

Autumn 2022

Greatfield Road and surrounding areas

We're weeding out untidy roads

Edward has been out and about in the ward and has reported various issues, specifically overgrown patches of land and unsightly weeds which are making the ward look very untidy.

He has asked for the weeds in Greatfield Road, which have grown very large, to be cleared and also for the surface along the full road to be relined.

The team also recently asked for that the patch of land sitting between Oakfield and Birchfield Road to be cleared and made smarter. It was looking in a very sorry state and Edward is pleased to see that action has been taken. At the team's request, Kidderminster Town Council will finish the final tidying up of the area in the coming weeks.



Birchfield/Oakfield before



Birchfield/Oakfield after



Edward has reported the unsightly weeds on Greatfield Road

Castle Street/New Road Development

Following representations from many residents about the proposed building of a temporary accommodation facility on the WFDC Council-owned car park on the corner of Castle Road and New Road, Tracey raised the matter at full Council.

She explained the concerns of local residents about suitability of such accommodation on such a busy corner for traffic and she asked whether, given residents' concerns, Bromsgrove Street car park could be considered for this build instead, given that the proposed cinema scheme has not come to fruition. This suggestion was rejected out of hand by the Labour/Green/Independent Group who run WFDC.



Taking action on your concerns



- ✓ **Blakebrook Slip Road:** After months of campaigning by Tracey and much to the delight of local residents, Blakebrook Slip Road has finally been resurfaced! There were several false starts, when resurfacing letters were distributed to local residents, but then no resurfacing materialised and then gas pipes had to be replaced, but finally at the end of July work started. Thanks to Highways and residents for their patience.
- ✓ **Franchise Street:** Edward was pleased to see that the drains along Franchise Street had now been cleaned out. The drains were so blocked that even after the slightest amount of rainfall, water was pooling up to halfway across the road adjacent to the Surgery.
- ✓ **Park Street:** Both Edward and Tracey have pushed for another deep clean of Park Street. Local residents rang to say how much better it looked.
- ✓ **Habberley Road Playing Field:** Juliet raised with WFDC the huge hole that had appeared in the field and, as a popular field for dog walkers, expressed concern about the possibility of someone twisting their ankle, or worse, if they didn't see it and fell. WFDC attended and filled in the hole, so thank you to them.
- ✓ **Blakebrook/Broomfield Road:** Edward reported to WFDC the bins overflowing with rubbish. This has been a problem across the whole district this year and thanks to WFDC for sorting.

Working hard on your priorities

Westville Avenue: The team is looking into why sections of road have not been resurfaced.

Summerhill Avenue: Edward has requested the SLOW signs be repainted on the bends.

Brinton Park: Tracey would like to thank North Worcs CSP for agreeing to fund extra lighting in the park, following previous bouts of anti-social behaviour.

Broomfield Road: Tracey has requested that the bushes are cut back.

Canal Towpaths: Tracey has been advised that WCC will be upgrading parts of the canal towpath by St Mary's Church, to create more user-friendly and attractive routes. Work is scheduled to start in September.

Castle Road: Juliet is pushing for the removal of scaffolding by Caldwall Tower, which has been blocking the pavement for over two years.

Greatfield Road: Relining has been requested.



Cobden Street: Tracey has applied to have CCTV installed in Cobden Street, in the vicinity of the alleyways, to try and stop the continual fly tipping. Tracey has paid for its removal twice but it continues so local residents are asked to be vigilant to try and stop whoever is doing this.

Crestwood Avenue: Tracey has asked for a slalom gate to be installed at the entrance to the alleyway which runs to Truro Drive, which allows wheelchair access, whilst preventing bike/motorbike access.

Jelleyman Close: Juliet has asked for the three trees opposite No 2 to have the growth at the base cut back.

Park Lane: We have asked for traffic speeds to be measured and the drains to be cleaned out.

Pineridge: We have asked for the tree in the alleyway to be pollarded, before it damages any neighbouring properties.

Truro Drive: We have asked for traffic speeds to be measured.

Woodfield Street: Edward has asked for the tree covering the street light in the alleyway from Woodfield to St Johns Street to be cut back.

Crescent Road: We are chasing up progress on the Resident Only Parking Scheme, following overwhelming support from local residents during our door-to-door survey. Tracey has used funding to pay for the scheme to be installed.

Rowland Hill Avenue

Edward was very pleased to see that Rowland Hill Avenue has had its pavements resurfaced, much to the delight of local residents.

Tracey and Edward are now pushing for Lea Wood Grove, Summerhill Avenue, Parkland Avenue, Birchfield Road, Adam Street and Westville Avenue to be resurfaced.



Supporting Habberley Bus Services

Residents may have seen reports about a review of the viability of local bus services by bus operators, including on the Habberley estate. Thanks to local Conservatives across Worcestershire, the County Council has agreed to subsidise bus services for the next year, while options can be explored.

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