

*Bredenbury Group Parish Council*

At long last we have been able to install our new speed limit warning sign. It is located near to Bredenbury Village Hall in the same place as where the old speed indicator was positioned. As we only have one sign, we decided to place it facing traffic heading towards Bromyard based on data we had received from traffic speed surveys. Hopefully, most of you will never see the sign illuminated as it only comes on when a vehicle exceeds the speed limit so we have included a picture of the fully illuminated sign. Finally, when eventually we are successful in having the new 30mph speed limit approved, we can adjust the speed limit set inside the sign so it will remain a valuable safety reminder to all drivers passing through Bredenbury whatever the prevailing speed limit.

Our Parish Clerk, Vicky Hancock has continued to press Balfour Beatty (BBLP) to clear the roadside pavements between Grendon Firs and Bredenbury School. BBLP continue to inform us that the work is scheduled but it is still outstanding as I write this update. As a result of this delay, our Ward Councillor, Bruce Baker has been asked to step in – literally! Bruce has agreed to arrange to walk this length of pavement with the BBLP Locality Steward so we are hoping this will result in this much needed work being prioritised in their work schedule.

At our Parish Council meeting at the end of April, we had the opportunity to review some modifications to the application for the proposed housing development (P242070/F) opposite the Village Hall. We were pleased to see that an additional smaller house has been included so that within the new overall number of ten houses there would be two 2-bedroom and five 3-bedroom houses which reflects our desire to see an increase in affordable housing availability within our community. In addition, more details of the safety arrangements for the pedestrian route crossing the A44 from the proposed new community car park were provided and which were welcomed.

It was great to see that the VE Day commemoration held in Bredenbury was very well attended with Bredenbury School joining a group of local residents outside St Andrew's Church for a short service of remembrance. Both the Village Hall and the Church had been decorated and the War Memorial itself was decked with a Union Flags and a beautiful flower arrangement in red, white and blue. During the service, the children recited their own poems as well as placing model airplanes which they had made at the foot of the memorial. Inside the Church, where there were also further lovely flower arrangements, everyone enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

Next an update on our work to renew our Neighbourhood Plan. We have received a draft project plan from Ian Culley who supported us for our original Plan and who has kindly agreed to act again for the Plan renewal. In addition, we have gathered input from specialist advisors who we will need to update the Plan. The next step will be for our Steering Group to meet to review the project plan and this work will have been carried out by the time you read this update. During this summer, we envisage being in contact with the wider local community by sending out questionnaires and also holding public consultation sessions so that we can gather feedback as well as any additional ideas. We will make sure this is publicised well in advance so that we maximise the opportunity for all local residents to have their say.

As always - *Our Place, Our Future!*

*John Hulse – Chairman, Bredenbury Group Parish Council*