

Malvern Hills District Council PARISH NEWS UPDATE



Dear Parish and Town Council colleagues

We hope this finds you safe and well.

We aim to continue to provide you with monthly updates for the time being and Claire continues to be a point of contact for you, should you need anything.

We produce these newsletters for Parish and Town Councils in the Malvern Hills District and we produce separate bulletins for residents. Residents can sign up for our e-bulletins at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/emailalerts

You can also keep up to date with all our public messaging by following our social media accounts or checking the coronavirus updates on our [webpage](#)

Take care and stay safe.

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Elections - poll clerk positions available

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR RESIDENTS:

Malvern Hills Electoral services are looking for staff to work at polling stations on Thursday 6th May. Due to covid-19 we need to employ more staff than usual and we still have vacancies to fill.

Poll clerk positions are available at stations across Malvern Hills, from 6am – 10pm. **As a poll clerk you would be paid around £180 for the day and mileage.** It's a day getting to know our district and residents and giving something back to the community. The role involves greeting electors, issuing ballot papers and keeping the station clean. Full training will be given online before polling day.

All staff will be provided with masks and other PPE to protect them against Covid-19. Electors will be asked to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Fewer count assistant roles are available at this election due to covid-19. If you usually work as a count assistant and are not offered a count job please contact elections to be considered for a polling station role.

If you already work for elections please let any family or friends know about these vacancies.

For further information or to express an interest in working as a poll clerk please get in touch.

Malvern Hills – elections@malvern hills.gov.uk 01684 862200

South Worcestershire Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation

Parish and town councils are being asked to complete a survey in response to a consultation on the development of a new South Worcestershire Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy.

This work is being led by the consultants Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd. The strategy will act as a critical piece of evidence to support the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan Review. Specifically, the strategy will help us to understand:

- the current level of pitch and outdoor sports facility provision across South Worcestershire
- the current quality and demand issues across the facilities
- estimated future facility requirements through to 2041

As well as helping us understand future needs, this strategy will also support us to secure future section 106 contributions from developers, which in turn will allow us to help parish and town councils to improve and enhance community facilities.

A copy of the survey was emailed to all Parish and Town council clerks by Mark Hammond on 4 March at 3.14pm. If you have not received the email please contact Claire Vaughan on 01684 862449.

The deadline for completion of the survey is Friday, 19 March 2021

Community Carbon Calculator

A new Community Carbon Calculator (<https://impact-tool.org.uk/>) has been developed to help local councils produce your own carbon reduction plans or actions.

The tool has been developed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) working with the University of Exeter and was supported by funding from the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

The tool gives parish-level data on carbon emissions in the area that provides an idea of their main 'impact areas' where concerted community based action could make a dent in local emissions.

The press release from CSE which explains more about the tool can be viewed here: <https://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2583>

Worcestershire Crowdfund Scheme

A project workshop was held recently to mark the launch of the Worcestershire Crowdfund Scheme. This allows voluntary, community and charitable organisations to bid for funding from Worcestershire County Council, while being able to Crowdfund to raise the rest with contributions from the public, businesses and other grant giving bodies.

If you want to find out more then [watch the session](#) or [view the slides](#).

Help accessing food and other support

We have included some links on our website to signpost anyone who may need help accessing food, medicines, financial advice or other types of support:

- [Hardship Advice and Support](#) - a list of local and national organisations supporting anyone in need. This includes help with clothing, counselling, financial support, food, housing, other support and general information and advice.
- [Ready Steady Worcestershire](#) provides information about food, activities and support available to families in Malvern Hills District during the school holidays.
- [Here2Help](#) is for anyone who is vulnerable and needs help but does not have family, friends and neighbours to support them. Fill in the online form and someone will get back to you shortly.
- [Malvern Hills Good Neighbour Network](#) provides details of local community support groups.

Covid-19 Memory Bank

We set-up our Covid-19 memory bank as a way of marking our experiences during the pandemic so we could preserve and share them for future generations to learn and reflect on.

So far we have had pictures of artwork, poems, blogs, videos and photos capturing everything from outdoor garden exercise and Zoom calls with friends to people sharing how the pandemic has affected them mentally and emotionally.

We'd like to encourage all of you to contribute something to that memory bank. Some things you could try:

- Provide a tribute to a loved one or friend lost to the virus
- If you have had the virus share your experience
- Share a picture of you having the vaccine and describe how you felt receiving it
- Write down how you are feeling now as we experience the hardship of our third lockdown but look ahead with hope to the end of this pandemic
- Tell us what you are planning to do when normal life returns? Is there anything that has changed due to Covid-19 that you would like to see become permanent?

You can upload your experiences on our [Covid-19 Memory Bank page](#).

List of meetings for Malvern Hills District Council

The following are due to take place via Zoom in March/April (subject to change). Most of our committees will be shown live on our YouTube channel. Visit our [webpage](#) to watch.

Date	Committee	Time
23 March	Executive Committee	5pm
24 March	Southern Area Planning Committee	6pm
7 April	Northern Area Planning Committee	6pm
21 April	Southern Area Planning Committee	6pm
27 April	Executive Committee	5pm



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Working with communities to support the vulnerable

Keeping you informed

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