Environmental Report – May 2026

Environment Maintenance & Parish Warden

We are well and truly into growing season and the Parish Warden is being kept busy trimming the shrubs and hedgerows overgrowing the footpath/cycle paths/street signs around the Villages. He continues to carry out litter picks at the start of each week.

Neil is continuing with regular mowing around the parish, covering play parks , walking strips in the meadows and orchards, greenspace/sport pitches, alleyways and roundabouts. Applying bark chippings to roundabouts ass weed suppressant

We looked at the fallen fencing in Great Oaty play area with a view to this being removed and the area tidied up, ideally this will take place in June following his training on use of tools.

Following a meeting with the Hub Manager I have instructed the Parish Warden to strim and Trim back the area at the rear of the Lyppard Hub and also remove the remaining items, 2 x raised beds and old tyres previously used for planting, following the departure of the Children's Nursery.

The Parish Council have still to contact Tesco re their responsibility to reduce the height of and manage the overhang of the shrubs on the approach to the store from the Lyppard retail area.

A replacement bridge has been installed leading from Woodgreen Drive into Tolladine Wood. Work carried out by WCC Conservation.

The gate at the entrance to the old Tolladine Lane was damaged during a police incident on 19th May. It was reported to Worcestershire County Council and copied to our County Councillor. He has liaised with the County Council and they have suggested bollards being installed to prevent vehicle access and providing improved accessibility, in line with the other footpaths within the parish.

Wild flower beds

The wildflower seed sown a few weeks ago and with the help of a little rain is now beginning to put on some substantial growth and should be in full flower in the next 2-3 weeks.

Lengthsman's duties

The Parish Warden is now accredited with Worcestrshre County Council enabling us to make claims for Lengthsmans work.

White Gates replacement signage

Following recent contact with the supplier I have their assurances that they will attend and fit the signs shortly, as they have another job in the area. **(No further update)**

Benches

A schedule and plan of 'all' of the benches in the parish is currently being created showing for example when they were purchased, installed and who is responsible them. When completed this will be shared with the Clerk *(Still to be finished)*

The Parish Warden has now been given a monthly check list to enable him to visit all benches and carry out an safety assessment, litter pick and strim around the bench. Reporting back to the Parish Council any issues affecting the bench.

The bench kits for the refurbishment of the 2 x benches at Sudeley Ave greenspace have been delivered and the Parish Warden has now completed the refurbishment.

Attachment of new asset tags still to be applied to each bench.

Play Areas

Work was due to commence on the play equipment at the rear of the Lyppard Hub w/c 1/2/2026.

As far as I am aware no further action has been taken with regard to the re-siting of the goal post removed from Bodiam play area. Cllr Rudge to discuss with Worcester City Council.

Footpaths - Divorced footpaths

No further update

Ash Dieback & Tree Management

No further update.

Resident Complaints

Awaiting further action

Woodgreen Drive - hedge reduction opposite Woodgreen church (rear of Broadfield Gardens). This has been left due to in accessibility by the tractor and flail and the position of a road sign. I have contacted the Tree Officer reminding him this is still outstanding and he confirmed it would be done before the end of March. - *remains outstanding*

Homestead Avenue – resident has concerns regarding a tree on the boundary of their property. Resident advised they are able to trim back the overhanging foliage to their boundary. Ownership being investigated- *remains outstanding*

Falmouth
Resident in Falmouth is concerned about a tree close to their property. Following contact with WCC Tree Officer, he suggested it was likely to be the responsibility of Worcestershire County Council however after following that route, it would appear to be another case of unadopted land. Cllr Merriman to engage with developer. – *Still awaiting a response from the Developer - Persimmon.*

Deal Crescent.
A request for help with an overgrown tree has been received from a resident. The tree is situated to the side of their house, situated on old Tolladine Road. It has been logged with Worcestershire County Council and I await a response.

Apex ponds
Currently our solicitor is waiting for approval to the Deed of Covenant and confirmation that the necessary Land Registry form will be provided by the Overage Beneficiaries' solicitor. There appears to be some delay over payment by the Seller's solicitor to the Overage Beneficiaries Solicitor for their additional costs. Our solicitors have chased for a response and will update as soon as this is received.

Lyppard centre and Brindley Road retail centre car parking areas
The condition of the car parking surface at both of these locations is very poor. I understand the managing agent is now G Herbert Banks and I will be contacting them for an update on when repairs will be carried out as this is becoming dangerous to users of the Hub and the retail businesses. – *Some patch repairs have now taken place at The Lyppards centre car park, however the condition of the car park surface at Brindley Road is currently treacherous, with large areas of uneven surface and potholes. The Managing Agent has responded to say they are aware of the condition; they have a backlog of work and are currently seeking quotes. It is hoped they have sufficient budget to complete the works. They also wish to renew the white lines to the parking spaces. Once these works commence access to the parking areas will be limited. I have offered to publicise this to residents through the Parish Newsletter/ Facebook page and share to the two local community groups.*

Fencing
Repairs to fencing at Newark Green – WCC Works unit have attended and scanned the site, for cables etc. Materials have been confirmed. Await further update from the Works unit.

Meeting with Worcester City Council .
Cllr Forrest and I met on 23 April with Guy Powell (Technical Team Supervisor) (Street Scene & Waste) and Warwick Neale - Bereavement and Greenspace Manager (Worcester City Council). Items discussed were Hedge Cutting, Mowing, Parish Warden and Place Team, SLA. *No further correspondence has been received since out meeting with Worcester City Council.*

Councillor Dawn Merriman (Environment)
2 June 2026