

The Littleton Link



March 2024

Dear All

Welcome to the March edition of The Littleton Link.

This month we have the spring equinox, the clocks 'spring forward' and the days really start to lengthen out. Gardens are starting to fill up with plants, and trees and bushes are getting new growth on. Birds are looking out for nesting sites. We hope to have some lodgers this year, having put up some purpose-built nest boxes for them.

This month there are dates a plenty for your diary, with opportunities to test the grey cells and meet up with friends, old and new. This month too is 'The Great British Spring Clean'. Wouldn't it be great if we could have an edition of the Link without a notice about clearing up the dog poo?

Whatever you get up to this month, keep safe and healthy.

With kind regards,
Mary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day & Date	Event	Time	Location
Fri 1 Mar	World Day of Prayer	2pm	St Andrew's, Cleeve Prior
Wed 6 Mar	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 9 Mar	Quiz night	7:30 pm	Offenham RBL Club
Tues 12 Mar	Littletons WI	7 for 7:30 pm	Village Hall
Thur 14 Mar	South Parish Council meeting	7:30 pm	Scout Hut
Sat 16 Mar	Official Opening of Fitness Zone	10:30 AM	N&M Fitness Area
Wed 20 Mar	N&M Parish Council meeting	7:00 PM	Village Hall
Sun 24 Mar	Litter Pick	10:00 AM	Scout Hut
Tues 26 Mar	Mobile Library	10:40 to 11:15	various
Tues 26 Mar	Freedoms Community Lunch	10:30 to 1:15	Badsey Remembrance Hall
Tues 26 Mar	Church meeting	7:30 PM	St Nicholas Church
Wed 3 Apr	Wednesday Club	2 to 4pm	Village Hall
Sun 21 Apr	Litter Pick	10:00 AM	South Meadows
Sat 27 Apr	Table Top Sale	11 to 2 pm	Village Hall
Sat 27 Apr	Quiz night	7:00 PM	Littletons 1st School
Sat 13 Jul	South Littleton BBQ	TBC	TBC

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QUIZ NIGHT

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(Bar opens at 7 pm)

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£5 per head

To book a team (max 6 people per team)

Call Debbie or Andrew on

01386 332844 / 07598 794917

Or email: akharrison63@gmail.com



FREEDOMS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Looking for something to do March 26th?

Want to meet up with others, and have a lovely lunch? Then why not come along to Freedoms community lunch. It's £2.50 for a 2 course meal and hot drink. 10.30-1.15. Booking is essential and can be done by calling 07970306037. Our service users look forward to seeing our old cafe customers and new ones. If this takes off we will make it more regular.

Badsey remembrance hall WR11 7XG

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01386 830043



LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

A tribute to Colin Emms 1942 to 2024

**The legend of Littleton Football Club
*A true Gentleman and will always be
remembered as "Mr Littleton FC"***



Colin started at the Club as a young player aged 12, becoming manager, committee member, club secretary and onto chairman of the club in 1996. As well as these roles, he was hands on and as a qualified groundsman, nothing missed his attention. Colin supported and organised numerous fundraising events and under his direction the Club has gone from strength to strength both on and off the pitch. Over the most recent years he has continued to be an active committee member and treasurer, still finding time to fetch footballs out of the hedge and assisting with marking the Pitch.

In 2010 he won an 'Outstanding Contribution Award' at the Wychavon Sports Recognition Awards for his contributions over 50 years. He also was awarded 'National Groundsman of the Year 2010' by the Worcestershire County Football Association.

He will always be very well respected at Littleton Football Club and by all that have met him in Sport, Parish Council, or as a friend along with all past and current Committee Members.

The Littletons Village Hall
Spring Table-Top Sale
on **Saturday 27 April from 11am until 2pm**



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QUIZ!

Saturday 27 April at 7pm

At: The Littletons 1st School, Farm Lane, South Littleton
All welcome

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£5 per team member

Funds raised will go to St Michaels Church in South Littleton

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 **Calling: 07354 842 139**

 **Emailing: chloe.munday@fullfibre.co**





The Farm Animal Sanctuary Events

We are very excited to announce our events for this year.

This is our final year to raise enough funds to buy our land and keep our animals safe. We have raised an amazing £233,852 so far but still have another £710,148 to reach our goal. You can help us achieve this by joining us and our 600 resident animals for our events detailed

below:

Hoppy Explorer Trail – 29th March – 11am to 3pm

Sheepover – 1st & 2nd June – 4pm

Festival – 6th & 7th July – 10am

Sheepover – 27th & 28th July 4pm

Sheepover – 24th & 25th August – 4pm

Open Weekend – 14th & 15th September – 10am

Spooky Sanctuary – 26th October – 11am to 3pm

Festive Fair – 23rd November – 4pm to 7pm

We can't wait to welcome you to the sanctuary for another year of fun filled events.

Head over to our website to book -

www.thefarmanimalsanctuary.co.uk

And if you have any questions please email on

info@thefarmanimalsanctuary.co.uk or ring on 07840 843756

LITTLETON WEDNESDAY CLUB

To our February meeting we welcomed 27 members and 1 visitor to listen to a talk by Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Service on fire safety in the home. Several members have requested a free safety check in their homes.

