Environmental Report – Dec 2025

Environment Maintenance & Parish Warden

A resident approached the Parish Warden whilst he was working in the area regarding a stretch of post and rail fencing near Fielden Row, which the posts are rotten and the fence moves. After raising this on the 'Group' chat, it would appear it is being dealt with by Matt (Conservation).

The Warden has reduced the hedge in Sudeley greenspace, which Cllr Rudge raised and he has also cleared the drainage gully at the entrance of leaves and edged up the footpath at the entrance to the greenspace. He has also cleared a large amount of fly tipping from the ditch at the end of Homestead Ave and this week he has been giving the 'garden' plot on the corner of Snowberry Avenue and the 'rockery' on the corner of Bearcroft Avenue some attention. The plots have been strimmed and tidied and at Bearcroft 'rockery' the tree cage has also been removed.

The Warden continues with his regular weekly litter picks, throughout the parish, covering both residential and business areas.

This month the Parish Warden has also attended a number of training sessions, organised by the City Council, but sadly no 'working at height' training as yet. During the Christmas period he has taken a few days off around the statutory bank holidays.

White Gates replacement signage

The replacement sign has been delivered, however unlike the existing sign it has a 'rail' fitted to the reverse of the sign. I am currently seeking information from the 'sign' supplier of how to attach to the gates.

Benches

Nothing to report.

Play Areas

The replacement of the 'stepping' logs at the play area to the rear of Lyppard Hub was due to commence 15th December, however there has been no work carried out to date. I will chase this with Worcester City Council.

Footpaths - Divorced footpaths

No further update

Ash Dieback & Tree Management

No further update to report. Next meeting with WCC Tree Officer at the end of January.

Resident Complaints

Awaiting further action

Millwood Drive – Hill Wood Close. Ref: BgB 765084 Issue concerning ash tree potentially causing damage to residents's property. Tree Officer has advised work to reduce the tree canopy will be carried during the winter months. Still outstanding - Tree officer confirmed these works do appear on their schedule of works to be completed no later than end of Jan 2026. *This has now been actioned.*

Snowberry Avenue – following the residents visit at our September meeting regarding the roots from the trees causing damage to the footpath and also affecting resident's patio and wall. The issue was reported to Worcestershire County Council and the reference number was provided to County Cllr Cross to follow up. Worcs County Council requested evidence of damage to 'property' passed to Cllr Cross to contact resident. *Nothing further to report*

Barrass Avenue hedge – meeting took place on Fri 7.11.25, with Tree officer, Place Team Supervisor and a proposed plan for reduction of the hedge was discussed with the resident. Await contact from resident after discussion with her husband. If agreed, then work will take place in the next few months. – Still awaiting instruction from resident. Nothing further to report

Wain Green (Off Marsh Avenue) - Resident reported concerns with trees overhanging the car park. To be followed up by Cllr Merriman. *Still outstanding*

Sudeley Park hedge – carried out site visit 7.11.25 with Tree officer, agreed they could reduce a section of the hedge. *The Parish Warden has now reduced the height of the hedgerow.*

Apex ponds
Awaiting report on the title documents.

Fencing
Repairs to fencing at Newark Green – to be scheduled with Parish Warden.

Meeting with Worcester City Council re Additional Services in the parish, provided by Worcester City Council to be arranged.

Councillor Dawn Merriman (Environment)
2 January 2026