

HOW CAPLE, SOLLERSHOPE AND YATTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



Your Parish Councillors are:

Chairman:

John Jackson

Vice Chairman:

Hugh Bodington

How Caple:

Brendan Beal

2 Current Vacancies

Sollershope:

Elizabeth Glover

John Jackson

1 Current Vacancy

Yatton:

Hugh Bodington

Ed Rogers

David Reeve Tucker

Ward Councillor:

Cllr Barry Durkin

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Parish Council website

www.howcaplesollershopeyatton.org.uk

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www.herefordshirecouncil.gov.uk

HC Switchboard: 01432 260000

To report potholes, highways or
footpath issues:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-problem

01432 261800

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of our Parish Newsletter

A warm welcome to all our parishioners in our three parishes. I'd just like to shout out for anyone who might like to join the Parish Council – we have three current vacancies and know that we will be losing a further councillor later this year. We are keen to support our three parishes as best we can but we need more support. Please contact the Clerk if you feel you can help.

Best wishes

John Jackson Chairman

Hills Ford 2025 Closed Road Rally:

The Parish Council has been notified that a further rally is being proposed for 2025.

Yatton: the Much Marcle rally stage is to be extended into Yatton travelling on the U67419 from Cherry Orchard and the C1262 from Little Acre Cottage to Barrell Hill Green and along the U70008 to Lyne Down. These roads will be closed and cars will be travelling at rally speeds. Further roads closed to through traffic will be Foxhalls Rattle Hill Road, Cross in Hand Road to Barrell Hill, Perrystone Hill, Rocks Place Road and Gwynns Hill from Lyne Down to the A449. Residents and businesses are able to leave and return from alternate points on roads closed to through traffic only.

How Caple: will not be directly affected with a closed rally section but the entire contingent of rally cars will travel from Much Marcle at the end of the rally stage along the A449 to Old Gore and then along the B4224 into Fownhope to start the next rally section in Woolhope. Cars should be travelling at normal road speeds and we are advised that Hills Ford will have marshalls with radar guns to monitor speeds at intervals along the B4224.

The Parish Council will be asked to respond to two formal consultations, Motorsport UK and Herefordshire Council and would like to ask parishioners to feedback views - whether you support or oppose the proposed route - via email at howcapleclerk@outlook.com or an online survey on the PC website. The proposed route map and further information can be downloaded from the website www.howcaplesollershopeyatton.org.uk or by contacting the Clerk.

Litter Picking Events:

We shall be holding three litter picking events again this year:

- **Saturday 8th February, 10am at St. Andrew with St Mary Church, How Caple – further date TBC for litter picking along B4224**
- **Saturday 1st March, 10am St. Michael's Church, Sollershope**
- **Saturday 15th March, 10am, All Saints Church, Yatton**

We would welcome your help and if you would like to join in, please contact the Clerk. This is important so that we can make sure there are enough high vis vests, litter pickers and gloves for everyone, but we warn you – it's very satisfying but highly competitive!

Local Events

Home Security & Property Marking:

Our local policing team are offering home and personal security advice and marking property with CreMark. At the time of printing, the following dates and times are available - please allow one hour for the visit.

FEB:

26th 12:30 – 20:30

MAR:

5th 09:30-16:00

19th 09:30 – 16:00

22nd 12:30-20:30

Visits must be pre-booked with PCSO

Kirsten Kysow

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Litter Picking:

10am at each Parish Church

Saturday 8th February: How Caple

Saturday 1st March: Sollershope

Saturday 15th March: Yatton

Further date TBC for B4224

Parish Council Meetings Dates

Brockhampton Village Hall at 7pm:

Tuesday 11th March 2025, Tuesday

13th May 2025, Tuesday 8th July 2025,

Tuesday 9th September 2025, Tuesday

11th November 2025.

Please come and join us.

Parish Council Vacancies:

There are three current vacancies – please get in touch if you are interested in joining the team.

Highways and Drainage:

We have successfully achieved £8,700 of grant funding from Herefordshire Council for local drainage works at eight locations across the parishes and are currently waiting for the contractor to commence works. Herefordshire Council have committed to gully clearing and cleansing at one further location. We continue to report road issues to Herefordshire Council and encourage all parishioners to do the same. Either telephone 01432 261800 or type 'Herefordshire Council Report a Problem' into your search engine.

BBLP have been commissioned to install the two SID bases on the B4224 and we are hopeful that this will finally be completed in the next couple of months.

We are in discussion with Herefordshire Council about safety at the Crossways junction (C1262/B4224). Unfortunately, we have been advised that it is not a high priority for HC but we will explore any actions that can be progressed by the Parish Council.

Footpaths:

Our application to replace five stiles with gates on the Herefordshire Trail in Yatton was successful. We have obtained landowner permission and are in the process of commissioning a contractor to carry out the works – pending drier ground conditions. The Walkers are Welcome team are also progressing plans to replace a further eight stiles with gates on a number of footpaths in Sollershope. We continue to work on the development of a Three Churches Walk and shall be looking for funding to create a guided walk, maps and improve accessibility along the route. We look forward to sharing more about this in due course but if you are a keen walker and would like to help our footpaths team in any capacity, then please get in touch.

Budget 2025/26:

The budget for 2025/26 has now been approved and the precept set at £10,500. This is an annual increase of £4.64 per Band D or equivalent property over the year. The increase allows for increasing costs and to protect the reserves that Parish Councils are obliged to hold. The full budget can be downloaded from the Parish Council website:

www.howcaplesollershopeyatton.org.uk/finance

Ward Councillor Reports:

Cllr Barry Durkin is Ward Councillor for Old Gore Ward and the Cabinet Member for Roads and Regulatory Services. He writes monthly reports which include useful local news and information from Herefordshire Council. The reports can be downloaded from the Parish Council website:

www.howcaplesollershopeyatton.org.uk/ward-councillors-report

Parish Council Emailed Newsletters:

Finally, our emailed newsletters are a quick and efficient way to share news and information. If you are not currently subscribed, please email or telephone the Clerk to sign up.

With best wishes

How Caple, Sollershope and Yatton Parish Council