

**County Councillor Report- Badsey & Aldington**  
**Month: April 2021**  
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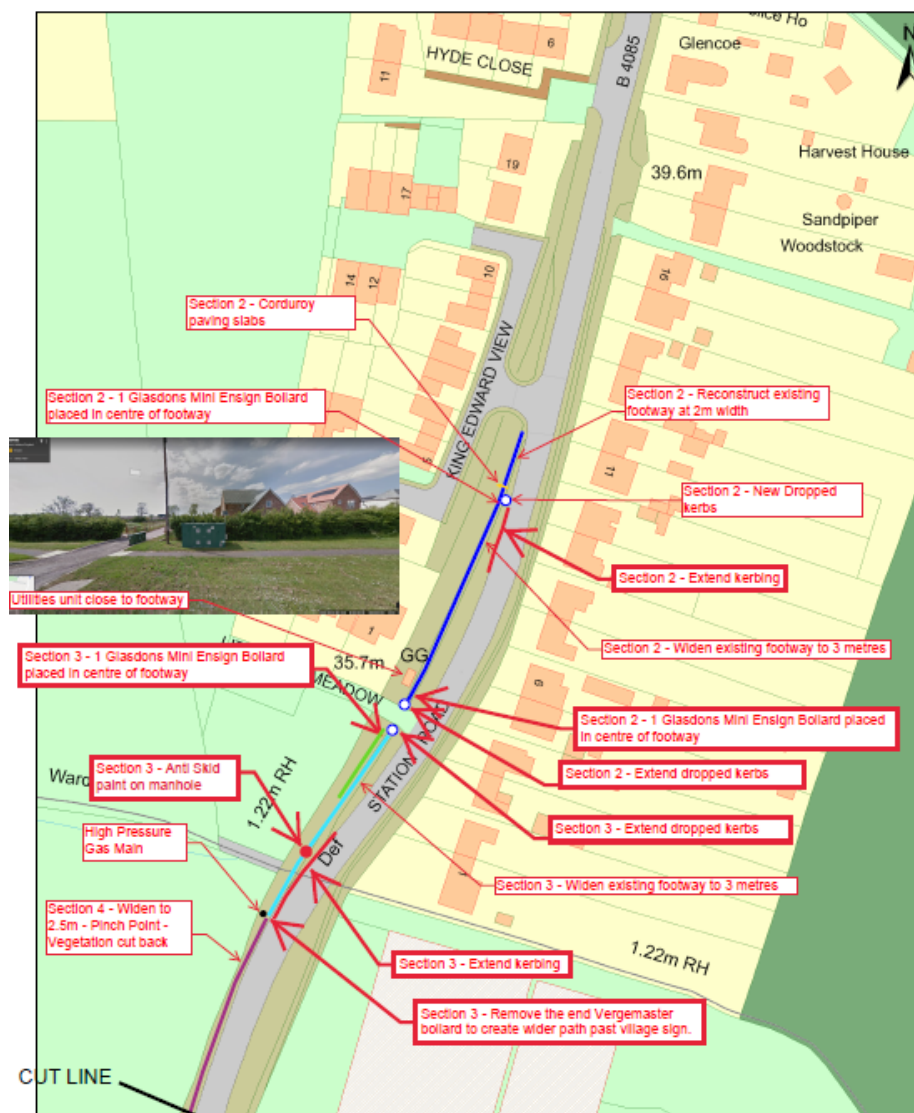
**County Council Elections May 6<sup>th</sup>**

I confirm I am standing for another 4 years so if you are happy on what I have achieved for Badsey in the last 4 years, then please support me at the elections on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Delay to the building of the cycleway to Blackminster School**

The building of the cycleway to Blackminster school had a little obstacle put in its way at the eleventh hour – the engineers discovered a high pressure gas mains that was too close to the surface for the works to go ahead. (The gas mains supposedly is in the wrong place compared to the drawings!)

Therefore, the engineers are looking at acquiring a little strip of land from the field that runs alongside the current pavement so they can build the cycleway. Hopefully the engineers can find a quick solution and work can begin soon.

