

## Herefordshire Councillors report

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.

As representative of Malvern AONB a meeting of the JAC held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, I am happy to say that Prof J Raine was re elected as Chair and myself as Vice Chair.

A presentation at the meeting given by Colwall Action Group on the issue of the planning application for the broiler houses at Chances Pitch, they stated that over 500 online objections had been submitted.

Herefordshire Community Safety Strategy Plan 2014 - 2017( HCSP).

A start of a new plan to draw agencies and practitioners together, to make Herefordshire a safer place to live, work and visit.

Priorities and Objectives:

- Reduce reoffending/bring offenders to account (adult & Young)
- Address harm caused by alcohol and drugs
- Address harm caused by domestic violence and abuse (DVA)
- Promote community cohesion and reduce ASB.

Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board.

This meeting highlighted the need for safeguarding children in Herefordshire, at present there were 43 outstanding cases since the awareness of the board another 125 new cases have been reported. Basic principle if you are concerned that a child might be sexually exploited then contact the police, there are a list of signs to look out for to name a few =

Truancy, changes in their behaviour (chaotic, aggressive, sexual) unexplainable new gifts or clothes and the social media sites, mobile texting all these are the start to what is called "Grooming" we need to protect our children.

Citizens Advice Bureau.

I have had contact with the CEO Claire Keetch and a new report as been prepared for Ledbury, there have been 140 people helped, 157 cases and 364 issues. The financial benefit totals £92,806.24 a copy of the report can be made available in the office if required.

Length's men Scheme.

Updated details are available on Herefordshire Councils web page of the new Lengths men scheme.

Report ends

Councillor Phill Bettington

Conservative Councillor Ledbury Ward.