Yarpole Group Parish Council Information Sheet – April 2026

1. Correspondence from Residents.
   a) A request to borrow litter picking tools.
   b) Responses to consultation about exercise equipment at the Community Meadow. To be discussed at the April meeting.

2. Planning Updates
   a) Planning Re-consultation - 252907 - Brookhouse Farm, Brook Lane, Yarpole, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0BB. No comments submitted.
   b) **P260332/K - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Melrose Cottage Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0BA. Removal of small conifers that have grown into the footpath entrance and also raising up several conifer trees running along the path to make it usable again. Removal of three very large spruce trees that have out grown their surroundings. The trees themselves are very top heavy and are within 3 metres of the cottage causing foundations to lift near by. Determination Made. *Trees in Cons Area Works Can Proceed*
   c) **P260797/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Land at Brook House Farm Brook Lane Yarpole Herefordshire HR6 0BB, Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of planning permission 214309. Determination Made. Approved with conditions.
   d) **P260638/PA7 - All others - Prior Approval** Kingsland, Bircher, Oaker Wood Leisure Oaker Wood Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9PT, Application for prior notification of forestry track. ., Determination Made. Prior Approval Refused

3. Damaged metal railings on B4362. Ward Councillor Dan Hurcomb has approached the relevant team(s) at Balfour Beatty/Herefordshire Council to ask whether the railings be renovated or replaced. 12.03.2026. Balfour Beatty Ref: 11207922

4. Waste Bin at Rosebank layby. Following a request by Cllr Hurcomb, the proposed six-week trial has been agreed with Balfour Beatty, removing the waste bin to see if the quantity of litter decreases. Thanks are due to a resident who has agreed to monitor progress.

5. Enforcement Notice Appeal regarding Gorbett Bank Cottage Reference: APP/W1850/C/25/3374743. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed to Herefordshire Council in January that there is a delay in determining the appeal.

6. The Community Meadow annual play equipment inspection has been booked with Parks and Playgrounds (Fran White). The service will be conducted by a RoSPA-qualified inspector at the rate of £62.50.

7. Tree Works in Conservation Areas. Discussed at the March meeting – further information found online. Conservation area notices. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) has six weeks within which they can object to your proposals. This gives the LPA the opportunity to protect trees of amenity value, which may be harmed by the proposed works. A site visit is usually carried out. The LPA can only object formally by making a TPO on the tree(s) concerned. In many cases, where the LPA feel that the works are inappropriate, they may discuss alternative work with you. If you do not receive a decision within six weeks of your notice then you can carry out the works you gave notice for, but no more. If a TPO is made this will prevent you doing the work without making an application for consent. You will have the right to object to the TPO and the LPA will provide details on how to do this. Source.

   Parish councils are often consulted on tree works in conservation areas (Section 211 notices) by the local planning authority (LPA) to help assess local amenity value, but they are not legally required to respond. While the LPA has 6 weeks to decide whether to object by serving a TPO, parish input provides local context, though final decisions rest with the LPA. Source not recorded.

8. Requests to Balfour Beatty (BBLP):
   a) Pavement in front of Vicarage Farm. Advised by BBLP that the team went to clear the footpath on the 12 August 2025 and discovered that there wasn't a continuation of a foot path to clear. Having asked that this be reconsidered, the Locality Steward confirmed it has been raised with Asset Management - to ensure the bank is not destabilised if any work is done.
   b) BBLP job numbers for post and rail fencing (by stream in Yarpole) 41395945, 41739171, 41739169, 41739170, 41739173 and 41739174. Provided by the Locality Steward. Repair damaged rail, and it is hoped, replace two posts.

9. Welsh Water. Update from the Welsh Water, Customer Engagement Officer - South Wales on Planned investment, Estimated start date April 2026, Estimated completion date December 2027.
   "We are still in the early phases of planning, so unfortunately, we aren't able to provide any further detail beyond the information that has already been shared. As our work develops, we will ensure that further communication and updates are issued. We appreciate your interest and will keep you informed as soon as we have more to share."

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