

Far Forest Speed Calming

Dan has been working with Highways and has approved and funded a scheme to improve the speed signage in Far Forest to help slow traffic down and improve road safety.

Additional 30mph and 40mph road marking roundels have been ordered and in addition repeater signs will be installed to highlight the change in speed limits to drivers.

Dan has also agreed to fund SLOW signs on the approach to the Ranter's Bank junction to increase awareness of the crossroads and slow traffic coming into Far Forest.



Additional speed signage scheme has been approved and funded by County Councillor Dan Morehead for Far Forest

Dowles Road

Surfacing

Dan has worked tirelessly this year with his colleagues in Shropshire County Council to highlight the issues of potholes and to improve the road surfacing on the Dowles Road at Button Oak. We are delighted that this work has been completed and thank Shropshire County Council for their support in this.

Speeding near Bewdley

Residents have contacted Dan 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.

Safe Crossing Points Are Needed

As your County Councillor, Dan Morehead has asked the Highways team to explore a safe crossing scheme in both Callow Hill and Far Forest.

There is a growing number of properties being built in the already populous areas, which also have a number of pubs, shops, country walks, village halls and a school journey. The make up of these areas therefore indicates

the need for people to cross these busy roads and it would provide safe crossing points for pedestrians as well as being an additional calmer measure for traffic.

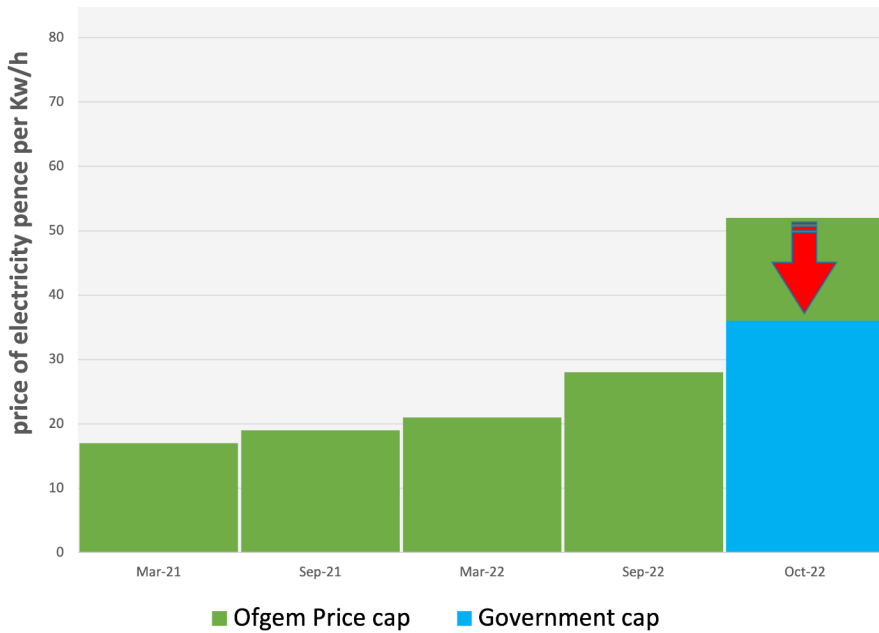


Safe crossing points in Far Forest and Callow Hill are necessary for pedestrian safety and Dan is working with the Cllr Mike Rouse, cabinet member responsible for Highways portfolio

Pound Green Drainage

The drainage in Pound Green continues to be an issue despite several visits to clear gully and drains. Dan has visited the area with both Highways and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways to discuss the issue and highlight the urgency of getting this addressed ahead of the winter weather. He will continue to work on behalf of the residents on this issue.

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.

For rural households the Government has announced additional cost of living support via **Alternative Fuel Payments**. This is for households who are not connected to gas and rely on alternative energy such as oil for heating their homes. This will be a **one-off £100** payment, paid directly into Electricity accounts, date to be confirmed. The payment will ensure that a typical customer using heating oil does not face a higher rate of growth in their heating costs since last winter.

Help Announced for Cost of Living Crisis

Due to the war in Ukraine, world prices of oil and gas have soared.

This means unexpected profits for our oil and gas companies. Already subject to corporation tax, the Government wants energy companies to use this money wisely.

That is why we have asked them to invest into more energy production - both green and traditional - to ensure better energy security for the UK. If they don't - the Government will impose a short term levy to help fund these measures aimed at supporting households through the crisis.

Households who rely on oil heating to receive £100

Pensioners Winter Fuel Payment an additional £300

Low income families £650 cost of living payment

Disability benefit recipients £150 cost of living payment

Household energy bill relief doubled to £400

Household Support Fund increased by a further £500m

Reduced Fuel Duty by 5p per litre

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