WCC Highways Report – Cllr. Mike Stephens

Not much activity to report on for this period, however as we are now in Autumn with the wet winter months ahead of us I suspect potholes and pothole reporting shall be more frequent.

Brian W managed to contact and get Herefordshire Highways to repair the potholes in Wigley Bank, well done Brian.

I have contacted Worcestershire Highways Maintenance regards the damage of the bridge in Bannals Lane, they are reluctant to discuss accountability or costs of repair other than it's out with their supply chain to price so a decision can be made. I shall continue to ask the question of them.

I have additionally reported the state of Bannals Lane verges as the road edges, both sides are showing signs of erosion and badly cracking up in several places for considerable lengths. They have responded stating they have surveyed the lane 12th Oct 2026 and at the time of inspection there were no safety issues found. Pretty much the response I thought I'd get, & I shall continue to monitor.

Both the above might need escalation.

It was pleasing to see that Worcestershire CC article about hedges and responsibilities of landowners taking up a 1 page spread in TemeTalk magazine in the October issue. There are currently hedge cutting activities within the Parish & it remains to be seen if hedge owners fulfill their responsibilities.

Mike Stephens
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