

Windermere Way - A Rat Run for HGVs

Residents have raised concerns about the number of heavy goods vehicles using Windermere Way as a shortcut to Bewdley.

Cllr David Little has raised this and is working with the local County Councillors, Chris Rogers and Paul Harrison for a 7.5 tonne limit, except for access, to be instated. This will be enforced with signage to be sited at the junction of Windermere Way/Minster Road and Bewdley Road North/Burlish Crossing. At present there is signage stating "Not suitable for HGVs". In lots of cases these signs are being ignored.

Additionally exiting Windermere Way particularly turning right onto Minister Road is dangerous because of a blind spot. Cllr Little will be working with County Councillor Chris Rogers to see if some sort of traffic management at the junction would be possible.



Reducing HGV traffic on Windermere Way with appropriate weight restrictions and Highway signage would be of help

Bridge Street Investment



We are aware of the strength of feelings of Stourport residents regarding the derelict shops on Bridge Street, which we except is quite an eyesore. Discussing this recently with a colleague representing this particular area, it is welcome to hear that the shops 25&26 (former Petes Prints and Henry's China and Gifts) have now been purchased and renovation is now underway.

Kingsway



There are concerns that the speed limit on the majority of the Kingsway, from Burlish estate to Minster Road, is too fast. It is currently the national speed limit, despite the secondary school being situated along the road.

Safety to walkers, dog walkers and especially school children is paramount, therefore we will seek guidance on whether a lower limit should be implemented.

Pension Triple Lock

GUARANTEED

The Chancellor has announced that the September inflation rate of 10.1% is confirmed for increasing the State Pension from April 2023.

The triple lock was brought in under a Conservative Government to rectify the low pension rate after years of low rises under Labour.

State Pension increased by only 44% in the last 10 years of the previous Labour government, compared to 72% between 2011-2021 with the Conservatives.

* All benefits will increase by 10.1% including the benefit cap

Energy Support from April 2023

- The Government **will continue to protect all households from high electricity and gas prices** with a new Energy Price Guarantee.
- **£900** Cost of Living Payment for households on means tested benefits.
- **£300** Cost of Living Payment for Pensioner households.
- **£150** Cost of Living Payment for individuals in receipt of disability benefits.

The Need for Enforcement

Residents regularly contact their local Conservative team in respect of parking issues, especially with regard to the High Street. Too often vehicles are parked illegally which increases congestion and potential hazards.

In the Budget earlier this year, the District Conservative Group at Wyre Forest District Council, put forward a fully costed proposal to employ a further Civil Enforcement Officer (parking warden) to increase patrols for enforcement of highway laws in respect of this increasing problem. This proposal was voted down by the Progressive Alliance. The Conservatives will continue to campaign to increase illegal parking with enforcement.



"We need more enforcement of parking to ensure traffic can flow through our town and residential roads." Cllr Dave Little

And the return of Free Parking



Your local Conservatives continue to call for the return of free parking in our town's car parks, which will not only assist local residents in these times of increased pressure on household budgets, but will help to support our much loved High Street businesses for the future.

Cllr Danny Russell supports the return of 1 hour Free Parking for the Town

Safeguarding Community Assets for the Future

The Conservative controlled Town Council continues to hold talks with the Wyre Forest District Council to take over management of further local facilities in the Town.

Safeguarding our community assets which the Independent, Health Concern, Labour and Green Progressive Alliance controlled District Council wish to relinquish responsibility for and will

cease to protect these amenities for the future. Taking on these additional community assets will incur additional costs which will force the town council to slightly increase their council tax precept. Ultimately it will result in Stourport households paying for amenities twice as they are still paying WFDC for something they no longer provide or manage.

Engine Lane Wall



Your local Town Cllrs, who have lobbied the Wyre Forest District Council for some time, welcome the renovation works which have been carried out on the historic wall in Engine Lane. It was in danger of falling down.

Weed Control - what is used?



In response to queries from several residents with concerns that pesticides are being used for weed killing in the district, we are able to confirm that neither the District nor County Council uses pesticides when spraying weeds. The District Council is responsible for looking after many parks, and the County Council looks after the roads and pavements using only herbicides when necessary.

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