

CLERK'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026 26/132

1. General administration

During August, the usual administrative work was undertaken, including correspondence, liaison, preparation of Council business and routine parish matters.

2. Adopt a Street and litter picking

Members of the public have undertaken a further litter pick along Lightwood Lane. Their continued contribution to keeping the parish tidy is appreciated. It was further noted that numerous roadworks signs, frames and sandbags are regularly being abandoned in local ditches and on verges. The frequency of these occurrences indicates a recurring issue with roadwork contractors and creates an avoidable environmental and visual impact within the parish. This has been reported to Worcestershire County Council via MHDC.

3. Lengthsman works

The lengthsman completed a total of eight hours of work on 12 August 2026. The recorded works were:

- clearing gully grates on Bromyard Road, Stoney Ley Lane and Butt's Bank;
- removing vegetation obstructing signs on Church Lane, Bromyard Road, Stoney Ley Lane, Butt's Bank, Little Green and Westhill;
- liaising with a frontager regarding overhanging vegetation on Stoney Ley Lane;
- rotating and charging the mobile Vehicular Activated Sign on Bromyard Road; and
- cleaning or repositioning highway signs on Bromyard Road and Stoney Ley Lane.

4. Defibrillator and Heartstart South Worcestershire

A new public access defibrillator and cabinet have been collected from Malvern Hills District Council by the Clerk. The Clerk will make arrangements for its installation.

Heartstart South Worcestershire is a Malvern Hills District Council-funded project coordinated by Community Action Malvern and District. It aims to improve survival from cardiac arrest by increasing access to public defibrillators and providing free CPR and defibrillator training to individuals, community groups, schools and local businesses.

Training sessions normally last approximately 90 minutes, are practical and require no previous knowledge. Participants learn how to assess an unconscious patient, perform CPR, use a defibrillator, and recognise and treat a heart attack. A community resuscitation scheme for the Martley ward is due to launch in October 2026 and may be able to support training and defibrillator provision in neighbouring communities.