

Ward Report – For October 2019

From your local County Councillor Cllr Barry Durkin

Old Gore Ward – Herefordshire Council

GDPR – ICO Registration

On 25 May 2018, the Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018 (the 2018 Regulations) came into force, changing the way we fund our data protection work.

Under the 2018 Regulations, organisations that determine the purpose for which personal data is processed (controllers) must pay a data protection fee unless they are exempt.

The new data protection fee replaces the requirement to ‘notify’ (or register), which was in the Data Protection Act 1998 (the 1998 Act).

Although the 2018 Regulations come into effect on 25 May 2018, this doesn’t mean everyone now has to pay the new fee. Controllers who have a current registration (or notification) under the 1998 Act do not have to pay the new fee until that registration has expired.

From 1 April 2019, the Data Protection (Charges and Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 exempted the processing of personal data by members of the House of Lords, elected representatives and prospective representatives.

‘Elected representatives’ is defined by the Data Protection Act 2018 and includes, but is not limited to, MPs, MSPs, AMs in Wales, MEPs, elected councillors in county councils, district councils, London boroughs, parish councils, elected mayors and police and crime commissioners.

‘Prospective representative’ refers to anyone seeking to become an elected representative as defined above.

On 1 April 2019, the Data Protection (Charges and Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 added a new exemption. This exemption includes locally elected members.

For further information please see:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/accountability-and-governance/data-protection-fee/>

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Polling Stations

In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, Herefordshire Council is required to complete a full review of all polling districts, polling places and polling stations every five years. The review must be held within a 16 month period between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 with a public consultation forming part of that review. That review has now taken place and the results published.

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The consultation ran from Monday 15 July to Monday 23 September 2019. All changes have now been approved and you can find information on all polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

Full details of Herefordshire locations may be found in the following documents.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/pollingreview>

For Old Gore the locations may be found on pages 29-31 (inc.)

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/18963/appendix_a_final_recommendations.pdf

Domestic Abuse Strategy and services for Herefordshire

As domestic abuse and the devastating impact it has on families and communities continues to feature in the national press, we wanted to make you aware of work taking place in Herefordshire to raise awareness and support victims and their families.

Domestic Abuse Strategy

Earlier this year, the council's Cabinet approved a Domestic Abuse Strategy for Herefordshire. Although approved by the council, this strategy is owned by a number of organisations including Wye Valley NHS Trust, the CCG and West Mercia Police, all of whom have signed up to support and deliver the strategy. The Community Safety Partnership has a working group dedicated to developing and steering a strategy delivery plan. A one page strategy and awareness raiser is currently in development which will be printed and issued to groups and organisations who work with people across all age groups and sectors. In the meantime, you can access the full strategy here.

<http://hc-modgov:9070/documents/s50070577/Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy%20and%20services%20for%20Herefordshire.pdf>

Council outlines commitment to prevent modern slavery taking place

18 October 2019 was Anti-Slavery Day which aims to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery in the UK. Herefordshire Council wishes to take this opportunity to highlight its commitment to raise public awareness of the damaging effects of this ruinous trade.

Herefordshire Council specifically commits to ensure there is no slavery or human trafficking linked to its sub-contractors or supply chains.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/886/herefordshire_council_joins_fight_against_modern_slavery

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Herefordshire Council warns of the harmful effects of illegal tobacco

This 'Stoptober' Herefordshire Council is warning residents against smoking illegal tobacco due to its harmful effects on the body.

Illegal tobacco products include, cigarettes, hand-rolling tobacco, shisha or other tobacco goods that are counterfeit or have been smuggled or bootlegged into the UK.

Children and young smokers are often targeted by people who sell illegal cigarettes, making it even easier for them to get hooked on smoking. The people making money out of this are usually linked to criminal gangs, so they do not care who they sell to. Also, these illegal tobacco products do not display the health warnings required by UK legislation, so do not alert the customer to the serious health risks associated with them.

Hereford Crematorium supporting charities

The crematorium has been part of a national metal recycling scheme since 2011, which has allowed it to donate over £80,000 (and counting) to local charities.

The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) launched their metal recycling scheme in 2005 as a way to recycle the metal recovered from cremated remains instead of burying them. Participating crematoria are asked to nominate a local bereavement charity to be given a share of surplus monies from the recycling process each year.

The service is provided at no cost to crematoria who have signed up to the scheme and metals are not recycled without the next of kin's permission, which is sought at the time of the funeral arrangements.

Protect yourself from Flu this winter

Herefordshire residents who are most susceptible to flu are being urged to make an appointment with their local GP practice or pharmacy to book a free flu vaccination as soon as possible. Vaccination against the flu virus is the single best protection against a potentially very serious illness.

