

### Refugees integrating into Herefordshire.

I thought you may be interested to read this really good news story – link below - about successful integration of refugees in Herefordshire, following decisions that you took some 18-24 months ago. It's in a recent edition of the Guardian and reflects really positively on the joint work that our team has been leading – Amy Whiles and Ewen Archibald playing a central part. Above all, very positive human stories in our county.

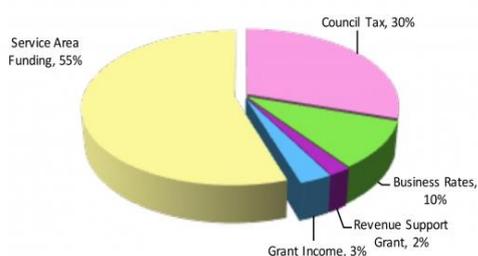
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/sep/07/from-darkness-to-the-light-syrian-families-find-peace-in-rural-england>

### Where our money comes from

The council spends around £325 million providing services for residents and businesses in Herefordshire and we fund the expenditure from a variety of sources.

The web page and graph below illustrates where the money comes from the run Herefordshire Council for the benefit of the people of Herefordshire. I thought that both web pages and graphs would provide an understanding of the human 'cost' for providing the services for the people in Herefordshire.

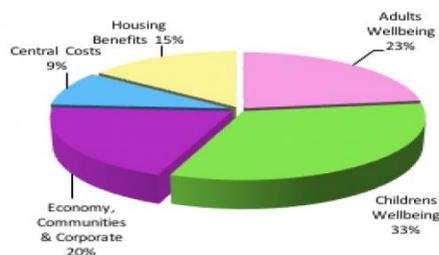
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The revenue support revenue from the government is set to be removed by 2020.

### This how the money is spent.

Our gross budget for 2018/19 is £325 million and our spending plans need to maintain financial stability, deliver efficiencies and support investment in priority services. Our plans must demonstrate value for money and maintain service quality even though the funding available is reducing. We have a medium term financial strategy which will deliver £19.2 million of saving by the 2020/21 financial year.



You will note that over 70% of our income is spent on people in most need in Herefordshire all of which is not discretionary and the figure is set to rise with our aging population which is above the UK average. You will not that only 9% is spent on central costs. The ECC budget of 20% includes highways and the costs of highways maintenance comes from this portion

of the income. The revenue allocated for highways within this expenditure relates to just c. £7 M for the entire county's 200 miles of road. So although roads are important it's the human cost which, quite rightly, takes precedence.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

There are a number of events taking place across the County here is a precis of events in Hereford at the Cathedral.

<https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/extranet/documents/s50060171/Appendix%20November%20Remembrance%20Programme.pdf>

### **Balfour Beatty – members Briefing Notes**

These are the slides from the members briefing in July.



Member Briefing July  
2018 v2.pdf

Below is the methodology for the Jet Patcher which has been on our highways (C's and U's) since March. It is interesting to note that this single machine has patched over 10000 potholes in this time. The difference in cost is such that we can attend to five times more potholes than using the conventional method. It is important to note that the usual programmed works and reactive works, has continued unabated. With A's and B's receiving programmed and reactive attention.



Members briefing  
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### **Get Online Week - 15th to 21st October**

As part of this year's Get Online Week, Fastershire is offering FREE workshops for beginners to learn more about using computers, searching the internet, making the most of a tablet computer, setting-up an email account, and more.

Please help by sharing details of these with any groups, organisations or individuals you know who may be interested. The attached flyer includes full information, plus details of training being offered by some other organisations during that week.

<https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/extranet/documents/s50060335/Get%20Online%20Week%20-%202015%20to%2021%20October%202018.pdf>

### **Centennial commemoration of county-born Victoria Cross recipient**

Herefordshire dignitaries and members of the A L Lewis VC Memorial Fund honoured and commemorated the death of Lance Corporal Allan Leonard Lewis VC on Friday 21 September 2018 - 100 years to the day of his passing.

