



ROAD SAFETY GROUP

The meeting of the **Road Safety Group** will be held in the backroom of the **Guildhall, Load Street, Bewdley, on Thursday 23 October 2025, 14:00 hours**

Cllr Gittins has requested a walkabout along Severnside South, should Group Members wish to attend in advance of the meeting please inform the Group Chairman no later than Wednesday 22 October 2025. It is suggested that you meet in the foyer of the Guildhall at 13.30 hours.

Group Members are reminded to report minor highways issues to include, road markings, inconsiderate/illegal parking and other such matters directly to the appropriate authority to avoid taking up Committee time during the meeting. Members will be asked to provide a written report on any issues reported to other agencies to be included within the meeting minutes.

AGENDA

1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE ANY COUNCIL MEMBER'S APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

2. MEETING NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve adoption of the minutes from 6 August 2025.

3. WELCH GATE AIR POLLUTION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Standing Item)

Since the previous meeting there is no update to report. As stated by the Specialist Lead Officer (Air Quality) at the previous meeting held in August 2025 the AQMA data for 2025 will be available in June/July 2026.

4. ILLEGAL PARKING (Standing Item)

A request has been made by the Town Council asking that the police monitor illegal and inconsiderate parking as part of quarter 3 Policing Priorities. The PCSO advised the Town Council Meeting on 13 October that the Police are not the enforcing agency for double yellow line contraventions. PCSO Bray has therefore asked the Town Council to identify the specific areas or types of illegal parking that Members wish to be targeted under this priority (e.g. obstruction of driveways, parking on pavements, loading bays, junctions, pedestrian crossings, etc.). This is to include specific locations.

Town Council on 13 October resolved that the types of illegal parking for the police to focus its attention is parking on pavements most notably on High Street and Sandy Bank.

5. SPEED AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS (Standing Item)

PCSO Bray has stated that enforcement of 20 mph limits does not fall within the team's remit. At the October Town Council Meeting she has requested clarification of the times and locations of concern and queried whether the reports of 'night-time speeding' may instead relate to vehicles with enhanced or modified exhaust systems rather than excessive speed.

Daytime and night-time patrols are confirmed as being covered under the team's normal business.

Town Council on 13 October resolved that nighttime speeding remain as priority 3 and not reframed as anti-social behaviour.

6. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Please see pages 3-4 for updates and reports from Worcestershire County Councillor Morehead and Shaw as presented at the Town Council Meeting on 13 October 2025.

7. VAS SIGNS

Please see pages 5-7 for an update report and consider recommendations contained within.

8. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH REPORT

To receive an update on speed watch activities. Please see supporting report on page 8.

9. WALKING/CYCLING

At the previous RSG Meeting it was suggested that the Group could run a poster competition in local schools to promote walking and cycling. Please see update report on page 9.

10. LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

To receive updates from Town Council Members on road safety issues that they have reported to the appropriate agency and any updates that they have received and would like minuted.

- a) Cllr Harvey, in her capacity as an Executive Member of the Bewdley Civic Society, wrote an article for the Summer 2025 Civic Society Newsletter making a public appeal to residents and visitors regarding responsible parking within Bewdley. The article highlighted the growing issues associated with inconsiderate and obstructive parking, particularly in areas of high pedestrian activity and narrow streets, and the wider implications this behaviour has on road safety, emergency access, and traffic flow.
- b) Cllr Harper has requested support on the following issues which will be forwarded to Worcestershire County Council if approved.
 - i) Severnside North be changed to 'ACCESS ONLY' – It was reported that a visitor unfamiliar with the roads in Bewdley was led up Severnside North by their Satnav to get to Dog Lane car park, leading to a request for implementation of an access only road.
 - ii) Westbourne Street be changed to 'ACCESS ONLY' – Following concerns from residents of Westbourne Street, a resident has asked for support to request that the street becomes access only due to the increase of vehicles using it as a 'rat run'. If this fails to garner support then residents have suggested that a request be made to change the street to one-way only, allowing access from Kidderminster Road so as not to disrupt the flow of traffic. Both requests are to obtain support from the Road Safety Working Group whereby if support is given these requests will be forwarded to the Worcestershire County Councillors to submit an enquiry to the appropriate team through their County Liaison Officers.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Proposed date: Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 14:00 hours

Group members Town Councillors:

Calne Edginton White
Rod Stanczyszyn
Paul Gittins MBE
Lyn Stanczyszyn
Nicole Harper
Sharon Harvey



**Tracy Bodley
Town Clerk
15 October 2025**

Invited Guests

County Councillors: D Morehead and J Shaw
WFDC Parking Enforcement Officer Sharon Clifford-Smith

Invite PC M Ginder and the policing team – send to both email addresses.

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