

AYMESTREY PC REPORT OCTOBER 2026

The report is a bit earlier this month but I have a really busy week and wanted to make sure that you received a written report. I know that the Clerk zoomed into the Parish Summit so I am sure she will update you on important issues raised at that meeting

You will be aware of the serious accident at Mortimer X recently between a car and a lorry to which the police attended. An investigation on the cause may result in improvements at the junction or it may determine it was human error.

As promised, I have continued to push for work to be done at Lyepole and have now received the following response. "Following the recent site assessments, it is clear that the erosion is progressing more quickly than we had originally anticipated.

As a result, we have asked our land agent to make contact with the affected landowners to discuss what temporary measures may be possible while we continue to develop a full design solution for the longer-term works

In parallel, our ecologist is engaging with the Environment Agency to understand the necessary approvals and environmental requirements, and to help establish the most appropriate route forward for delivering the works.

We recognise the concerns of local residents and are taking steps to progress matters as quickly as possible". Officers have promised to keep me up to date.

Barry and I attended the Aymestrey Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest Supper. It was a very enjoyable event and the service one of the most interesting I have ever attended.

I do continue to attend the coffee mornings when I can but not as often as I would like to, but we do attend the Quiz despite doing fairly badly.

The homeless night shelter in Hereford is opening on Nov 2nd and I intend to visit it that evening. It is a critical service we provided through to April in order to get as many rough sleepers off the streets during the winter. Food, showering, clothes changing takes place at The Living Room Commercial Street and Lees Place opposite Shire Hall.

We held a Crisis & Resilience Workshop at the Shell Store Rotherwas recently. This funding has replaced the Home Support Grant and is intended to help those in need financially in a crisis, ie washing machine breaks down, loss of job and require a couple of rent payments but on the resilience side it is to help people into work, to reduce the reliance on food banks and to give advice and support on debt management. There were about 40 voluntary sector organisations present and it was a really helpful event. In the rural areas we have converted the Library Bus into a Talk Community Bus with a private room for people to discuss debt issues etc and laptops to help residents apply for jobs, benefits they may not realise they are entitled to and to give some training on how to make cheap meals for the family rather than buying take aways or ready made food.

These voluntary organisations rely on volunteers and if you have a few hours a week to spare and wish to volunteer do not hesitate to contact me as there are many in Leominster. I am in fact visiting Leominster Advice Centre and Food Bank at the end of this month.