This year, the NHS is offering the free flu vaccine to 25 million people across the country, with more people than ever being included in the vaccination campaign. Residents are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination, if they fall under one of the following at-risk groups;

You can obtain free NHS flu vaccination from your GP or local community pharmacy if you are:

- Under 64 years with certain medical conditions;
- Over 65 years;
- Pregnant;
- A carer;
- Living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility;

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- A front-line health and social care worker

Children can receive the vaccine from their GP Practice if they are:

- Aged 2 to 17 years and have certain medical conditions
- Aged 2 or 3 years

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/888/protect_yourself_against_flu_this_winter

Herefordshire launch of Herefordshire’s Children and Young People’s Plan

Over 160 people that work to support children, young people and their families came together on Monday 7 October at a special showcase event at Hereford Shire Hall to officially launch Herefordshire’s new Children and Young People’s Plan.

Hosted by the Herefordshire’s Children and Young People’s Partnership, the event celebrated the local support for children, young people and their families, with over 40 manned display stands providing information on a wide range of services for Herefordshire families.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/884/partners_showcase_their_support_for_herefordshire_s_children_and_young_people

Council acts on climate emergency

Herefordshire Council has committed to take a major step to minimise the council’s impact on the environment.

At the cabinet meeting held on Thursday 26 September, elected members agreed to:

Accelerate a reduction of emissions and aspire to become carbon neutral by 2030/31.
Deliver an updated carbon management plan and associated action plan for Council emissions by April 2020.

Work with strategic partners, residents and local organisations to develop a revised countywide CO2 reduction strategy aspiring for carbon neutrality by 2030.

Use 100% renewably sourced energy where this provides the best carbon reduction return on investment.

Council resolves to set a target of zero carbon emissions by 2030

Councillor Trish Marsh, Cabinet Member for Environment, Economy and Skills, said:
“Climate change is a huge challenge that we must face together.

“The council acknowledges the very real threat that climate change poses to our planet and unanimously declared a Climate Emergency earlier this year”.

To take part in Herefordshire Council’s Corporate Plan consultation please visit
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ambition>

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Herefordshire Council has adopted the Travellers' Sites Development Plan.

The document, which will help fulfil the requirements for both residential and transit pitches, was discussed at a meeting of full Council last week (11 October) and confirmed via a majority vote.

The document forms part of the Local Plan and will allocate sites for a five year supply of the required number of pitches for Gypsies and Travellers, transit sites (for temporary stays and redirection from unauthorised encampments) and consider the need and approach to sites for Travelling Show people.

Extensive work and public consultation has been carried out to prepare this important document which identifies sites for a number of new pitches in order to meet the housing needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

A planning inspector scrutinised the DPD and all the supporting evidence, along with representations received, and public hearings were held in May 2018 and March 2019.

The new pitches identified in the plan are located at existing local authority sites at Grafton, Lower Bullingham, Bromyard and Pembridge. An extension to a private site near Bosbury, which has recently been granted planning permission, is also included. A site for a temporary stopping place on the outskirts of Leominster has also been identified for travellers passing through the County.

Parish Councils declaring a climate emergency

One of the local Parish Councils (not Old Gore) has formed an Environmental Working Group, written an Environmental Policy and is declaring a Climate Emergency. I would be grateful if you could let me know if any of my Parish Councils have done the same, or a contemplating same?

Register of Interest Forms New!

Could I please remind parish councillors to regularly review their registers of interest and where necessary to update them.

If you would like to update your register, please email your parish clerk.

Regards



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Parishes Information

Nil

General Information

Defect Reporting

As always please continue to make use and encourage the use of established reporting methods for any highways defect;

- Telephone our customer services on [01432 261 800](tel:01432261800).
- Online using the telephone app – for potholes, dog poo and Public Rights of Way (PROW)

Please note that Herefordshire Council strongly encourages Balfour Beatty to promote all service requests and queries should be logged via the HC website at <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

Please use the website or call the customer services call handling team. This will help ensure that everything is logged in to the operating system known as CONFIRM where it can be responded to in a timely way.

Did you know...?

You can follow our Twitter feed @HfdsStreets for [24/7](#) updates for all things highways; or.

Log on to <https://roadworks.org> to see any live traffic incidents as well as current and planned road closures, diversions, traffic restrictions and roadworks

For any PROW (Public Rights of Way) maps or problems, you can report these via the following link on the Herefordshire Council's website:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/248/public_rights_of_way_map

You can search for PROW information on the map using: - Footpath references, Postcodes, Addresses and Grid References e.g. 354000 254000

If you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claimsplease_use

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame by either calling the Contact Centre above or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

Council tax reduction or exemption

You can get money off your Council Tax bill, or even pay nothing, in certain circumstances. A discount or exemption depends on your current situation and circumstances, but does not take account of income or savings. If you are on a low income, you may also be able to get help to pay your bill through Council Tax Reduction. We will need to assess your financial and other circumstances to see what help you qualify for.

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200146/council_tax/39/council_tax_reduction

General Data Protection Regulations Statement

The General Data Protection Act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personal information, and it comes into force on the 25th May 2018; superseding the Data Protection Act 1998. As a County Councillor I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do not and will not share those email addresses with any third party.

In seeking legal compliance as a data controller I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with my holding their email contact that you please advise me so that I am able to remove you from the list.

Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates, emails as required and occasional key information.

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