

June 2024 Report from Cllr Justine Peberdy – Ward Councillor Ledbury West

Shared cycle footway at the back of Golding Way

A notification of works is scheduled to go out today (5 June) to residents at Golding Way and Challenger Close. Work will recommence on 17 June and should be completed by 15 July.

Ledbury Community Hub

On 21 May I attended a volunteer event at the Ledbury Community Hub, at which they presented their new strategy and vision. Their focus for the next three years and for which they are actively fundraising is:

Outreach – reaching and including isolated and vulnerable communities and individuals
Youth – providing activities, development opportunities and mentoring support
Education – creating and delivering opportunities to learn more, develop skills and try new things
Space – having a free to access, warm and safe space for communities to thrive

Regular events already up and running include folk music, crafts, book club, games night, poetry open mic. Special events include a project for 13 – 16 years olds focussing on the River Wye, summer holidays parents group with skills learning and childcare, Ukrainian language café, literacy sessions for young readers, free cooking course.

More info here [Ledbury Community Hub](#)

Local Access Forum

We have formed a subcommittee of the Local Access Forum in order to address enforcement. A PROW can be wilfully obstructed by, for example, a fallen tree, a dangerous animal, an unauthorised structure, etc. A sign intended to deter use is also considered an obstruction and is unlawful. The ROWIP (Rights of Way Improvement Plan) specifies that costs incurred by the Council to remove an obstruction on a PROW can be reclaimed from the person responsible for the obstruction. It's clear that this is rarely done and that there may be a growing culture of complacency amongst some land owners over their PROW responsibilities. We have identified 28 PROWS that have been wilfully obstructed for over 2.5 years including 2 that have been wilfully obstructed for over 25 years. We're working with the PROW team and legal team to develop a more robust enforcement process and to try to get these PROWs open again.

Word in the hood

I have been door knocking in my ward. Many residents are unhappy about new housing development because they feel that the infrastructure is not in place to support more residents. They are often pleased to learn about S106 contributions. Perhaps it would be good to highlight this in the next LTC newsletter.

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