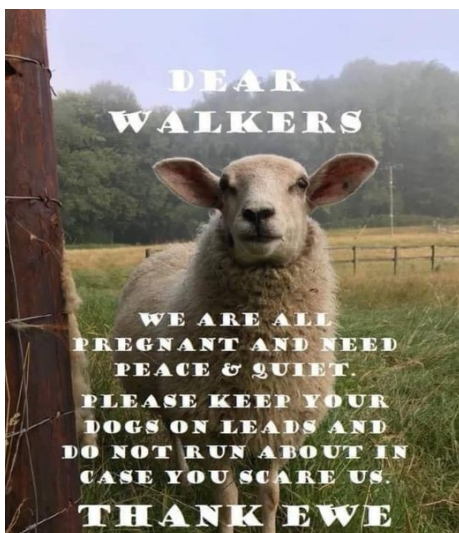


# Yarkhill News



## **HEREFORD PROBUS 3 CLUB**

This is a club providing the opportunity for retired professional and businessmen to meet on a regular basis for discussion and to hear speakers on a variety of topics. The club meets at The Bunch of Carrots at 11.00 o'clock almost every Wednesday morning and would welcome new members so please come along. For more information, please see [Probus.org.uk/hereford3](http://Probus.org.uk/hereford3)



**LEDBURY MEDICAL LOANS** is a 'free' service for those in need of mobility aids. The lady who runs this charity in Ledbury is happy for her details to be shared with Yarkhill Parishioners. This service can save a fortune on either a short or long-term basis. All she asks is a small donation to her Ukraine charity. For information and to loan items such as frames, stools, toilet seat/frame, crutches and wheelchairs please call Jennifer – 01531 632745

## **CONTACTS**

**PARISH COUNCIL CLERK:** Sallyanne Lees 07801 108789 email: [yarkhill@live.co.uk](mailto:yarkhill@live.co.uk)

**VILLAGE HALL:** Wendy Nash 07985353025

**CHURCH WARDEN:** Ashley Fortey ([Ashley4009@talktalk.net](mailto:Ashley4009@talktalk.net))

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR:** David Thomas 01531 670437

Our Chairman was unwell for the most recent Parish Council Meeting and so was unable to provide his usual update. However the Draft Minutes of the Meeting in August are available to view both in the Notice Boards and on the Yarkhill Website.

# Yarkhill Parish Council

*Following correspondence from a Councillor and a member of the public, the external auditor contacted the Council about errors in the AGAR and the missing year end bank reconciliation (two transactions had been included in the wrong financial years in error).*

*Following discussions with the external auditor, the Council amended the necessary elements of the AGAR to reflect the underlying records more accurately and also published the correct bank reconciliation. These amendments were noted at the recent Council meeting and the amended AGAR is on the Council's website.*

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At no time did either of these errors have any effect of the Parish Council funds and at no time was there any risk to Parish Funds. These were clerical errors.

## Clerk Update

Earlier in the year a Yarkhill Farmer found a pile of hedge cuttings dumped in one of their fields. The cuttings included privet and laurel—both of these can be fatal to animals. Many garden plants and vegetables can be very harmful to grazing animals causing severe pain and sometime an agonising death. Please dispose of your garden waste in a responsible and considerate manner. There have also been instances of grass cuttings being dropped into our ditches and culverts which can so easily lead to flooding and blockages.



### The Lengthsman Scheme Explained

Each year Herefordshire Council invites Parishes to join the Lengthsman Scheme and Yarkhill has benefitted from this scheme for many years now. Herefordshire Council make available a grant to help the Parish Council cover the cost of drainage maintenance/culvert and grip clearing/hedge cutting etc. Herefordshire Council is responsible for the A and B roads but the Parish Council has to cover the cost of the C and U roads/lanes. This current year the grant is £120 per kilometre of road—we have 6km of lanes and so our total grant is £720. We are given the opportunity to apply for “match funding” up to £360. What this mean is that if there are drainage issues that exceed the grant of £720, we can utilise Parish Funds up to a limit of £360 and Herefordshire will match that amount with a further £360. This is also useful in the event of emergencies such as lorries damaging the ditches and posing a threat of flooding to residents. Another benefit of joining the Lengthsman Scheme every year is that it entitles Yarkhill to any further Grants that may become available. This year we have been granted an extra amount (as yet unknown) for Public Rights of Way maintenance; also a further Drainage Maintenance Grant with a value to us of up to £7,700 . The final figure will depend on how many Parishes apply and how far Herefordshire Council’s budgeted amount will stretch. The application forms for the additional grants have been completed and submitted, To be absolutely clear, there is no cost to the Parish Funds unless we use the “Match Funding” option but that would be used purely for the benefit of Parishioners. I have not included VAT in any of the figures mentioned here because all VAT charged is reclaimed. Our Lengthsman (Terry Griffiths Contracts) does an admirable job and has all the necessary equipment. They are answerable to Herefordshire Council.

