

County Council Update from County Cllr Anne Wight April 2019

The Brownlow Bridge

Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport, Paul Irwin, BCC officers and I met parish council and local business representatives from the Marsworth Industrial Estate recently to discuss the forthcoming TTRO to limit the weight on the Brownlow Bridge to 18 tonnes.

It is envisaged that the 18 tonne weight limit will be placed on the bridge on 23rd April. In the meantime, anyone wishing to express a view on the long term outlook for the bridge is welcome to do so via email at the following email address:

freight@buckscc.gov.uk

Further information on this issue can be accessed via the public agenda reports pack from the Local Area Forum meeting via the Bucks County Council website. Click the link on the homepage "Councillors, Meetings and Decisions", the "other meetings" in the header, followed by the link for the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum to access the agenda reports pack for the meeting on 28 February, 2019. The Brownlow Bridge report begins on page 30.

The Brownlow Bridge was unfortunately hit by a vehicle and the side was damaged again on Tuesday this week (16 April). TfB and Canal and River Trust are currently assessing the damage and I will keep parishes informed of repair schedules as and when they become available.

New Rights of Way reporting tool

The County Council has launched a brand new online tool to report damage and obstructions on Buckinghamshire's 2,000 miles of public footpaths, bridleways and byways.

And a few taps on your smartphone or computer is all it takes to log a problem on the new CAMs (Countryside Access Management) system. Walkers and horse riders can report items like broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged bridges or path surfaces or even damaged or missing signposts and

waymarks. Reports received can then be prioritised and dealt with as quickly as possible.

Not only will the system provide feedback on progress to the customer, it will also say if the problem has already been reported. The system also allows volunteers to sign up to help deal with reported problems.

Bill Chapple OBE, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment, said it was all part of a drive to get defects and damage sorted out so people can make full use of the County's rights of way.

"With such an extensive network of paths, bridleways and byways, this is probably the quickest way to let us know about issues. With each path number logged on the system, it's easy for people to drop an electronic marker pin by the location of the problem on the detailed maps provided. We can then take it from there and sort things out.

"We already have our Fix my Street service for issues on roads and pavements, so its great that we have added this bespoke system for all our rights of way," Bill added. "We pride ourselves on the quality and usability of our entire network, and this exciting addition will make sure we can get reported problems dealt with as quickly as possible."

The introduction of the new facility followed feedback from both the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum and the Bucks Rights of Way Liaison Group who both suggested keeping customers more up-to-date and informed about progress with rectifying problems.

The new reporting tool is available by clicking on:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/>

or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk and search 'rights of way'.

To report an issue, you will need to log in and then select the 'Report an issue' menu item. If it is your first time, you will need to register.

EU Settlement Scheme

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To make people aware, if you are an EU citizen, you and your family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after

31 December 2020. Further details of the process are available using the following link

<https://apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk/start/eu-settlement>

National Paralympic Heritage Trust – Ride London

We have been asked by one of the Trustees of the NPHT to let residents know that WheelPower currently has 23 available places in the Ride London cycle event which takes place on Sunday 4th August 2019. This unique fundraising event is over a 100 mile course on closed roads around London and Surrey.

The Closing Date is 30th May 2019 and the Entry Fee is £25. WheelPower set a minimum sponsorship (fundraising target) of £500 per place. Riders also receive a specially designed WheelPower cycle jersey to wear for the event.

If you would like any more information please contact Joanne Hall, jo.hall@wheelpower.org.uk

Thank you in advance for helping us to raise funds which will enable WheelPower to transform the lives of young and newly disabled people through sport and physical activity. Next month WheelPower will host our Inter Spinal Unit Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium for around 120 newly paralysed men and women from around the UK and this is just one way we help disabled people to lead healthy active lives. Sport has such a positive impact on the lives of newly paralysed people and builds confidence and improves both physical and mental wellbeing. With your help we can Transform Lives Through Sport for even more disabled people.