

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL OF BRILLEY ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

- 4.1 Your team: PC Dean Wall 20418 - 07773 053846, PCSO Emma Dunne 40363 – 07971 051474, PCSO Felix Rawlinson 40362 07971 051480.



101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime.



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Kington Safer Neighbourhood Team:

OR RING DIRECT ON 101 ext. 4535. Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger

Latest information and alerts:

Take extra care on rural roads during harvest season

West Mercia Police is warning motorists of the dangers that may be present at this time of year as farmers are using the roads more when harvesting and moving their produce, and reminding them that extra care and patience should be taken during this important season. Agriculture is one of the region's key industries and this time of year is very busy in the farming calendar with many crops requiring harvest and transportation, often within a short window of opportunity in order to ensure consumers can enjoy the produce in prime condition. However, this burst of activity traditionally sees a rise in road collisions, many of which are preventable.

A significant proportion of the collisions involving agricultural vehicles occur on rural roads with 60mph speed limits, and many near turnings into farms. The typical causes of collisions are poor overtaking manoeuvres and inappropriate speed, with drivers finding themselves unable to stop in time when presented with a slow moving or wide vehicle. Since the start of 2017 there have been 70 collisions across West Mercia involving an agricultural vehicle.

A further hazard is caused by mud and debris being brought onto the roads by tractors and other vehicles that have been working in the fields. Under the Highways Act (1980), farmers and contractors have a legal obligation to ensure their vehicles are cleared of any mud or debris before entering the public highway. Excess mud on the road is a danger to cars, motorbikes and cyclists and can change the way a vehicle handles, causing skidding, especially in wet conditions.

Superintendent Mel Crowther, Force Operations comments: "Every year we face problems with agricultural vehicles leaving large amounts of mud and debris on the roads during the harvest season. While the majority of farmers take steps to ensure they keep the roads clear and safe, not all are as diligent. We would like to remind farmers and contractors of their responsibilities under the Highways Act and we will continue to take a tough stance against anyone who we believe is being reckless and irresponsible, this also includes other motoring offences such as mobile phone use. Although many drivers of agricultural vehicles use the roads in a responsible way, we are reminding them to be aware of the impact they can have and consider other road users while they undertake their work. During busy traffic periods, pull into a lay-by or safe place to allow other vehicles to pass safely, to avoid traffic build-up and prevent unsafe overtaking manoeuvres. We would also like to remind general motorists that extra care and patience should be taken during the harvest season. While it can be frustrating travelling behind an agricultural vehicle it's not worth getting impatient and putting yourself and other road users at risk with dangerous manoeuvres."

Drivers of agricultural vehicles or anyone wishing to report any issues regarding debris or mud on the road can contact the following agencies: **Herefordshire:** Herefordshire Council - Highways: 01432 261 800

- 7.1 Work in July – drainage work on 90600, 90601, 90602, 90604, 90605, 90606, C1072 and 90602. No work scheduled for August.

- 7.4 Town and Parish Councils VE Day 75 – Friday 8 May
3.00 pm – Pipers playing Battles O'er and pubs for toasts

6.55 – Town Criers round the world

7.00 pm – Ringing of church bells for peace

7.00 pm onwards – parties and celebration

Parties on Saturday 9 May instead

10 May – 10.30 Church services – reading of Tribute to the Millions, playing of last post and Reveille.

11. Correspondence – received as follows:

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Website training
- From Kington Town Council re climate emergency meeting
- From HC – Review of polling districts and stations – no change for Brilley
- From HALC – Training schedule
- From HC – Closure of phone boxes – Brilley not affected
- From HALC – NALC 2019 Financial Regulations
- From HC – Invitation to Parish Council Summit meeting 20.9.19

- From HC – Letter re decision to pause and review major transport projects
- From HC – Armed Forces Veterans' Survey
- From The Sixteen – flyer re concert at Hereford Cathedral 9.10.19 at 7.30 pm

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