



20 is plenty for Bewdley town centre

As part of the County election manifesto in 2021, **Dan Morehead committed to continue to fight for a 20mph zone in Bewdley town centre and support better traffic and safety measures.**

As part of this, further speed data has been sought on Load Street, High Street and Severn Side South. The output of this data is as follows:

Load Street:	Average speed 17mph
High Street:	Average speed 20mph
Severn Side South:	Average speed 13mph

This data does support further exploration of the introduction 20mph zone in our town. **Dan is now working to progress this for public consultation and involve all residents in this process.**

Brakes on for our rural communities - Callow Hill and Far Forest



Speed enforcement, vehicle activated signs and road markings to remind motorists of speed restrictions

Three sets of speed roundalls have been installed through Callow Hill, funded through Dan's County Funding allowance, as part of the work he is doing to support residents in reducing speeding through this area.

To further support this, Dan is contributing 50% of the cost for a further Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for the Parish Council to use to help remind motorists to slow down.

Further speed data has been gathered during February to support the need for enforcement. This has all been emailed to the Road

Inflation is back Relief for households with energy bills

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.



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 £150 non-repayable grant.** If you are in band A to D.
- 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.

Safety Team at West Mercia Police to request further enforcement measures on this stretch of road.

Subsequently, Dan has also had a number of residents contact him about speeding on the A4117 through Far Forest following the work on Callow Hill. **Since 1/1/22 the Safer Roads Team have been to the A4117 on 8 occasions, enforcing for just over 10 hours. During this time 56 offences have been detected so enforcement will continue to be a high priority in this area.**

On top of this Dan will be looking at what he can do to make speed limits clearer through effective speed calming and awareness measures in this area.

Flood Defence Update



The plans for the permanent flood defences for the Eastern Bank are on schedule for Autumn 2024

The development for permanent flood defences at Beales Corner continues on schedule for completion by Autumn 2024. As previously reported the **funding is ringfenced and drawings are currently being finalised prior to a further public consultation before the plans are due to be submitted to Wyre Forest District Council** for planning permission this summer. It is understood that all statutory reports and third party consultations have now been concluded.

Keep off the grass please

Great to see barrier rails being installed by the medical centre by Worcestershire County Council **to prevent illegal and dangerous parking and protect the grass.**

Local Town Cllr Emily Seldon thanks WCC for carrying out this work following the requests for this to be done.



Wooden post and rails have been installed to prevent illegal parking and protect the grass verge

Speed, safety and pollution are all on the agenda

Throughout the last year County Councillor, Dan Morehead, met with your Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion on numerous occasions **to discuss the critical issue of road speeds, safety and pollution throughout Bewdley and the surrounding villages.**

It is Dan's continued commitment to tackle these issues to make residents feel safe and he is in regular contact with the Safer Roads Team to keep enforcement in Bewdley high on the agenda.



Road Safety will continue to be on the agenda

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are back!



Outside seating on Severn Side North for local businesses has been secured

A thriving economy is key to making Bewdley a great place to visit, work and live.

Your local team, working with businesses, lobbied County Council Officers and the Environment Agency to get the **bollards back on Severn Side North to help support outside seating applications for these businesses.**

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