Some people have expressed confusion about the about the Lengthsman Scheme and I hope this explains it for you. Any questions please call me on 07801 108789 or email me. Always happy to help.

Sallyanne—Yarkhill Parish Clerk.

## News from the Village Hall

### 2024 Produce show results

WI Challenge Cup – Shona Warnes

Barbara Barnes Cup – Robert Savagar

Doreen Bennett Memorial Shield – Shona Warnes

BM Aspey Trophy – Alice Clay

Grove Trophy – Grace Morgan-Lynes

Crews Pitch Cup – Martha Mastin- Lynes

Newtown Garage Cup (Best in Show) – Shona Warnes

### We Need You!

The Village Hall Committee are actively recruiting for new committee members. If you are interested in being involved in the running of this vital community asset we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary and the commitment is as much or as little as you want it to be. We meet every other month for an hour. Please contact Katie Bott – 07939 261640 or Wendy Nash – 07985 353025

### Report from the Village Hall AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> September

Yarkhill Village Hall A.G.M.  
11th September 2024

Members present – Bob Aspey, Katie Bott, Martin Ennis, Sandie ~~Feakins~~, Alice Clay, Kirsten Lawton – Smith, Sarah Daw and Wendy Nash.

There were no apologies.

Members of the public in attendance were – Steve Kirby, Ian Carr and Jim and Cathy Snell.

As the Committee operates with a rolling chair, Wendy proposed that Katie chaired tonight's meeting and all agreed.

The minutes of last years AGM were read out, approved by all and signed by the chair.

### Chairman's report

Katie thanked Martin for his work on finances and accounts, Wendy for continuing to manage the Hall and bookings and to all committee members for their efforts and commitment.

Works to the Hall over the last year included the purchase of new heater guards for all heaters and lampshades for the committee room.

An asbestos survey had been completed and none found apart from glue on the floor of ladies toilets.

A request has been made to Yarkhill Charities for a replacement kitchen and we are awaiting kitchen quotes.

An emergency action plan and policies have been written and approved by the Committee. Village Hall information is now included on the Yarkhill Village website thanks to Andy Lees|

In June we hired a skip and had a big clear out of the outbuildings, everything is now contained within the metal shed.

There have been few events this year due to no Coronation or Jubilees but Produce Show and fete was held. It was a very wet day meaning attendance wasn't great but £287 for the Hall was raised and over £100 for the Church.

Old School House – A damp report was commissioned to determine what works were needed to solve the damp problems. A lot were highlighted and the Committee is in the process of finding a builder to undertake the work at a price we can afford. Remedial work is taking place to the downstairs bedroom later this month so that it is usable by the tenants, bigger works are still under consideration.

The tenants are on a rolling contact until any details change.

### Treasurer's report

#### **Income and expenditure**

The annual return for 2022-23 was submitted to the Charities Commission in July in accordance with their deadline. For our level of turnover our governing body's requirement is for simple accounts and there is no requirement for a TAR. However, as our income had exceeded £10,000 during that period, we were obliged to give a breakdown of income under certain headings. A copy of which is available on request.

#### **Financial policies**

The financial policies have not been altered during the year. However, these policies have been collated into a single document which is held on file and available via the Yarkhill Village website.

#### **The Governing Document**

This document was last reviewed in 2017. Orme & Slade of Ledbury were appointed for this purpose and produced a Supplemental Deed to the original document to reflect changes to legislation since that document was drafted. This deed was executed by the village hall trustees in September of that year and has been accepted by the Charities Commission. No further review is required at this time

#### **Funds available.**

The village hall financial assets are held with Lloyds Bank. The savings account with NS&I was closed during the year and the funds transferred to Lloyds at an much improved rate of interest. The total financial assets have increased since the last AGM from £29,906.29 to £34,589.95. After deducting the reserves indicated in the financial policies the uncommitted funds are £10,389.

However, a damp report was commissioned following issues identified by the tenant renting the schoolhouse and it is not certain at this stage what the final cost of the remedial works will be. For that reason, setting a budget for capital projects on the hall has been postponed.

