

**HOW CAPLE, SOLLERSHOPE AND
YATTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024**



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:

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**To report potholes, highways or
footpath issues:**

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-problem

01432 261800

Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of our Parish Newsletter

A warm welcome to all our parishioners in our three parishes as well as those further afield in neighbouring areas. 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 next 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

Property Marking/Security Advice:

Our local community policing team have asked if there is interest in a property marking/security advice event. Please contact the Clerk if you would like the Parish Council to organise this.

New Defibrillator at Wilmot House:

A new defibrillator has been installed on the external wall at Wilmot House, thanks to a grant application, a donation from Hereford Cathedral School and a contribution from the Parish Council. The defibrillator is registered with The Circuit and is available for public use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Defibrillator and CPR Training Event:

Training provided by Herefordshire Heartstart took place on the 16th July and was attended by 18 parishioners. The training covered basic life-saving skills, CPR and the recovery position, when and how to use a defibrillator, and what to do if someone you're with is having a heart attack or choking. Advice is updating all the time and refreshers are recommended every twelve months. The Parish Council are considering holding a training event annually so if you wished you'd come along to this one and would like to join in the next – or you did and would like to book the refresher - please get in touch with the Clerk.

Litter Picking Events:

Earlier this year in February and March, we held three very successful litter picking events, one in each parish. Cllr Hugh Bodington also undertook a solo mission to clear the A449 verge with a bag filled every 100yards or so on each side! We found mostly discarded bottles, cans and wrappers of various takeaways, sweets and crisps, but also some old tyres, a traffic cone and some chunky broken plastic car parts. Some good news is that a fine was successfully issued to someone who had dropped a McDonalds bag containing various wrappers but also a receipt. Herefordshire Council, working with the McDonalds branch, were able to identify the purchaser from the information on the receipt and they were fined £140. Hopefully, a lesson learned! Balfour Beatty were also very reactive when an episode of fly tipping was reported early in the year and cleared the dumped insulation the same morning. We

Meet your Parish Council:

John Jackson:



Hugh Bodington:



Brendan Beal:



Elizabeth Glover:



Ed Rogers:



Helen Tinson (Clerk):



And introducing a new member for Yatton:

David Reeve Tucker



My family (parents, siblings and myself) have lived on Perrystone Hill since 1968 and, in the early 2000's, my wife and I settled back there. I

worked in banking and finance for 35 years, in Singapore, Greece and London, and am very keen to give back to the community and add to the local wellbeing in a positive manner as a local councillor, for and on behalf of the local population.

Parish Council Vacancies:

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

plan to hold litter picking events each Spring so if you would like to join in, please do get in touch. But be warned, it's really quite addictive!

Parish Council 4-Year Vision and Action Plan:

In the last newsletter, we mentioned the PC's 4-year Vision and Action Plan. This is now available to download from the website under Parish Council, Policies and Procedures, Parish Plan 2023-2027. We would love to receive your feedback so if you have any comments, please get in touch with the Clerk.

Highways and Drainage:

We have again successfully accessed grant funding from Herefordshire Council to support our Lengthsman's work on our C and U roads. £3,654.00 has been awarded for this year and a number of jobs have been identified and prioritised and will be scheduled throughout the year. An Expression of Interest has also been submitted to Herefordshire Council for further Local Drainage funding and we shall be submitting our full proposal as soon as the fund opens for detailed applications. And we are delighted to have received funding for a second Speed Indicator Device – now we just have to navigate the installation of the bases and poles and we should be good to go!

Footpaths:

We have submitted an application to replace a number of stiles with gates on the Herefordshire Trail and will be working with our local landowners to improve accessibility for walkers. We have also undertaken some surveys for improvements to the Wye Valley Walk, which are being co-ordinated by the Ross Walkers are Welcome team on behalf of the Wye Valley National Landscape to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wye Valley Walk next year. The Lengthsman has spent some time cutting back around the entrances to the parish footpaths. With a limited budget and an extensive network of footpaths, the Parish Council rely on landowners to maintain the length of footpaths and stiles or gates that cross their land so please help where you can.

Volunteers:

We are keen to develop a team of volunteers to help support our projects. We now have a Footpaths Team who regularly walk the footpaths to identify any issues, but are looking for volunteers to join a working party to do some hands-on work to help keep them tidy and accessible. If you might be interested in joining the team, we'd love to hear from you.

Parish Council Emailed Newsletters:

We would also like as many people as possible to sign up to receive our emailed newsletter as it is a useful tool in receiving news and updates. Please email or telephone the Clerk to sign up.

Parish Council Meetings – held at Brockhampton Village Hall at 7pm:

Tuesday 10th September 2024, Tuesday 12th November 2024, Tuesday 14th January 2025, Tuesday 11th March 2025 and Tuesday 13th May 2025. Please come and join us.

Finally, it just remains to wish you all a very happy Summer,

How Caple, Sollershope and Yatton Parish Council

