

Charlton Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT September 2022

School Transport: The 'no pass, no travel' rule on school transport has been suspended for the first few weeks of term by Worcestershire County Council due to the high volume of late applications. The County Council has received over 4,200 applications so far since the start of the summer. The surge in late applications means some parents may not yet have received their child's free bus pass for school. If parents are aware that their child is entitled to free school transport and they have not received a pass in time for the first day of school, their child can still travel without a physical pass. They just need to keep any tickets used on a service and eligible parents will be entitled to a full refund from the County Council.

Seven stations join GWR and Visit Worcestershire bid to bring more visitors to the county : A new partnership between Great Western Rail (GWR) and Visit Worcestershire has been launched to inspire more people to travel to the county.

New strategy to put rail services on the right track: Train users and residents are being asked to have their say on a new draft strategy to transform rail services across the county. The document looks to the future, setting timelines for delivery to 2050 and highlights

- the county's rail ambitions for driving forward rail improvements, recognising the key role rail plays in connecting people, communities and businesses,
- will support the exciting levelling-up, regeneration and growth plans,
- builds on the county's first rail strategy which delivered a fantastic new interchange at Worcestershire Parkway and new station building at Kidderminster,

Worcestershire's rail passenger numbers are increasing rapidly and are almost back to pre-Covid levels. The council wants to collate the views of a wide range of organisations, businesses and individuals on the draft Worcestershire Rail Investment Strategy 2 (WRIS2). The consultation is open until 5pm on October 21.

Visit [worcestershire.gov.uk/wris](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wris) for more on the draft strategy and to have your say.

Local Charlton Matters

Flooding resilience –gravels either side of under bridge – Parish

. **under the bridge – WCC 262:** The County is only responsible for removing silt from the section of the stream directly under the bridge, not the upstream. Following, the Nov visit of WCC engineer suggest you ask BB to push again for WCC to talk to the EA about consent to reprofile under the Bridge

Broadband – no further update

Bight - Water leaking on road after new house changes, in cold weather ice 20mm thick, Visit by Barry and Richard Cerci – chasing next steps Blocked drains raised as advisory **1163**

Haselor Lane Accident – police matter but checked by Barry and Kieran for learning and damage

772 : Chalton Canada Bank Debris is this cleared

1159/60 – Charlton Road /Hollies - The road surface is breaking up and the residue is being washed into the drains when it rains – advisory raised in March

1161 – long pothole road edge? not sure where and if Charlton Evesham?

Yew Tree Cottage on the Green to Cemetery – still pressing for WCC to claim for damage as did the private residents across road, it would not be the whole area. Awaiting BB's return to work 26th September.

New Footway discussion – Dovecote to the Church – member enquiry #107 and 474

Dovecote Footway joining up with the footway outside the Church some years ago was not acceptable to WCC as they could only fit full-width footways and to do so would leave the road too narrow. Car's parking, car doors hitting the wall, the narrowness of the road are all issues.KH visited the site 7/10 listed wall

between the Dovecote and the Church. There appears to be a missing old verge, now worn away. Parish Chairman and residents discussed with KH. Chasing Monday.

Request to Highways

- Who does verge belong to? Can there be a betterment of the verge either as a footway to the same width as the existing verge or with grass and appropriate reflective posts?

BB 31/12/2021 I've spoken with Kieran Hemstock who informs me that consideration was being given to parking restrictions at this location. These were not fully supported or desired. A suggestion of bollards was also not supported. I've raised a service request with the TIC Team to survey the possibility of a short section of a new footway from The Dovecote to the church. They will survey MARCH 2022 Service request number 1175296

Footway and road Maintenance - Tree roots also causing damage to the road and footway in 3 areas

WCC 259 incl. the crescent shape. **(U44206 The Strand, Charlton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2022** : to close that part of U44206 The Strand from its junction with Sidings Lane (Private) to its junction with U44206 Canada Bank for ootway reconstruction by WCC. : **5 days** Commencing: **24 October 2022 Exemptions:** to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.**Alternative route:** U44206 Canada Bank, U44206 Yessell Lane, U44206 Boston Lane, B4084 Pershore Road, C2022 Brook Lane, C2022 Main Steet, C2022 Church Leys, U44206 The Strand and vice versa. Ryden Lane does not appear to be included.

Footway, B4084, siding out Hampton to Brook Lane about 2700 metres. Member enquiry # 49 Two sections done from pull in Cropthorne to wards Hampton and From Hampton towards Cropthorne. Request for futher section going in.