.3p /kWh until April 2023.

This is in response to Ofgem's announcement that from 1st October the energy cap would almost double to 52p /kWh for electricity and 15p /kWh for gas.

Parking

Your Conservative Councillors are still committed to providing an element of free parking for Bewdley Town and pushing WFDC to scrap the evening charge after 6pm. Town councillor John Byng is on a working group at WFDC and is championing this on your behalf.



Return of one-hour free parking for Bewdley is a commitment by your local Conservative team, after the Independent controlled District Council removed it.

Cleobury Road - Bus Shelter



Residents have been in contact with Cllr Emily Bourne to raise their concerns about the poor state of the area surrounding the bus stop on Cleobury Road.

Weeds have been left, which will cause further damage to the pavement. The overall appearance with the old panel fencing, which was initially there as a screen for the residents, is an image of neglect. Emily will be raising this with the District Council.

Pension Triple Lock



The Chancellor has announced that the September inflation rate of 10.1% is confirmed for increasing the State Pension from April 2023.

The triple lock was brought in under a Conservative Government to rectify the low pension rate after years of low rises under Labour.

State Pension increased by only 44% in the last 10 years of the previous Labour government, compared 72% between 2011-2021 with the Conservatives.

* All benefits will increase by 10.1% including the benefit cap

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