

Information Sheet for Almeley Parish Council - March 2018

The following information has been emailed to the clerk over the course of the last month. It is for you to be aware of and action as you see fit. Should you believe anything needs further action or discussion by the Parish Council - please email the clerk to request that it be included as an agenda item at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.

1. HEREFORD TRANSPORT PACKAGE (HTP) CONSULTATION

Following the decision made by Herefordshire Council's cabinet on Thursday 18 January to proceed with consultation for the Hereford Transport Package, including the Hereford Bypass, you are invited to a preview event on 5 February for Councillors and parish councils between 12pm and 2pm in the pod next to the Coffee Corner at Old Market, Hereford. There will be staff available to meet you and answer any questions you may have, you will also be able to leave feedback on the bypass should you wish.

Following this, public exhibitions will be held on 6, 7 and 8 February 2018 between 11am and 8pm in the pod. One evening session will be held on Tuesday 13 February from 6pm to 9pm at Whitecross Highschool. If you are unable to attend the preview event please feel free to attend any of these events, staff will be available.

The exhibition will then move to Hereford Library on Friday 19 February where it will remain for the duration of the consultation period, until Tuesday 20 March. The exhibition can be viewed during normal library opening hours and staff will be available to answer questions on Saturday 24 February and Saturday 10 March between 11am and 2pm.

If you have any questions before the preview event please call the project team on 01432 261800 or email HerefordTransportPackage@balfourbeatty.com

2. Herefordshire Council's language service, the Herefordshire Language Network, is offering more training for interpreters in April, and the application process is now open.

On Sunday 22 and Sunday 29 April 2018, a two-day unaccredited "foundation training" course will take place in Hereford city.

The training event is an excellent starting point for anyone who has ever considered trying out interpreting, and could lead to paid work. A very high level of fluency in English and one other language is required. While all languages are welcome, the Network is looking particularly for languages less commonly found in the county, such as Kurdish, Arabic, Filipino, Cantonese, and African and Indian languages. BSL is also welcome. Since 2009, the council has trained over 200 people in interpreting and translation skills, which allows them to work for the Herefordshire Language Network. The Network currently manages around 400 assignments every month for public services and voluntary organisations.

The deadline for applications is 26 March. To find out more about the criteria for applying, and to download an application form, please visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/language, or call Harriet Yellin on 01432 260216.

3. We are emailing to ask if your Parish/Town Council would please consider signing up to Herefordshire Council's **Stop the Drop Litter Pledge**?

Last week Herefordshire Council held a Litter Stakeholder meeting for organisations, businesses, community groups and individuals who are actively working to reduce litter in the County, to ensure partnership working and to discuss the way forward.

We also launched the **Litter Pledge** in order to try and encourage everyone to commit to doing their bit.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/107/litter/7

Everyone who signs the litter pledge will receive a certificate for displaying in their premises/area to encourage others to do the same and will be featured on the Herefordshire Council website.

We know that Parish Councils are very good at keeping their parishes clear of litter and many of you organise community litter picks as well. The litter pledge is a way of gaining recognition for this. Signing up to the pledge will also demonstrate your Parish Councils' commitment to reducing litter in your area.

For more information about the Stop the Drop Litter Campaign please have a look at our webpages via this link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/stopthedrop