



You're invited...

On 8th April, the JPC will be holding its Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting. We'd love to see as many of you as possible to share what's been happening in Henley over the last twelve months and what the future is looking like.

Along with that we have invited local charities and volunteers to let you know what they have been up to in providing help and bringing events to the community.



It all kicks off at 7pm at the Memorial Hall.

* For the first 100 attendees

WELCOME TO GARY POWER

A warm welcome to Gary Power who will be our new local contractor replacing retiree Colin Harrison.

If you spot anything that needs attention around the town please email the clerk at clerk@henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk



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Warwickshire County Council 01926 410410
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Environmental & Neighbourhood Services Department Reporting Process

Reporting process details for Bin Missed, Overflowing litter, Dog mess, Graffiti, Fly Tipping, Abandoned vehicle, Grass verges, Queries, and Overgrown hedges.

Flood Contact Details: If you are affected by floodwater from: the road, a main river, or a public sewer or burst water main.

* Please remember that many services are provided by WCC in the district. Potholes, overgrown trees & vegetation, roadworks, flooding, etc.

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BEAUDESERT & HENLEY-IN-ARDEN JPC COMMUNITY NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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MEET GARY New local contractor

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Report an issue or have your say - clerk@henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk

LOCAL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Henley-in-Arden Neighbourhood Development Plan is moving forward after the examiner appointed by Stratford District Council (SDC) issued her final report recommending that our Neighbourhood Development Plan be approved. The council is now making some minor changes to the plan and must decide whether to accept the recommendations of the Examiner. We have been told that the District Council is likely to approve the Plan which will then go to a public vote (referendum), the timing of which will be determined by SDC. The JPC will support SDC in the referendum process and encourage the people of Henley to vote. However, due to electoral rules, the JPC are not allowed to campaign for a 'yes' vote. We will let everyone know as soon as we have approval of the Plan and the date of the public vote.



We've also seen progress with the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP). SWLP has completed initial assessment of the future development sites and has commissioned a green belt review. SDC has invited members of the JPC to a meeting to discuss the strategic options on 14th March. We will be following developments closely and will update residents once we have more information.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOOTPATHS BRIDLEWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY REVIEW

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) County is responsible for around 1,700 miles of public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic across the whole of its area. The Rights Of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) is an important strategic policy document, which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how the County Council can make sure the public rights of way network meets the needs of the public, now and in the future.

The process of reviewing the ROWIP, and the engagement being carried out before the new ROWIP is drafted, will help the council to better understand the needs of residents.

Rights of Way have very significant benefits for our area. They help provide, and maintain, a sustainable environment as well as assisting physical and mental wellbeing for people of all ages and circumstances. They are a free amenity open to all and are an asset to the economy of the town attracting visitors to come and spend time and money here. In summary this means that maintaining, enhancing and publicising them is essential to the current and future health of the area.

As part of this review, the JPC have been asked for our views by WCC prior to drafting a new ROWIP. In addition, they want the views of local residents and you have until 7th April to complete the questionnaire. You can find both the JPC's report and the link to the questionnaire on our website:

www.henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk/rights-of-way-wcc-consultation-jpc-report-closing-date-7th-april-2024/



FLOODING – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Flooding in Henley is not unheard of, in fact, records from as early as the 16th Century report flooding in the town. However, what was a 'once in every 100 years' event is now more like once every decade. Drains and sewers that were once able to cope with all but the worst floods are now failing, thanks to their age and factors such as roadside blockages caused by soggy leaves, litter and other rubbish.

Steps are being taken by the JPC, District Council and, most importantly, County Council which is the local body responsible for dealing with flood risks, alongside the Environment Agency.

All of these bodies are doing what they can with the resources they have available and are planning to do more. The JPC, for example, has recently established a Flood Action Group that is looking at ways of reducing flooding in Henley and trying to stop it altogether. The Group comprises Parish Councillor Bryn Turner, District Councillor Mike Rice, County Councillor Ian Shenton and several local residents.

Enlarging drainage grilles in known flooding 'hotspots' has already started. A small step perhaps, but quick, easily accomplished and effective.

In the meantime, there are things Henley residents can do to prepare themselves and help reduce flooding in the area:

1. Adopt a drain

If you have a drainage grille in the road outside your property and you see it blocked with leaves, litter or other rubbish, why not help to reduce the chance of flooding by 'adopting' the drain and take responsibility for keeping it clear and removing away any blockage and disposing of it? Ignoring it or sweeping the mess down the road to block another drain only makes the problem worse.

2. Get flood barriers

These can take many forms from simple sand bags through to installing made to measure 'floodgates'. Sand bags for residents can be found at the rear of St Nicholas Church in Beaudesert Lane and maybe

stored at your property on a long-term basis. There are also alternative sand bags available from Amazon that may be easier to carry and place where needed. There are many commercial suppliers and installers of 'floodgates' and a range of prices, a selection of which can be found online.

3. Keep rivers clear

Making sure that the flow of the rivers around Henley are unrestricted plays an important part when helping to prevent flooding. Any 'landscaping' of the river banks or dumping of rubbish can adversely impact the water flow potentially adding to the chance of flooding. Therefore, it's important that residents keep the rivers clear and if you spot any obstructions please let the JPC know and we will contact the relevant bodies to get them removed.

4. Please drive carefully

One of the biggest issues during flooding is the 'bow wave' caused by drivers not slowing down as they drive through the town. If you're unfortunate enough to have to make your way through the flood waters, please slow down to help minimise the damage to the roadside properties.

If you'd like some more information on how to protect your home or business from flooding, The National Flood Forum has a wealth of information on www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk.



SAND BAGS

Sand bags are available to Henley residents and are located at the rear of St Nicholas Church Hall.

