

Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council

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Rewilding Project—Volunteer Weekend

The next stage of the Rewilding project, at Glebe Field, is to clear more of the turf and topsoil so we can degrade more of the field. This will then be sowed with wildflower seeds, after the initial test area has proved successful. Please keep September 18th & 19th free in your diary.

Please either join the Bredon Parish Rewilding Group on Facebook or email declan.shiels@bredonpc.org.uk if you are willing to offer your services, even if only for an hour or two. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is for everyone involved.

Police Report

As the nights draw in please check your security; there is some great advice on West Mercia Police Website. July's police report contained:-

- Travellers were at Eckington Recreation ground
- Attempted burglary at a house in Kemerton
- Car theft on Main Road, Bredon
- Police speed check carried out in Bredon

Tewkesbury Community Hospital

Councillor Hardman informed the council that both the Worcester Royal and Gloucester Royal Hospitals are very busy and lot of people are visiting A&E with minor injuries or complaints. He asked us to remind our parishioners that Tewkesbury Community Hospital, which is our closest hospital, offers inpatient and outpatient services, a minor injuries unit, x-ray and ultrasound services, occupational therapy and physiotherapy & it also has free parking.

Ashchurch Bridge - Judicial Review

You may be aware that in March of this year, Tewkesbury Borough Council decided to grant itself planning permission for a bridge over the Bristol to Birmingham rail line. The bridge is to be sited between our Parish and the Parish of Northway.

The project is identified by Tewkesbury Borough Council as being the key to delivering the Tewkesbury Garden Town, with the bridge intended to enable the delivery of thousands of new homes to the north of the Ashchurch Ministry of Defence site.

The granting of planning permission was despite Bredon Parish Council and all other surrounding Parish Councils, along with many concerned locals who responded to the consultation, objecting to the proposed bridge.

The reasons for objection included concerns over the implications on highway infrastructure, flooding and environmental impact, with much of the

key information that would usually form part of an application, to enable proper and detailed consideration of these key aspects, not being presented & therefore considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council, as would typically be required with applications of this scale and implications.

Consequently, Bredon Parish Council has been collaborating with other Parish Councils in seeking leave from the High Court for a Judicial Review over this planning decision. **We are pleased to report the Court has agreed to review the planning application. This does not mean that the decision will necessarily be overturned, but it shows that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the application process did not follow the law. This will now be tested in Court.**



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/21/01372 - Kirklands, Main Road, Bredon. Enlargement of garage. **PC has no objections**

W/21/01502 - The Croft, 1 The Dell, Bredon. Proposed development of two dwellings with associated garaging, parking, drainage and access. **PC has made general comments please see Wychavon website for details.**

W/21/01572 - Laburnum Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Retrospective approval for alterations to listed dwelling and proposed new balustrade. **PC has no objections**

W/21/00674 - Coppice End, Hardwick Bank Road, Bredon's Hardwick, Proposed two-storey side extension and balcony. **PC has no objections**

**Date of Next Meeting:
Monthly Parish Council**

Monday 13th September

takes place in Bredon
Village Hall at **7:15pm**