#### **Asset valuation.**

The values recorded in the insurance cover are as follows:

Village hall £248,405

Outbuildings £34,066.

Schoolhouse. £295,485.

Hall contents £4,668

Our insurers have advised that we will need to update these valuations prior to the next annual insurance to avoid being under insured.

Election of Committee – All present Committee members agreed to stand for another year and there were no offers from the public present to join the Committee.

A.O.B.

Alice raised the point that we still need to use the milk vending shed as an advertising space for booking the Hall.

There were no questions from the floor and the meeting closed at 7.20pm



# **YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**AVAILABLE TO HIRE AT VERY  
REASONABLE RATES**

**20% DISCOUNT FOR YARKHILL VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

**PERFECT FOR:**

**Parties**

**Meetings**

**Classes**

**Dog Training**

**Presentations**

**Events**

**Call Wendy on 07985 353025**

## **YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL** **RENTAL TERMS**

### **WELCOME**

All regular users of the Village Hall will be given the code to the key safe located on the wall to the right of the main door, so that they are able to gain access to the building. Whilst you are using the Hall the key is your responsibility and must not be copied or given to another person. The key must be put back in the safe at the end of the booking. Any replacements required will be charged at £20 per key.

### **BUILDING SECURITY**

Whilst using the Village Hall it is your responsibility to maintain site security. This means having knowledge of who is coming and going. You or a member of your organisation must always be on site.

The Village Hall must be secured on exit, this means closing all windows and doors, having previously checked that there is no one else in the building. Please also ensure that all lights and heaters are switched off on exiting.

### **FIRE SAFETY**

Instructions for action in case of fire can be found on the noticeboard by the main entrance. Please read these instructions carefully before you use the building as these may be subject to change. If the fire alarm sounds **YOU MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY** and ensure everyone with you has safely exited, closing all doors behind you as you leave. In the unlikely event of this occurring, please immediately phone one of the emergency contacts listed below.

### **CAR PARKING**

There is a large car park for use by anyone using the Village Hall, but people do so at their own risk.

Yarkhill Village Hall management committee **will not accept liability** for any accidents, damage or loss incurred.

### **LEAVE THE ROOMS AS YOU FIND THEM**

The Village Hall is run by a small group of volunteers. Please make our job easier by ensuring that all lights in the Main Hall and associated rooms are turned off. Taps, lights and heaters in the toilets must be turned off, as well as the immersion heater, fridge, cooker and boiler in the kitchen. There is a penalty payment of £15 per booking if this is not adhered to.

### **RUBBISH**

A small amount of rubbish is expected and acceptable however if you are generating large amounts of rubbish this must be taken away with you as the council does not collect although there is a recycling bin outside the kitchen door which is emptied regularly. Food waste **MUST NOT** be left in the building.

### **HEATING**

If you require the heating on during your time in the Village Hall, please inform us on booking.

### **IT**

If you would like access to the internet whilst at the Village Hall, please state on your booking form and you will be provided with the relevant password.

### **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

If you are an organisation which is constituted or planning to take payments for attendance, you will be expected to have your own Public Liability Insurance as you are not covered by the hall's. Private individuals booking functions who would not normally be expected to have PLI are covered.

### **PENALTY PAYMENTS - condition of hire**

£15 per hour (or part thereof) will be added to your invoice to cover extra caretaking charges when rooms are left without reasonable care (rubbish, damage etc).

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

If you have trouble accessing the building or need to report a fault or damage to the building, please contact one of the following for assistance:

Wendy Nash - 07985353025   Katie Bott - 07939261640   Sarah Daw - 07929735186

## YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL BOOKING FORM

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	
Name of organisation:	
Current address:	
City:	Postcode:
Telephone Number/s:	
Email address:	

### BOOKING INFORMATION

Planned activity:		
Room(s) required:		
Dates required:		
Start time:	End time:	(Include setting up and packing up time)
Number of attendees expected:		
Do you require access to tea/ coffee making facilities? Yes / No		
Do you require internet access? Yes / No		
Do you have public liability insurance? Yes / No		

I agree to read and apply the fire risk assessment and the rental terms before using the building. I understand that, if I cancel my booked time any less than one week, I will be subject to a cancellation charge of half the agreed charge for the room hire.

By completing this form you are agreeing to Yarkhill Village Hall keeping your contact details on file for the purposes of invoicing only. We will not send you an unsolicited mail or pass your contact details on.

