

# Community News

Special Issue - November 2017

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**STOP PRESS - BAD NEWS - IN CASE YOU HADN'T HEARD, PCC CLOSED OUR HWRC HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE AT LLANDEGLEWY ON 30th SEPTEMBER WHICH, FOR US, NOW MEANS A 40 MILE ROUND TRIP TO THE NEW REPLACEMENT SITE IN WATERLOO RD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN LLANDRINDOD WELLS!!!**

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR - AUTUMN UPDATE from Beverley Baynham

I have continued to work in conjunction with the Town Council to try to resolve matters for our community. I have met with a number of Powys County Council personnel to discuss these matters and the following should be achieved in the coming months:-

- The **High Street gutters will be cleaned** in November / December
- The **pavements in Broad Street / Station Road will be cleaned** as soon as possible as this is a falls hazard, please be careful in the interim as they are very slippery when it rains
- **Castle Road is being re-surfaced** in November, weather permitting
- The **High Street & Scottleton Street** will be re-surfaced by March 2018.
- The **Safe Route to School** is currently under construction and we await the finishing of the works
- The **pavements in Norton will also be swept** as there is some moss and leaves on them.
- Some remedial works will be carried out on the bent railings at the bottom of the Meeting House Lane in Norton.

**Parking as ever continues to be an issue in Presteigne.** I would like to make an appeal to residents to please be considerate to wheelchair users, people with prams & pushchairs, households and your fellow community. Please can you refrain from parking in front of dropped kerbs and on the pavements. Thank you.

Discussions are ongoing with the portfolio holder Cllr. Liam Fitzpatrick regarding car parking charges in Presteigne, hopefully I will have a further update for you soon.

**Money to purchase another defibrillator has now been raised.** Thank you to all those who have contributed. I am just awaiting permission for placing it hopefully in the High Street and then it can be installed.

**As Chairman of Radnorshire I have attended the following:** The Queens Baton Relay in Rhayader for the Commonwealth Games 2018, Army Cadet Parade in Crickhowell and the opening of the new Family Suite at Knighton Hospital purchased by Knighton Hospital & District League of Friends.

**Powys County Council, as I am sure you are aware, is in difficulties in Children's Services.** The Leader Cllr. Rosemarie Harris and Portfolio Holder Cllr. Rachel Powell are working extremely hard alongside the staff in the department to rectify the issues. We, as fellow County Councillors, are supporting this work and trying to help turn this around as soon as possible. It is apparent that there have been many failings and this is simply not good enough for the children of Powys.

**If you would like to contact me** to discuss any issues, please feel free to do so, either by visiting the monthly surgery at the Local Food Market on the first Saturday of the month at the Memorial Hall, email [cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk) or telephone 07976928039.

## TOWN COUNCIL - AUTUMN UPDATE from the Town Clerk

**Went's Meadow** - a reminder that the Meadows are available for public use - if you have a charitable event needing an outdoor venue, please contact the Clerk for more information

**Cemetery, Land for Extension** - The Town Council has obtained planning permission for the expansion of the cemetery and has subsequently purchased and fenced the land to secure the future of the cemetery

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## Planning Applications:

TREE/2017/0032, TREE: Works to trees in a conservation area at Wychwood, Cannon's Lane, Presteigne. Resolved no objections to the application.

P/2017/1064 Grid Ref: 331512.41/264492.94 for Householder: Alterations to dwelling including installation of new windows together with erection of extension to rear garage/workshop to form new studio/guest room, construction of new living room to replace sunroom and associated works at Well Cottage Canon's Lane Broad Street Presteigne. Resolved no objections to the application.

P/2017/1063 Grid Ref: 331512.41/264492.94 for Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to include erection of extension to rear garage workshop to form new studio/guest room, construction of new living room to replace sunroom, demolition works and installation of new windows at Well Cottage, Canon's Lane, Broad Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections to the application

## Planning Decisions:

P/2017/0788, Plots 2 & 3 Slough Road, Presteigne: Conditional Consent

Cycle Route Grant Works - Update from Cllr. Baynham: Works at John Beddoes School almost complete and works near King's Court underway. This is an investment of over £300,000 in Presteigne and should provide big improvements to the path links to both schools and along the bypass. Work around Green End is scheduled for October half term

Speeding Presteigne - PCSO Anna Bowen had provided details of the community speed awareness scheme which local residents could take forward. If any resident is interested please let the Clerk have contact details and these will be passed on to PCSO Bowen

Replacement Cherry Tree, St. David's Street - The exact species of tree has now been confirmed by the County Council. Planting is to take place in the Autumn

Future of Old School and Drill Hall - Negotiations with the County Council on the future of these buildings continue.

Presteigne War Memorial - The Clerk reported that the War Memorial Project Officer had suggested a plinth from David Ogilvy. This would be funded from the Project but was conditional on attending training to produce the information for the Board. The High School is very supportive of this plan and arrangements are going ahead.

Meeting with new Scout Leader - Cllrs. Wilding and Kirkby, together with the Clerk had met with the Scout Chairman, Fiona Preece and the new Scout Leader. The Group is now up and running and there are hopes for a refurbishment of the building. The Town Council has some monies set aside to assist with the provision of outdoor lighting.

Former Reservoir Ground - Cllr. Kirkby and the Clerk had met Heather Lewis from the Warden Guardian Foundation on site to discuss the creation of a new path and information plinths around the former reservoir area.

Renovation of War Memorial, Norton - A quote has been obtained and forms completed and accepted by the Powys War Memorial Project which will pay 90% of the cost. A Town Council contribution has been allocated to complete the funding. Works to commence soon.

Council Surgeries - Continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall (as part of the Local Food Market) from 10.00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call in if you have a local issue you wish to raise. Full Minutes are available on the town website - [http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town\\_Council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council) or in the town library.