Environmental Report – February 2026

Environment Maintenance & Parish Warden

Despite the wet weather the Warden and the East team have been doing some superb work on the footpaths. The main drives have been completed and now they are catching up on the alleyways and side roads. Where necessary he has asked for the small sweeper to attend and clean the roads.

Every week Neil litter picks around the parish and as requested has also been tidying up the branches which have broken off the trees in the winter storms collecting a van load.. This week he has been clearing away the mud which has accumulated on the footpath running through New Plantation to Plantation Drive. The whole area is looking very good and many residents are noticing the difference.

Parish Warden has completed Traffic Management training this month. Neil will be on leave w/c 9/3/26.

It is now officially Bird Nesting season from 1 March to August – so limited shrub management will take place, only if it causing a severe obstruction.

A little out of our area, but there were concerns about scrub clearance being carried out on Ronkswood Meadows during w/c 2/3 and the effect on local wildlife. Following contact with Worcester City Council they confirmed they were carrying out the work which will be the last before bird nesting season and is part of the rotational scrub clearance work recommended by Natural England to improve wild-flower diversity of the meadow.

Exciting news ….whilst Neil and I were out carrying out a site visit at Longthorpe we saw a red kite hovering quite low over the area!

Wainwright Road

Parking on grass verges in Wainwright Road on Warriors match days is still continuing.

White Gates replacement signage

The supplier has been contacted and they have agreed to come and fix the signs to the gates, when they are in the area. *No further update*

Benches

The bench kits for 2 x benches at Sudeley park are now on order.

Play Areas

A resident contacted the Parish Council concerned about the condition of the Great Oaty play area. Suggesting a small children's play area would be a good addition. The resident was made aware of the history attached to this site and where small children's play

equipment could be found , at the rear of the Lyppard Hub. The fencing on the site has fallen down and I will look at this once the ground is more solid. Comments were passed onto the two City Councillors for Leopard Hill should they wish to follow this up. The resident has been updated.

Footpaths - Divorced footpaths
No further update

Ash Dieback & Tree Management
No further update to report.

Resident Complaints

Awaiting further action

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

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. Ownership being investigated.

Apex ponds
Solicitor has been apologised for lack of contact and has now provided an update and awaiting response from the Parish Council.

Fencing
Repairs to fencing at Newark Green – scheduled with Parish Warden late March /Early April

Resident reported the 'Kick rail' at Longthorpe broken – carried out site visit with Parish Warden. Two posts rotten - rails still in good condition. Warden is sourcing materials for the repair. Repair due to be completed before the end of March.

Councillor Dawn Merriman (Environment)
5 March 2026