Signature of applicant	Date
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Payment will be via invoice after your booking. BACS payment is preferred. Please refer to the payment information on the invoice.

### END OF SESSION CHECK LIST

1. SWITCH OFF ALL HEATERS AND ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES  
**(NOT Wi-Fi)**
2. TURN OFF IMMERSION HEATER IN THE KITCHEN ABOVE COOKER
3. ENSURE ALL LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF
4. CLOSE ALL INTERNAL DOORS
5. REMOVE ALL RUBBISH AND TAKE AWAY
6. LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS AND RETURN KEY TO SAFE

# YARKHILL CHURCH

## 100 CLUB

### MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

**To all those supporting your local Church through the 100 Club. Thank you for your contributions last year. Your support has helped maintain this historic building and churchyard.**

**2024/25 subscriptions are now due.**

We would be very grateful for your co-operation in forwarding your subscription of £12.00 per numbered member to:

The Treasurer: Mrs Julia Savagar, Glyndarth, Yarkhill HR1 3TA

(please make cheques payable to Yarkhill PCC)

If you are able to pay by bacs please pay:

Yarkhill PCC      Sort: 40-52-40      Account: 00013992

*(If you have already paid or have set up a Standing Order please ignore this reminder)*

**NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME**

**PLEASE HELP US TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHURCH**

[juliasavagar@gmail.com](mailto:juliasavagar@gmail.com) t. 01432 890401 m. 07890821446

<u>100 Club - May Prizewinners</u>				<u>100 Club - July Prizewinners</u>			
<u>Prize</u>	<u>£</u>			<u>Prize</u>	<u>£</u>		
1	£12.00	88	Crispin & Leslie Hack	1	£12.00	24	Ann Dex
2	£7.00	108	Hazel Walter	2	£7.00	42	Richard Borely
3	£6.00	94	Peter Mayne	3	£6.00	30	Liliah Harris
4	£5.00	4	Heather Lynes	4	£5.00	114	Brenda Armstrong
<u>June Prizewinners</u>	<u>£</u>			<u>August Prizewinners</u>	<u>£</u>		
1	£12.00	55	Peter Crawford	1	£12.00	3	Annie Lane
2	£7.00	77	Joyce Barton	2	£7.00	110	Ruth Howland
3	£6.00	19	Anne Newman	3	£6.00	67	Wendy Nash
4	£5.00	7	Helen Nenedich	4	£5.00	61	Simon Yates

**St. John the Baptist YARKHILL**  
with  
**St. Mary the Virgin STOKE EDITH**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

at **YARKHILL**

**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER**

**SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.**

**REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

**JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST**

*Food donations will be taken to Ledbury Food Bank*



### **Yarkhill Churchyard Maintenance**

The Vicar and PCC would be pleased to hear from anyone able to help with maintenance of the churchyard on the north side (i.e. to the rear of the church).

Whilst the south side, in front of the church, is regularly mowed by Church members it is policy to maintain the north side as a natural habitat as per 'Caring for God's Acre' guidelines by strimming twice per year, in spring and late summer.

If you are a Grounds' Contractor and would like to quote for the autumn strim please do get in touch.

If you feel able to volunteer to help in any way we would be delighted to hear from you also!

Contact: The Rev'd. Mandy Williams - [07780 586846](tel:07780586846) -  
[mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk](mailto:mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk)  
or Julia Savagar - 07890 821446 - [juliasavagar@gmail.com](mailto:juliasavagar@gmail.com)





*Yarkhill Church Entertainments  
returns with  
'Autumn Entertainment'*

*HARVEST  
Chilli  
with Vinny*

*Chilli Supper and Musical Entertainment  
from our own Vinny  
(Alternative menu choices available)*

*Yarkhill Village Hall*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October*

*7pm for 7.30pm*

*Wine & beers available*

*Tickets £12.50 in advance from:*

*[juliasavagar@gmail.com](mailto:juliasavagar@gmail.com) 07890821446*



# **YARKHILL CHARITIES**

**Yarkhill Charities have funds available for the benefit of residents of Yarkhill.**

**We may be able to offer you some practical help.**

**If you need assistance with books, uniforms or even day to day expenses please get in touch as we may be able to help you.**

