

Bewdley Bridge

Collision Damage / Balustrades Collision Damage

In two separate incidents, vehicle collisions have caused serious damage to the parapets at the Wribbenhall end of the Bridge and the Balustrades opposite. These incidents are of course being properly investigated and the necessary repairs are already being planned.

However, coincidentally, Ian has been contacted by concerned residents who are unhappy at this Bridge access point, that pedestrian safety is threatened, especially as the pavement leading onto the Bridge and indeed both pavements on the Bridge and the roadway are

very narrow, meaning that vehicles are often overlapping the walkways. Ian has forwarded a Highways response to residents who are seeking improvements, explaining that unfortunately there is nothing that can be done; **the Bridge is “Conservation protected” and as such structural amendments would not be allowed.**

Notwithstanding this, Ian together with Bewdley County Councillor Dan Morehead, recently met with the Chairman of Wyre Forest Cycle Forum who has asked us to support his request for a separate foot and cycle bridge to be installed over the



Residents continue to raise concerns on pedestrian safety on the bridge. Cllrs Hardiman and Morehead have referred a footbridge proposal to County Hall

river; we agreed and have now referred this to the County Council asking for Cabinet consideration in the near future.

Update Highway Issues

Illegal Verge Parking by the Pelican Crossing near Grey Green Lane junction

County Highways have agreed to install “Knee-High” wooden railings which will hopefully be completed this Autumn.

Haberley Road Pavement Overgrowth

Ian is pleased that attention has now been given to improve pedestrian usage of this pavement.

A456 Road Pavement Overgrowth

Ian is grateful to Highways Officers who have dealt with the long needed attention to this pavement from the traffic lights to Catchems End island, much improving pedestrian experience here.

Bulging Sandstone Wall by SVR Bridge

Cllr Paul Harrison informed Ian that this wall appears to be bulging, moving outwards over the pavement and therefore Ian has reported this in the interest of safety.

Catchems End Zebra Crossing Tactile Studs

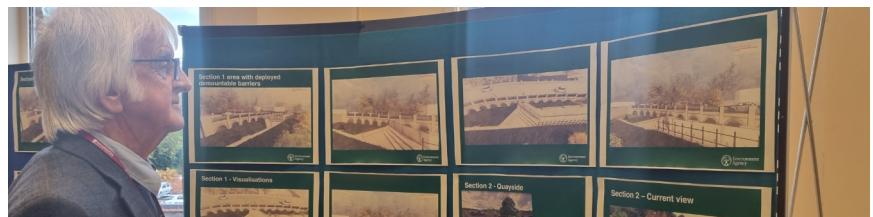
After many delays in seeing these disability assistance studs installed, Highways have thankfully now completed the works for which Ian is very grateful.

Flood Defences

On 18th October, the Environment Agency (EA) held a further public meeting at St George’s Hall, to provide information on the latest design to protect residents and businesses around Beales Corner.

Your local Conservative team welcome the modifications to the

design which are now incorporated to compliment the conservation area and the listed buildings on this side of the river. Additionally consideration has been taken for Millside Court residents, further to a residents meeting with Mark Garnier and the EA who will now continue to have river views through a partial glass wall, whilst also protecting them from increases in river levels.



Cllr Ian Hardiman attended the public meeting to view the proposed flood defence plans for Beales Corner

Arley Riverside

Following the damage and wear and tear to the bollards at the riverside in Arley, Cllr Dan Morehead, the County Councillor for Bewdley and Rock has requested capital investment for the installation of new bollards. This will improve the look and feel of this area of natural beauty, making it safe and desirable for visitors and residents.

Temporary barriers are in place and Dan is chasing the work schedule to ensure this happens as soon as possible.

Upper Arley Toilet Block

Upper Arley Parish Council are reluctant to take on the toilets, the use of which benefits visitors rather than their council-tax-paying parishioners.

Paul thinks that the District needs to make up its mind about the toilets and preferably service and maintain them, or if it is unwilling to do so, demolish them and remove the source of the nuisance. It's an example of the Independent-run District Council's lack of care for the District, particularly the rural areas.



Cllr Paul Harrison thanks the Green Street staff for spraying the weeds at this location following a resident's complaint.

Kidderminster Foreign Rubbish Bins

Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council is concerned about the removal of the District Council's waste bins in the Parish in April 2023, since KFPC will stop emptying them at the end of March 2023, when its contract with the District Council expires. The District Council is no longer willing to pay the Parish to empty the bins, even though the Parish was doing this far more cheaply than the District. Un-emptied bins are likely to be a rubbish magnet.

It's another example of the Independent-run District Council's lack of care for the District. The three towns in the District - the Wards that the Independents represent - will still be having their bins emptied by the District, of course.

Council Pesticide Usage



Cllr John Byng thanks the Depot staff for clearing the weeds on the steps between Delamere Road and Meadow Rise

In response to a query from a resident, Cllr John Byng was able to confirm that neither the District nor County Council uses pesticides when spraying weeds.

The District Council is responsible for looking after many of the local parks, and the County Council looks after the roads and pavements using herbicides when necessary.

Outstanding Highway Issues

County Councillor Ian Hardiman continues to deliver on the following issues:

Yellow Lines for Kidderminster Road, near Spencer Avenue

This is a safety consideration as vehicle parking is preventing clear vision for drivers when they exit the Avenue. Ian continues to press Highway's officers on this matter.

Slippery Road Surface, approach to Trimpley Crossroads

Agreement has been given for surface repairs and Ian is pushing for works to be completed as soon as possible as per the agreement given by Highways officers.

Eymore Wood Lane STW Outpouring

The Parish Council have for some considerable time been very concerned that Severn Trent Water, at intervals, release water from their tanks in the field opposite Holbeache Farm. The water runs down the highway for some distance and should this occur during cold weather, safety would be affected for vehicle drivers down this sloping lane. Ian has again prompted Highways officers to instruct STW that this must not continue.

Benches for Blackstone Picnic Car Park

In spite of Ian's agreement to use his devolved fund to pay for the purchase of two replacement benches here, they have not yet arrived; Ian has been chasing for this to be completed; after all what is a picnic area without benches to sit at?

Replacement Street lamp for Northwood lane/ Kidderminster Road junction

Many months ago, Highways officers agreed that this very worn lamp would be replaced. Ian is chasing for this to be effected.

Catchems End, Collision Damaged Wall

This wall was damaged by a vehicle collision in June last year; Ian is repeatedly reminding Highways officers that repairs have not yet been actioned here.

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