

Clerk's Report March 26/48

The Clerk has been actively engaged in general administrative duties for the Parish Council and has also undertaken routine checks of parish assets, including inspecting the defibrillator to ensure it is in full working order. A site visit to Berryfields was carried out to inspect the playground equipment and trees to ensure they remain safe and well maintained. Clerk has attended training provided by CALC for the preparation for year end and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Lengthsman Duties

In February the Lengthsman completed 16 hours of work across the parish. Tasks mainly focused on drainage maintenance, including clearing gully grates and verge grips on Bromyard Road, Stoney Ley Lane, Lightwood Lane, Broad Green Lane, Butts Bank and Church Lane. Vegetation clearance and footway siding were also carried out in Cotheridge. The VAS sign on Bromyard Road was checked and rotated/charged as part of routine maintenance.

Litter in the parish

Members of the public regularly pick litter in Lightwood Lane and I was recently contacted by them regarding the provision of equipment. Litter has become a problem with the recent road closure in the vicinity.

Malvern Hills District Council run a scheme called [Adopt a Street](#) where volunteers sign an online pledge to:

- Tell MHDC which area of land you would like to adopt (public land only unless you have permission from the landowner)
- A promise from you to litter pick your chosen site at least four times a year on dates of your choosing and at your convenience

The area you choose to litter pick can be as small or as large as you like.

In return MHDC will loan you:

- Litter picking equipment and bags
- Guidance on health and safety
- Send regular newsletters about the Adopt-a-Street scheme.

The volunteers signed up and have received from MHDC litter pickers, bags and bag holders along with hi-vis vests.

Many thanks to the members of the public who volunteer to make the parish a cleaner space to live and travel in.

Dog Waste Bin Cotheridge

Awaiting confirmation from WCC for a site delivery address, once this has been received then the bin will be ordered.