**In the first instance apply in writing to the Secretary, Helen Parker at Garford Farm, Yarkhill, Hfds HR1 3ST**

**Discretion is assured and your name will not be published.**

## **CARER wanted please!**

We are looking for a kind, sensible carer to help with our gentle and elderly father who has a nice sense of humour. Ideally someone flexible, who would also be happy to do some housework chores in a farmhouse near Bishops Frome.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Please call 07942 325589

## **Scaffold tower for hire**

The organisers of the Field to Fork Festival purchased a scaffold tower from part of the income raised. It can be hired by anyone living in the village for £15 a week. Terms & Conditions apply. The details of the tower are as follows: Platform size: 1.45Mx 0.5M, Max platform height: 2.73M, Max working height: 5M (approx.) Max. load: 150kg Material: Aluminium. It weights approximately 37kg and is fitted with a pair of wheels to allow the tower to be moved around.

If you would like to hire this equipment please contact Martin Ennis on T: 01432 890486 M: 07831 424667  
E: martinennis325@gmail.com

## FLOODING ADVICE

**Flooding can occur anywhere** - you do not have to live near a river, stream or reservoir to be affected. This is because the drainage system, whether open watercourses or pipes, can become overwhelmed by the amount of water it is expected to carry. In addition, when the ground is saturated even small extra amounts of rainfall can have difficulty draining away from gardens and enclosed spaces. Owing to the nature of this type of flooding, it is very difficult to predict where it will happen.

**Who should I contact to report a flood?** If you or your neighbours are in immediate danger call the Emergency Services – 999. How you report a flood depends on the type of flooding it is.

**Highway flooding: Balfour Beatty** deal with incidents of flooding on our roads to keep them safe for the public. If you see flooding on the highway that could cause a danger to the public, or if floodwater is at risk of entering private property please call 01432 261800.

**Flooding from a sewer or fresh water pipe:** If you are concerned about flooding from a public sewer or fresh water pipe, please report it to the relevant water company:

- Welsh Water: 0800 085 3968 (open 24 hours)
- Severn Trent Water: 0800 783 4444 (open 24 hours)

### **Main River or groundwater flooding:**

To report flooding from a main river or groundwater please call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188. To report flooding from an ordinary watercourse please call 01432 261800.

**Prepare for flooding** by following these simple steps to reduce the impact of flooding on your property:

- . View the latest weather forecast on the Met Office website
- . View live river level information
- . View live flood warning map
- . Sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct from the Environment Agency – a free service that provides automated flood warnings by telephone, mobile, email, SMS text message or fax
- . View the Environment Agency website for the latest flood warnings (updated every 15 minutes)
- . Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or Type talk 0845 602 6340

Do not underestimate the danger and damage that a flood can cause. Floodwater can be very dangerous; six inches of fast-flowing water can knock you off your feet; two feet can sweep away a car. While the council endeavours to provide assistance wherever possible, it is your responsibility to protect your person and property. There is lots of useful advice on the prepare your property for flooding page on the Environment Agency website.

# TALK COMMUNITY



## Newsletter

19 September 2024

### Relaunch of the Community Money Advice Service

Putson Baptist Church and Talk Community Hub are relaunching their Community Money Advice Service on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, with The Right Honourable Jessie Norman MP attending to mark the occasion.

Now known as the Hereford Community Money Advice Service, it will be expanding to serve all Hereford residents, including at St Martin's Church, Challenge Church, and Revive Café, so why not come along and meet one of the trained money mentors. With over £200,000 in unclaimed benefits already collected, it's a must to do.

To register your interest, please RSVP to Andy Goode on 01432 357700 or email [andybgoode49@gmail.com](mailto:andybgoode49@gmail.com)



## Access Free Family Learning Courses this Autumn!

If you are aged 17 or over, unemployed or earn under £20,000 you could access free Family Learning Courses this autumn. There's lots on offer, from activities to help you and your little one prepare for school, plus 'games and grub', to outdoor sessions exploring fun activities in the Herefordshire countryside.

For more information and to find out how to book please visit the [Talk Community Directory](#).



## Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund

The Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund was established in 2021 and is dedicated to making sure the UK path network is accessible to everyone. By removing barriers like overgrown paths, stiles and steps, the fund aims to enable more people with reduced mobility to enjoy the outdoors.

The good news is that the fund is now open for applications! You can learn more, read about some of the projects and find out how to apply, on the [Ramblers website](#).



## Wraparound Childcare – Important Survey for Parents and Carers

Wraparound care includes childcare before and after the school day, such as breakfast and after school clubs.

