

Matters



Autumn 2021

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New Pedestrian Crossing Confirmed for Habberley Road

Your County Cllr David Ross is pleased to report that a new crossing place on the Habberley Road should be installed by the end of this year. David and the previous Conservative County Councillor, Anne Hingley have been on this project for some time. The crossing will be located at the junction of Manor Avenue and the Habberley Road and will be welcomed by both parents and children walking to and from Franche Primary School.



Cllr David Ross where the new pedestrian crossing will be installed on Habberley Road

Mark Garnier Welcomes £6 million Investment for Kidderminster Hospital

Coming out of the Covid lockdown, health issues feature highest on people's concerns. That's only to be expected. Not only have we seen the most dramatic change to our lifestyles in generations, but we have sadly lost many friends and family to the pandemic. The pressure on the NHS has meant that many procedures have been cancelled.

That is why it is right that the government is investing over £13 billion a year into catching up on operations. When that is done, this extra annual budget money will move across to social care – for pensioners and those with long term conditions.

But we are doing more for the NHS.

Recently, the government announced setting up 40 new diagnostic centres across England. The good news is that

one of these new centres will be in the heart of Kidderminster. **Over £6 million will be spent on the hospital's own community diagnostic facility.**

By the end of the first full year of operation, 2.8 million extra scans will have been undertaken across England.

Mark Garnier MP said "This is great news for Kidderminster's treatment centre, for Wyre Forest, and for the whole of Worcestershire. The pandemic has caused huge disruption to people's lives and the NHS. It is good to see that we are tackling the problems head on, and also making sound and sensible decisions for the long term future of the NHS and care for our communities."



Planning Update for Habberley Fields

Developers Richborough Estates have submitted plans to Wyre Forest District Council for 124 properties. So far no date has been set for this application to be heard. To date some 570 objections have been sent to the council and 1164 residents have signed the petition.

Wyre Forest District Local Plan

WFDC will be consulting on its main modifications to the Local Plan We would encourage you to have your say. The consultation should open on 14th October - 26th November.

Speeding Concerns within Franche and Habberley North

Willowfield Drive

Following complaints of speeding along Willowfield Drive Cllr David Ross arranged for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) to be located for a period to alert drivers to their speed. This was by the park and shops, all well used by pedestrians.



Wolverley Road

Concerned residents contacted County Cllr David Ross regarding speeding along the **Wolverley Road from the junction of Beeches Road up to the Three Crowns island**. Cllr David Ross has asked for a technical survey of this road which is the first step to deciding what action is most suited. This is expected to take place this autumn.



Franche Road Footpath

Cllr David Ross has been contacted by residents along the Franche Road regarding the condition of the footpath, especially the section from the entrance to White Wickets park up to the supermarket. David has made a number of visits with the County



Franche Road Footpath has been prioritised by Cllr David Ross

Council Highways Officer and currently the condition of the footpath does not cause a health & safety issue. However the footpath is in a poor condition which will only continue to deteriorate. **David has pledged some of his Highways fund so this footpath can be actioned in the near future.**

Kidderminster Town Council **UPDATES**

Local Lengthsman

Cllr David Ross has been able to get the Lengthsman to do some much needed weed clearance in both Sunnyside Gardens and Norwich Avenue. The Lengthsman work is undertaken by the Town Council and paid by the County Council. The scheme is ideal for small jobs that can be tackled by one man.

Paddling Pool Re-Opened

Kidderminster Town Council was delighted to be able to open the much used and loved paddling pool in St George's Park. The opening was delayed due to the pandemic and the issue of ensuring the pool was cleansed daily. Thankfully, contractors were found and the pool opened, much to the delight of parents and children.

Dog Bin Replaced

Cllr George Connolly was contacted by a resident regarding a waste bin that had been set on fire and destroyed. This is used by dog walkers who properly dispose of waste. Cllr Connolly arranged for the bin to be replaced.



Grit Bins

As we approach the autumn and winter period please let one of your councillors know if your street's Grit Bin needs re-filling. **This is a free service.** Also the Town Council is now under some circumstances able to provide a Grit Bin.

Please contact one of the team for any services provided by the Town Council.

Your Conservative Team for Franche and Habberley North



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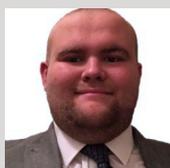
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SURGERIES

Your local Conservative Councillors will be holding monthly surgeries at the Three Crowns, Wolverley Road between 11.00am - 1.00pm. **Booking needed**

Surgery Dates

Saturday 30th October
Saturday 28th November
Saturday 12th December

Wyre Forest Conservatives - working hard all year round