

July 2023 Report from Cllr Justine Peberdy – Ward Councillor Ledbury South

Following a meeting with Rachel Ussher (Head, Ledbury Primary School), Stef and I had a useful briefing with Andrew Houston (Programme Manager) and Greg Spiller (S106 Senior Project Manager) to better understand the process for drawing down allocated S106 monies. I will follow up with Rachel in the new school term to assist her in accessing S106 money specifically allocated to Ledbury Primary.

I met with resident Julia Campion who had raised concerns about the state of New Mills Footway. Steve Maund has recognised that there has been little or no maintenance of the footway for some time and has made it a priority within his lengthsman responsibilities.

I have received a number of requests for assistance from residents in my ward on a variety of issues. In most cases we have found that using the council website to report an issue has delivered results.

I attended a meeting of SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) on 7 July. We identified a need for better representation of all faiths on the council and will be advising on a new syllabus for RE in schools.

At the first meeting of the ESSC (Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee) since the new administration, members identified a work programme long list for the committee to consider.

It was a joy to attend events during Ledbury Poetry Festival - great audiences, inspiring performances, wonderful venues, a brilliant community of dedicated volunteers, and engagement from all ages. Highlights for me were a performance at St. Michaels of newly commissioned pieces for choir by local composers in response to the Dymock poets, and the Ledbury Celebration. This event really puts Ledbury on the map.

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