Herefordshire Council are urging parents and carers to complete a survey to give their views on what is available locally. This will inform work towards enabling all parents to be able to access wraparound care in their local area.

The survey is open until Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. To participate, [visit the Herefordshire Council Website](#).



**Wraparound childcare is expanding**

Now providing extended availability and hours,  
allowing greater flexibility for families

Find advice on government help available  
towards childcare costs

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)  
Register your interest with your child's school or childcare setting

Childcare Choices Herefordshire Council

## Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Herefordshire Council is currently undertaking its review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. The council is required to do this every five years.

The review offers an opportunity to take account of known future changes, for example, where buildings have ceased or will cease to be capable of being used as polling stations; and consider more suitable buildings that are, or are due to become available.

A Notice of Review was published on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and the (Acting) Returning Officer has now published their recommendations.

Everyone is invited to view and comment on the recommendations proposed and we welcome any feedback you may have. You can find more information, the proposed recommendations and the online consultation form on our website [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pollingreview](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pollingreview)

The consultation will end Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



- Ensuring you know your rights as a victim
- Helping you to access the most appropriate support for your needs
- Liaising with others on your behalf

Practical help

- Simple safety and security equipment
- Help with completing forms
- Assistance with applying for financial grants

Advice and guidance on areas such as:

- Home security
- Crime prevention
- Restorative justice
- The criminal justice process

#### How to get in touch

You can get in touch with us in the way which is most comfortable for you.

Phone: 0800 952 3000

Email: [info@victimadviceline.org.uk](mailto:info@victimadviceline.org.uk)

Live chat: [victimadviceline.org.uk](http://victimadviceline.org.uk)

We're open from 8am -8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm on Saturdays.



Message Sent By  
Sarah-Jane Morgan

(West Mercia Police, Corporate Communications Officers, Corporate Communications )

To reply or forward please use the below or these links: [Reply](#), [Rate](#), [Forward / Share](#).



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Please note that it is not possible to report crimes or incidents via Neighbourhood Matters. To make a report of a crime or incident, please contact West Mercia Police at [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) or dial 999 in an emergency.





## Operation Spotlight to highlight action against 'Fatal Four'

Last year, across our police force area, 56 people lost their lives in collisions and 468 people suffered serious injuries, just under a quarter of these involved someone between the age of 16-24. Common causation factors listed in these collisions include:

- Speeding or inappropriate speed
- Distractions, such as mobile phone
- Driving under the influence of drink or drugs
- Not wearing a seatbelt.

Keeping those who use our roads safe is a year-round priority and enforcing the law around these issues takes place across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire 24/7.

Following a successful operation in July where 1333 road offences were detected and 12,000 motorists caught speeding in our area, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) will be focusing on 'Operation Spotlight' from 23 September – 6 October. The national operation will recognise the significant contributory factor these issues have in road traffic collisions, in particular with younger drivers/riders and will highlight the work that we do every day to tackle these.



To find out more visit [Operation Spotlight highlights the 'Fatal Four' and younger drivers.](#)  
[West Mercia Police](#)



## OCTOBER 2024

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### DAILY EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to join any of the acts of worship that take place at the cathedral. Services are normally held at the following times:

#### Monday – Saturday

8 am – Morning Prayer  
10.30 am – Eucharist (8.30 am on a Saturday)  
5.30 pm – Evening Prayer or Evensong

#### Sunday

8 am – Holy Communion  
10 am – Cathedral Eucharist (this service is also live streamed)  
11.30 am – Matins or Morning Prayer  
3.30 pm – Evening Prayer or Evensong

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### TOURS

#### Tower Tours

Thursday 3, Thursday 10, Saturday 12, Thursday 24, Saturday 26, Wednesday 30 October, 11.30 am & 1.30 pm.

Adventurous visitors can climb the 218 steps for some of the finest views of the city and county of Herefordshire, and beyond. Tours may not take place if the weather is poor, and may not be suitable for all visitors so please contact the cathedral office if you are making a special journey to take part.

Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children under 16 and £5 for full-time students from the Cathedral Shop on the day.

#### Cathedral Tours

Monday to Saturday, 11.05 am & 2.15 pm.

Explore the rich history and treasures of the cathedral from its Saxon origins to the present day with our knowledgeable guides.

Tickets cost £6 per person from the Cathedral Shop (01432 374210).

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Seeds of Eternity

Monday 23 September 2024 – Saturday 5 April 2025.

The latest exhibition in the ~~Mappa~~ Mundi & Chained Library celebrates 17th century poet Thomas Traherne who is known for his extraordinary writing about nature connecting humanity to the divine.

