

Spring 2022

## Bewdley Hill

# Putting the brakes on speeding

**Edward and Tracey have campaigned to have speeding enforcement carried out on Bewdley Hill.**

Recent speed measurements showed that there was a speeding issue from the traffic lights up to the junction with Oakfield Road. Following their requests, Highways

asked West Mercia Police to carry out some enforcement, which has been successful, except of course if you are one of the unlucky people who has been issued with a speeding fine.

Thanks to several local residents for reporting this.



Tracey and Kidderminster police officers on Bewdley Hill Kidderminster carrying out speed enforcement

## Eggciting Easter egg hunt returns!

**Churches Together in Kidderminster, Cllr Edward Stokes and Cllr Tracey Onslow invite you to an Easter Egg Hunt in Brinton Park.**

This popular event for children 11 years and under will take place on Saturday 16th April, 10.30am until 12 noon. This is a FREE event funded by the councillors with Community Leadership Funding. To book please call Cllr Edward Stokes or Gill on 07815 292910. Please provide the number of children wishing to attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



## Taking action on your concerns

- ✓ **Summerhill Avenue:** We have had the road marking reinstated on Summerhill Avenue at the junction with the Bewdley slip road and St Johns Avenue at the school alleyway entrances.
- ✓ **Bewdley Road:** Edward has had several unlit street lights fixed.
- ✓ **Blakebrook Close:** Tracey is working with local residents to resolve the issue of parents parking on the grassed area, while dropping children off at St Johns School. Local residents are keen to see the area planted up or bollards.
- ✓ **Broomfield Road:** Both Edward and Tracey have been working with Wyre Forest District Council to get weeds sprayed and hedging cut back along Broomfield Road, as well as having both the pavement and the road swept. With thanks to WFDC.
- ✓ **Pineridge/Burghley Drive area:** Tracey was very pleased to see that the pavements she campaigned for have now been resurfaced. There were some finishing off issues, but Tracey has been advised that these have now been resolved.
- ✓ **Wood Street:** Edward and Tracey have worked with Wyre Forest District Council and Highways to have the section of very overgrown verge, at the junction of Wood Street and Chapel Street, cut well back! Not only did the verge look a mess, it was also blocking visibility. Thanks to the local resident for raising this and we will be taking you up on your kind offer!
- ✓ **Welbeck Drive:** Tracey has had the hedge in the alleyway from Welbeck to Pineridge cut back – it had almost grown so wide that part of the alleyway was inaccessible!

## Working hard on your priorities

**Road Resurfacing:** We are campaigning for Adam Street and Blakebrook slip road to be resurfaced.

**Pavement Resurfacing:** We are campaigning for Birchfield Road, Crestwood Avenue, Parkland Avenue and Rowland Hill Avenue to be resurfaced. We are very pleased to see that Jelleyman Close has just been resurfaced.



Canvassing on Crescent Road

**Crescent Road:** Resident Only Parking Scheme. Edward, Tracey and Julian have canvassed every household on three separate occasions and managed to speak to all but four households. The survey results are overwhelmingly supportive. We have fed back to WCC and will keep residents updated on next steps.

**Bull Ring:** We are eagerly awaiting the up-to-date plans for the Town Centre and will let residents know as soon as we hear anything.

**Franchise Street:** Getting overhanging trees cut back. Thanks to those residents who have already sorted their trees out.

**Double Yellow Lines Requested:** Habberley Road at the junction with the playing field car park entrance and Habberley Street at the junction with Crane Street.

## Inflation is back

# Taking action to tackle the cost of living

After years of low inflation, we are now seeing prices rise up to three times as quickly as we are used to. This is not just the UK. Prices are rising across Europe and the US – in some cases faster. And the cause? Energy prices.

As the world economy recovers from the pandemic, and we move away from coal, gas prices have shot up. And that has a knock on effect across prices.

The government will help households in three ways.

**1 All households will get a £200 loan** to tackle the unexpected hike in fuel bills. This will be repayable at £40 a year for the following 5 years.

**2 Poorest households will get £150 non-repayable grant.** If you are in band A to D, expect this rebate.

**3 The government has made available £144 million** to local councils to help with people's fuel bills. At the discretion of local councils, this money will be available for other hard hit households.

This government has a tremendous track record of helping the poorest families through the pandemic. It is continuing this progressive help with rising fuel bills.

And with a long list of other help available to make homes more energy efficient, we are tackling these extraordinary times in a way that still delivers our carbon neutral ambitions by 2050.

## Update on grit bins

Edward is pleased to have been able to respond to local residents and their request for a grit bin on Claughton Street.

Edward has also had the Grit bin refilled in Hume Street. He would like to thank those residents that have contacted him about getting a grit bin in their road and is working through these requests. He will come back to you, once he has an answer from Highways.



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