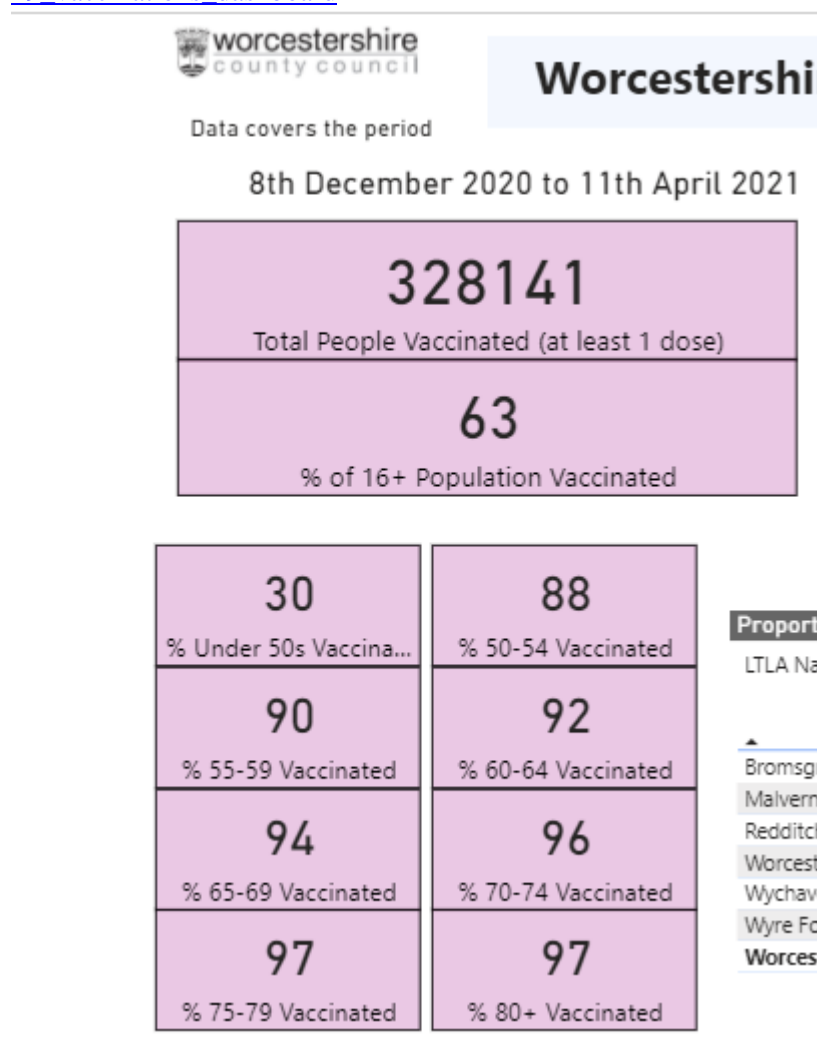


## Update on the vaccines rolled out in Worcestershire

See <https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccine> for more up to date information showing where you can be vaccinated and what to expect when you arrive. The good news is Worcestershire is one of the best performing counties in the roll-out for vaccinations.

Patients are reminded that the GP's or NHS are contacting people in priority groups when it is their turn to receive the vaccine. However, if you know your NHS number (10 digits) you can use the following website to book a vaccination and are eligible (ie of a certain age). See <https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination/do-you-have-an-nhs-number>

To see the latest statistics on vaccinations – see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>  
And in Worcestershire see [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/648/worcestershire\\_covid-19\\_vaccinations\\_dashboard](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/648/worcestershire_covid-19_vaccinations_dashboard)



**Even if you have received the vaccine, you must still follow the national lock down rules.**

Besides the vaccine roll-out, the other big news since my last report is good progress is being made with the Government's roadmap out of Lockdown. For full details see - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

**12th April has arrived so all shops are open, gyms are open and you can meet friends in pub gardens. People can go on holiday in self-contained accommodation. Life is starting to get back to normal.**

**Below is a reminder of the road map out of lockdown.....**










**STEP 2**

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.

 <b>Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.</b>	 <b>Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.</b> <b>No household mixing indoors.</b>	 <b>Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.</b>	
 <b>Libraries and community centres.</b>	 <b>Personal care premises.</b>	 <b>All retail.</b>	 <b>Outdoor hospitality.</b>
 <b>All children's activities, indoor parent &amp; child groups (up to 15 parents).</b>	 <b>Domestic overnight stays (household only).</b>	 <b>Self-contained accommodation (household only).</b>	
 <b>Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).</b>	 <b>Minimise travel.</b> <b>No international holidays.</b>	 <b>Event pilots begin.</b>	

**STEP 3**

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.

 <b>Indoor entertainment and attractions.</b>	 <b>30 person limit outdoors.</b> <b>Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).</b>	 <b>Domestic overnight stays.</b>
 <b>Organised indoor adult sport.</b>	 <b>Most significant life events (30).</b>	 <b>Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).</b>
 <b>Remaining accommodation.</b>	 <b>Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply.</b> <b>Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.</b> <b>Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.</b> <b>Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.</b>	 <b>International travel - subject to review.</b>

## STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.  
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following  
(subject to review):



No legal limits on  
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all  
life events.