Lance Corporal Lewis took part in the final allied push to break the German Hindenburg Line in late 1918. He showed exceptional bravery under fire during these final battles, but was killed on 21 September 1918, a few weeks before the war's end. He has no known grave. The extraordinary acts of heroism performed by Lance Corporal Lewis during the First World War led to the awarding of the Victoria Cross.

Commemorations began in the tranquil gardens of Hereford Cathedral. The Very Reverend Michael Taviner, Dean of Hereford, offered a prayer of dedication on a stone plaque set to honour the memory of Lance Corporal Lewis VC and all those awarded the Victoria Cross during The Great War.

Proceedings then moved to the Old Market 11am where Major Alan Harray, Vice Chairman of A L Lewis VC Memorial Fund, led a ceremony to unveil a bronze statue of Lance Corporal Lewis VC. The tribute was sculpted by Jemma Pearson who also created the Elgar statue which overlooks Hereford Cathedral.

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, The Dowager Countess of Darnley, unveiled the statue:

"I am proud to represent Her Majesty to honour this heroic man on the centenary of the Great War's end. Allan was an exceptionally brave man; to risk one's life so courageously, knowing that the war was coming to an end, was an act of supreme selflessness."

Dawn Lewis, Chair of the A L Lewis VC Memorial Fund and great-niece of Allan:

"When I first thought of the idea of a statue, some said it was a wonderful thought yet an adventurous task. Through the hard work and commitment of my team, and with the support of all those who have contributed, whether it be monetary or by giving their time and skills, we have reached our goal. I am delighted to be able to commemorate Allan's short but heroic life with my family, trustees and supporters. Dreams do come true!"

Councillor Brian Wilcox, Chairman of Herefordshire Council, led thanks to all those who made the centennial commemoration possible:

"Many individuals, charities, organisations and businesses have worked with Herefordshire Council in supporting the A L Lewis VC Memorial Fund by contributing funding, prizes, expertise and hard work to ensure that our brave local hero can be properly honoured in such a memorable way."

### **MATES operation in Hereford**

Herefordshire Council's Trading Standards and Environmental Health team, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service and West Mercia Police officers worked in partnership to carry out the planned action at Munchies and Maxii on Commercial Road, Hereford.

Trading Standards seized approximately 8,000 cigarettes from a vehicle outside Maxii.

Housing Enforcement entered under warrant, and found persons living in the first floor prohibited accommodation above Munchies, and a further enforcement notice will be issued prohibiting sleeping in the ground floor commercial areas.

Enforcement notices are being issued by Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service against Munchies for non-compliance with previous advice.

One Iraqi Kurd male was arrested on suspicion of being an illegal over stayer since 2011; he was passed on to immigration.

Marc Willimont, Herefordshire Council's Head of Regulatory & Development Management Services said:

"The trade of illegal tobacco severely damages honest local businesses and unscrupulous housing landlords put vulnerable people's lives at risk by allowing tenants to live in dangerous, unsafe accommodation. We will continue to work in partnership with the police, and other partner agencies, to clamp down on this organised criminal activity."



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#### **Report it**

Please note that Herefordshire Council strongly encourages Balfour Beatty to promote all service requests and queries should be logged via the HC website at <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or call through to the call handling team on 01432 261800.

Please use the website or call the customer services call handling team. This will help ensure that everything is logged in to the operating system known as CONFIRM where it can be responded to in a timely way.

For any PROW (Public Rights of Way) maps or problems, you can report these via the following link on the Herefordshire Council's website:

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel\\_and\\_transport/248/public\\_rights\\_of\\_way\\_map](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/248/public_rights_of_way_map)

You can search for PROW information on the map using: - Footpath references, Postcodes, Addresses and Grid References e.g. 354000 254000

#### **General Data Protection Regulations Statement**

The General Data Protection Act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information, and it comes into force on the 25th May 2018; superseding the Data Protection Act 1998. As a County Councillor I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do not and will not share those email addresses with any third party. **In seeking legal compliance as a data controller I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with my holding their email contact that you please advise me so that I am able to remove you from the list.** Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates, emails as required and occasional key information.