Normal admission charges apply.

Please note that the exhibition will be closed throughout January for essential cleaning and conservation work.



## EVENTS

### **Cathedral Seedlings – Toddlers Group** **Thursdays in term time, 10 – 11.30 am**

Calling all toddlers and their grown-ups - join us to play and pray in the Old Chapel - Hereford Cathedral. Listen to a Bible story, take part in a craft activity and have fun in our weekly drop-in. To add to the experience, refreshments, delicious cakes and healthy snacks for children will be provided by Hereford Cathedral Café.

Suitable for toddlers between the ages of 1-3 years and younger siblings are welcome. Toddler Group is free to attend but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

### **Escape Room**

**Wednesday 2 October, 4 pm & 6 pm, Wednesday 9 October, 5 pm, Thursday 31 October, 2 pm & 4 pm.**

Solve our Escape Room: an immersive clue-cracking and decoding game, hosted in the Old Chapel in the Cloisters. Get a team together and book a session to test your skills and escape the Old Chapel!

Tickets cost £60 and can be purchased via the cathedral's website.

### **Cantilupe Lecture – Luxmuralis Space by Peter Walker** **Wednesday 2 October, 3 pm**

As a sculptor and artist Peter Walker's work adorns towns and cities both nationally and internationally. His art work consists of large-scale sculpture, commissioned and bespoke sculptural works as well as paintings, drawings, film, sound and light installations

The annual Cantilupe Lecture is free to attend, but pre-booking required via the cathedral website or by calling 01432 374 225

### **Lego Club Space**

**Tuesday 8 October, 3.45 – 5 pm.**

Our monthly Lego Club gets an intergalactic makeover as we build all things outer space! From rockets and spaceships, to aliens and other planets, come and be inspired to build something out of this world.

This after-school session is free to attend and booking is not required for this event.

### **Evening Hour**

**Sunday 13 October, 5.30 pm**

All are welcome to join us for this service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness.

### **Afternoon Music - Beyond the final frontier**

**Saturday, 12 October, 3.15 – 3.50 pm.**

October's Afternoon Music will boldly go where few have gone before in a slightly extended length sci-fi special.

This event is free to attend and booking is not required.

### **Bereavement Café**

**Wednesday 16 October, 2.30 – 4 pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us for an informal and friendly gathering for those who have been bereaved, recently or long ago. Run by volunteers, this is a welcoming environment to

share experiences and support.

### **SPACE - A spectacular sound and light show by [Luxmuralis](#)**

**Wednesday 16 – Saturday 19 October, allocated time slots from 6.20 – 9 pm**

Experience Hereford Cathedral in a whole new way as you walk amongst the stars and planets. Discover the creation story and the Big Bang within this sacred space and view the final image of Earth as if looking back from space under a galaxy of stars.

**Tickets cost Adult £9 | Children (3-16): £6 | Under 3's: FREE and are available to purchase from The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford HR4 9JR in person, by calling 01432 34055 or online: [courtyard.org.uk](http://courtyard.org.uk)**

### **Library treasures: [Unexpected](#) worlds**

**Thursday 24 October, 4.30 - 6 pm.**

The library & archive team are showcasing an out of this world selection of items from the cathedral's collections. From a 17th century story about a man on the moon to a Spanish book about astronomy, the evening promises to highlight some unexpected connections between the cathedral library and archives and worlds beyond our Earth.

**Tickets cost £15 and can be purchased via the cathedral website or by calling 01432 374 225.**

### **Becoming as Little Children: C.S. Lewis, Narnia and the Theology of Storytelling: [Dr. Rowan Williams](#)**

**Friday 25 October, 7 pm.**

We are delighted to welcome one of the world's most pre-eminent theologians, former Archbishop of Canterbury, [Dr. Rowan Williams](#) to deliver this a talk as part of our Narnia Week events.

**Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased via the cathedral website.**

### **Online Narnia talk with Dr Jem Bloomfield**

**Monday 28 October, 7 pm – Online.**

In this talk, Jem Bloomfield will explore the way Narnia weaves together literary and theological meanings. He'll point to moments where Narnia is enriched by literary allusions to medieval poetry, renaissance epic and detective novels. The talk will highlight the way the novels enchant the world around us and draw us towards a mystery beyond the Narnian horizon.

**Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased via cathedral website or by calling 01432 374 225.**

### **Narnia Storytelling Night**

**Tuesday 29 October, 6.30 – 8.30 pm**

Step through the ancient doors of Hereford Cathedral and into the wardrobe for a journey through the timeless tales of The Chronicles of Narnia. This magical storytelling event will invite guests to delve deeper into the connections between these magical tales and the Christian story.

**This event is free but booking is essential via the cathedral website.**

### **Narnia Messy Church**

**Thursday 31 October, 12noon – 2 pm**

Come and take part in a Narnia themed Messy Church, including crafts and activities for all

the family to take part in! Messy Church is church for families and all. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

**This event is free to attend and booking is not required.**



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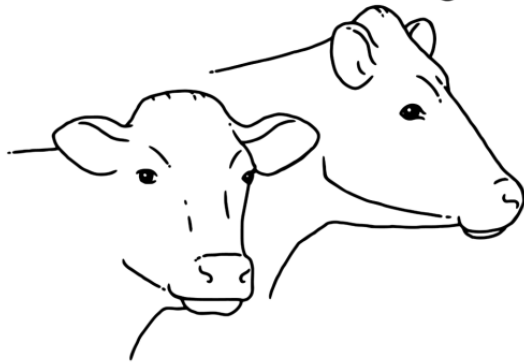
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## **Guidance for Complaints Procedure**

It is vital that the public has confidence in the high standards of local government, and that there is transparency about the conduct of councillors and the mechanisms for dealing with alleged breaches of the Codes of Conduct. Equally, it is vital that councillors themselves have confidence in these mechanisms, and that investigations into such complaints abide by the principles of natural justice. Under the Model Code of Conduct, councillors are required to cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and respect the impartiality of officers. This is in recognition of the key role monitoring officers have in ensuring what might be contentious and difficult issues are handled fairly. This guidance is to support them in carrying out their duties.

More than 100,000 people give their time as councillors. The majority do so with the very best motives, and they conduct themselves in a way that is beyond reproach. However, public perception tends to focus on a minority who in some way abuse their positions or behave badly. Even where behaviour does fall short most issues are resolved easily through a simple apology or through swift action from an officer, a political group or meeting chair. Reference to the Code of Conduct and a formal complaint are very much the last resort where issues remain unresolved.

Anyone who considers that a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct may make a complaint to that councillor's local authority, usually via the principal authority's monitoring officer. Each complaint must be assessed to see if it falls within the authority's legal jurisdiction, for example whether the subject member was acting as a councillor or representative of the authority at the time. A decision must then be made on whether or not some action should be taken, either as an investigation or some other form of action.

When a matter is referred for investigation or other action, it does not mean that a decision has been made about the validity of the allegation. It simply means that the authority believes the alleged conduct, if proven, may amount to a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and that some action should be taken in response to the complaint.

The process for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints must be fair and be seen to be fair. The law does not specify how complaints are to be handled. However, in most authorities, initial assessment of complaints that a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct is usually carried out by the authority's monitoring officer and one other Councillor who is not party to the complaint. Even where the matter is normally delegated to the monitoring officer, they may reserve the right to refer the matter to a committee of councillors, for example where the monitoring officer has a conflict of interest or the matter is particularly high-profile.

Local authorities, including parish and town councils, should publish information on their websites about what can and cannot be considered as a complaint, how to complain (including a standard complaints form if appropriate) and where Code of Conduct complaints should be sent to. They should also provide clear details of the procedures they will follow in relation to any written allegation received about a councillor.

Yarkhill Parish has produced a complaint form which sets out all the information they expect to receive from a complainant. This can be helpful to both the authority and the complainant. The form can be found at the end of this information. Complaints do not have to be made using the form but should include the information requested in the form.

The authority should also make it clear that only in exceptional circumstances would a complainant be granted confidentiality and that as a matter of fairness the complainant's identity would normally be disclosed to the subject member

Under the Localism Act, however, formal complaints must be submitted in writing. This includes electronic submissions, though the requirement for complaints to be submitted in writing must be read in conjunction with the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make adjustments. For example, a complainant may have a disability that prevents them from making their complaint in writing. In such cases, authorities may need to transcribe a verbal complaint and then produce a written copy for approval by the complainant or the complainant's representative.

When a complaint is received by the local authority the relevant officer should acknowledge its receipt and set out the process to be taken to assess the complaint with an agreed timescale.

The full Guidance information can be accessed at [Guidance on Member Model Code of Conduct Complaints Handling | Local Government Association](#)