## COVID-19 STATISTICS LOCALLY

### 12<sup>th</sup> April in Wychavon



### 21<sup>st</sup> April in Wychavon



Official statistics and information are available on the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-track-coronavirus-cases>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-covid-19-surveillance-reports#history>

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## Self-isolation support payment

From Monday, 28 September 2020, you are required by law to self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

The Government has introduced a £500 support payment to help people on low incomes who have to self-isolate. The scheme will run until 31 January 2021 but is being kept under review by the Government. See for more details;

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-update/self-isolation-support-payment>

### **How to get a COVID-19 test**

Currently there is good testing capacity in Worcestershire. Supply is meeting demand in the county. To organise a test go to

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus\\_covid-19/2247/coronavirus\\_covid-19\\_testing](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-19/2247/coronavirus_covid-19_testing)

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## **WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION, HELP AND ADVICE?**

Reminder that the Here2Help website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help) is the first point of contact if people want to offer assistance or gain support. The other option is the telephone contact number which is staffed 8am-6pm 6 days a week – 01905 768053.

Carers who support a family member or friend who require support should contact the Worcestershire Association of Carers on [www.carersworcs.org.uk](http://www.carersworcs.org.uk) or call the Helpline 0300 012 4272.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS Website for information on Coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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### **Financial support for you**

If you are struggling financially then the advice is to make a claim for Universal Credit, Council Tax Support and other benefits you may be eligible for.

There is more information on the [coronavirus employments and benefits page](#).

### **Help paying your Council Tax**

You can apply online for [Council Tax Support](#) if you are struggling to pay your bill.

More information is available on our [Benefits and Council Tax page](#).

Even if you are not eligible for Council Tax Support, you still may be able to defer your payments for a short period or spread them over 12 months instead of ten.

Please contact the Council's team by emailing [Revenues@southworcestershirerevenues.gov.uk](mailto:Revenues@southworcestershirerevenues.gov.uk) or call 03004 560560 to discuss your circumstances and they will do their best to help you.

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### **Support for businesses**

The Council's new business support programme, **Here2Help Business** is live [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20807/here2help\\_business](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20807/here2help_business)  
It is a £3m programme designed to assist local Worcestershire Businesses to recover, adapt, develop and support future resilience as lockdown measures reduce.

Also see the Government website [www.businesssupport.gov.uk](http://www.businesssupport.gov.uk) which has details of all the support available to businesses. And for Worcestershire businesses – see [www.business-central.co.uk](http://www.business-central.co.uk)

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### **Other support available**

Please check the [Government's website](#) for information about support for business during COVID-19.

Worcestershire Business Central are there to advise local businesses on grant funding and support helping you restart and recover. Please see their [website](#), call them on 01905 677 888 or email [info@business-central.co.uk](mailto:info@business-central.co.uk).

Please also see the Chamber of Commerce Herefordshire and Worcestershire [Coronavirus information hub](#).

### **Support given to Worcestershire employees & employers**

- **39,700 employees were furloughed as at end of January = 14.7% of workforce**
- **17,000 grants given totalling £140m**
- **753 Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans Schemes (CBILS) totalling nearly £200m**
- **12,228 bounce back loans valued at £353m**

### **Highways:**

**It is that time of the year when surface dressing of the roads occurs following repairs and patching to the roads. Surface dressing considerably extends the life of our roads and improves grip.**

**So there are lots and lots of roadworks in the area over the next month, so please visit <https://one.network/> to see all the details.**

**Surface Dressing is quick and most roads will only be closed for a few hours whilst this operation occurs. But can I remind all drivers to drive SLOWLY once a road is re-opened. The recommended speed limit on roads that have just been surfaced dressed is 20mph, and please do not accelerate hard on these roads as loose stones are likely to be flicked up and damage the windscreen of the car following you! Please be considerate to other drivers – I am sure you would not want an inconsiderate driver to damage your car window!**

1. **Complaint received regarding The Bothy Pear Tree Corner Bowers Hill Badsey**  
– The Highways Officer Barry Barnes to visit



2. **Blockage at Francis Grave, Burnt Road, Badsey, WR11 7HE** - Highways have visited & attempted to locate the exact position of the blockage. They jettied the pipe from the roadside and the culvert side but were not able to unblock it. Passed to Mark Morris in Highways Drainage for rectification works.
3. **New Zebra Crossing in Honeybourne now built – see below**



As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

#### **County Council Divisional Fund**

- “Young at Heart” Senior Club, Bretforton – grant requested
- Badsey - 2 x benches for their new community garden
- Honeybourne Village News – grant to re-launch the service
- Pebworth WI – grant requested for Zoom annual charges so the members can continue to meet over the internet in these COVID times - Paid
- Evesham Vale Rail Trails for Cyclists – grant requested for a software programme that shows the cycle routes. – grant paid
- Offenham Village Hall – grant requested for the terrace project
- Evesham Sea Cadets(South Littleton) – boat shed conversion – grant paid
- Pebworth Village Hall – a grant request to renovate the wooden hall floor. Paid
- Bretforton Allotments – grant requested for a strimmer- Paid
- Honeybourne Harriers – grant for portable flood lights so the youngsters can continue

**The fund is now closed until June 2021**

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