

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council



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Welcome Pack

The Parish Council agreed to work closely with South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme to produce a "Welcome to the Parish" pack.

The aim of the pack is to help people find their feet in the community, to make them aware of how things work, what makes their new Parish special and give them the necessary information to help them settle in and feel part of the community.

Over the next few months the contents of the pack will be discussed; designed and agreed. The aim is to have something ready to distribute during 2017.

Darker Nights

With the clocks going back darker nights are here; the Parish Council are encouraging residents to take action to secure their homes:-

- Use a timer switch for lights. These are inexpensive and mean homes are not left in darkness to alert burglars to an empty property.
- Keep your shed and garage locked - your tools could be used to break into your home.
- Using door and window locks, even when someone is at home.

Traffic Lights on Eckington Road

Sometime during November traffic lights will be present on the stretch of Eckington Road, from the dip at the bottom for a few 100 metres. This is due to work commencing on the new footpath.

Local Landlords

There is a national shortage of housing in the Wychavon area and Wychavon have an extensive waiting list of people who are trying to access accommodation. The Wychmove scheme has been set up with Government recommendation to try and increase the amount of housing on offer, to a wide range of people who are either on the housing list or just come to us with their housing concerns.

Wychavon are trying to increase their database of local landlords who they can contact to see if any would be interested in the scheme and the support that they can give landlords, with the knowledge that they have in lettings.

Wychmove is a Social Lettings agency which is run by the Housing Department from the Civic Centre in Pershore, it works in a similar way to a High Street lettings agency but does not charge the tenants any fees and charges the landlord's lower fees than High Street agents, but gives an enhanced level of service with the backing of the Council.

If you are a landlord, or have an empty property and thinking of becoming a landlord, and would like more information, please contact Sarah Cook, Private Accommodation Officer (tel:01386 565114 email: sarah.cook@wychavon.gov.uk)

Sad News - Ash dieback

Sadly, Chalara Ash dieback has now been confirmed in Bredon parish. Ash is the most common tree in the parish and comprises around 50% of all the trees in our hedgerows and woods. The Forestry Commission is expecting almost all of these to become infected and die within 1-5 years.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/16/02044 - Avonvale Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick.

Outline application for the erection of a new farmhouse to serve the essential functional needs of an established agricultural business (all matters reserved for future consideration). PC Objects to the proposal.

W/16/02078 - Dock Cottage, Dock Lane, Bredon.

Two single storey extensions on side elevation. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02158 - Willow Barn, Farm Lane, Westmancote.

Application for certificate of lawfulness (existing) - existing stables used for horses and a menage used for training/schooling horses. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02230 - Land adjacent Inshallah, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton.

Non material amendment to planning permission W/13/00667/PN for the inclusion on four additional windows on the western façade. PC has made general comments

Date of Next Meeting :

Monday 7th November

takes place in Bredon

Village Hall at 7:15pm