

Herefordshire Council Update June 2025

Cllr Toni Fagan – Birch Ward

Local Transport Plan – consultation extended to 30 June following scrutiny recommendation on Tuesday this week.

<https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations/article/127/herefordshire-local-transport-plan-2025-2041-consultation>

Please **do** circulate the consultation and ensure that all parish councils respond. Thank you. We are also trying to establish more information about the Bus Service Improvements that are meant to be happening in Herefordshire and what our response has been to additional government funding.

**Keep footpaths fit for walking! Hundreds of walkers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire have stepped up to the challenge and walked over 4,700 miles during the ‘Walk this May Challenge’.**

This works out at 7,600 kilometres, the equivalent of walking the 53-mile border between the two counties 89 times!

A huge celebration of community spirit, movement, and wellbeing, the challenge was organised by local Wellbeing Walks groups in Herefordshire, Worcestershire Health Walks and the team from Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The response was overwhelming, with walkers of all ages and backgrounds taking part and smashing expectations.

The two-week event, which ran from Monday 12 May to Sunday 25 May, brought people together in their communities, encouraged healthy habits, and got hundreds moving in the great outdoors.

Free walks took place across both counties on easy ground and at a relaxed pace making them suitable for all abilities. Ranging from 10 to 90 minutes, the walks were accessible by foot or public transport and offered the perfect way to get active and socialise.

Herefordshire Council is continuing its additional investment in the county's roads, with a programme of resurfacing works taking place throughout June that will focus on improving the health of some key B-roads.

Please keep reporting road defects – particularly the U&C roads. Please make sure residents know to report potholes and other defects [Report a problem – Herefordshire Council](#)

Seven Herefordshire organisations and groups have been awarded over £46k in grant funding collectively by Herefordshire Council to provide inclusive social activities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Council awards grant funding to local organisations for SEND activities – Herefordshire Council

Ofsted The next Ofsted monitoring visit of our children's services will take place on 17 and 18 June. The visit will focus on quality of decision-making for children in care, the experiences of children living in unregistered provision, and on long-term foster and residential care. *Herefordshire's Children's Services improvements – Herefordshire Council*

Foster Care - Urgent need for foster carers in Herefordshire – Herefordshire Council

Foster carers play a crucial role in providing safe, stable, and nurturing homes for children and young people, many of whom have faced difficult or traumatic experiences. They support children in their education, physical and emotional wellbeing, and help them rebuild trust and confidence.

But we urgently need more foster carers. Across the country, there is currently a shortage of foster carers, leaving too many children without the local homes they need.

Without locally based foster carers, children can end up in foster homes outside of their local area, far away from everything they know – family, friends, schools and clubs.

Ward Councillor Surgeries

Garway Talk Hub – Community Centre, Tues 10 June from 10-12am

Join me on Sat 14 June at Much Birch Community Café – I will be there from 10.30am

Llanwarne Village Hall – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June 5.30-6.30 before Pop up Pub.