We welcome all adults to our meeting which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm. The 2pm start is emphasised to enable organised activities to be on time.

Future meetings:

6 March - In-house Quiz with Alan

3 April - Easter Bingo

Wednesday Club will be having a Tombola at the Village Hall Spring Table-Top Sale on **Saturday 27 April**. Donations of prizes to use on the Tombola will be most welcome.

If you would like any further information, please contact us:

Mary Hilton 01386 830763 or Marion Brighton 01905 909125



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LITTLETONS WI

Our February meeting was 'Movement to Music'. Our speaker, Jenny, a teacher and dancer from Elmhurst Dance School, guided us through various routines including ballet and musical theatre. These were to help with mobility, endurance and strengthening and could be done either standing or sitting allowing all to join in. We finished with a cool down incorporating some Tai Chi movements before enjoying some very welcome refreshments.



The competition of a pun or joke relating to dance was won by Annette.

Our next meeting is at The Littletons Village Hall on **Tuesday 12 March at 7 for 7:30 pm**. We will be making Spring Wreaths. All welcome.

For more information about The Littletons WI please visit our website at: <https://thelittletonswi.wixsite.com/home> or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554121253798>

NOTICEBOARD

Found outside Tythe Barn View (the Old School) in School Lane, Middle Littleton, a Keyring with two Yale keys and a small tag with a number on it.

If you think it's yours, and know the number that is on the tag, please ring 01386 831529.

The future of St Nicholas Church North & Middle Littleton

A meeting will take place on
**Tuesday 26 March at 7:30
pm**
In the Church

Revd Joanna Fielding and Revd Alison Maddocks are pleased to invite you to an open meeting to talk about the future of St Nicholas Church. This meeting will continue the conversation started last year and we look forward to hearing the thoughts and reflection of the people of the village.



Please dress warmly if the evening is cold. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested but unable to attend, please email revjo.eastvale@gmail.com and we will make sure that we keep you informed.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SOUTH LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As we bid farewell to the frosty grip of winter, it's heartening to witness the arrival of spring. The air seems fresher, the days longer, and the bulbs we planted not long ago have started to bloom. The recent orchard planting day was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of 17 residents who rolled up their sleeves to plant plum, apple, damson, quince, and pear trees. Even our youngest members joined in and had a brilliant time.



The willow tunnels in South Meadows and near the playground by the Bowling club are beginning to stir with life, promising shady retreats and enchanting hideaways for our younger residents. We hope they bring plenty of fun over the Spring and Summer.

We've also recently cleared the overgrown hedges in South Meadows, which we think looks really great. This ongoing maintenance ensures that our green spaces remain vibrant and inviting throughout the year.

SUMMER BBQ

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the afternoon **13th July** for the South Littleton Summer BBQ. Stay tuned for more details closer to the date.

LITTER PICKING

Our litter picking mornings have always been very successful. As such we have earmarked the following dates:

- **24th March** – Meet outside the Scout Hut at 10am
- **21st April** – Meet at the top of Withy Trees Road at 10am

Please do come along (kids welcome) and help keep our village clean. It's a fun morning out with all equipment provided. Keep an eye

on our Facebook pages (Spotted: The Littletons and South Meadows/Long Lartin Estate) for any updates and date changes.

GENERAL

- As always, speeding is a concern in our village, and we would encourage all residents to please be mindful of the speed limits in our local area and beyond.
- A gentle reminder to all dog owners: as we enjoy the outdoors with our furry companions, please be mindful to pick up after them.
- There is 1 free space on the South Littleton Parish Council. If you'd like to be co-opted on to the council and would like to help develop our parish, please contact Sean at clerk@southlittleton.org
- The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 19:30 on **Thursday 14th March*** at the Scout Hut, South Littleton.

Have a wonderful March and please do remember that we are always looking for ways to improve our village and we're always looking for volunteers to help with little projects we have on the go here and there. If you'd like to get in touch, please email our Clerk at the address below.

Best regards,

The South Littleton Parish Council

Shannon Mack – SLPC Chair

Clerk: Sean Arble – clerk@southlittleton.org

Councillors: Sally Ashwin, Debbie Jones, Roger Jones, Hannah Robson, Shannon Mack, Victoria Sevier, Helen Quigley-York

*meeting date changed from 3rd to 2nd Thursday of month in this instance due to availability

NORTH & MIDDLE LITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL



Fitness Zone: An official opening of the Get Fit Littletons equipment will be held on **Saturday 16 March at 10:30 am**. All residents are welcome to attend.

VA Signs: Are to be placed in the village and a grant is being sought towards the cost of this.

Dog Fouling: This continues to be a problem in certain areas of the parish. Dog walkers are kindly reminded to read the article in The Link.

Street Lighting: As the parish is now part of the Worcestershire County Council lighting initiative, any street lighting issues can be reported direct to them. Either telephone 01905 763763 or the fault can be reported online via the county council website. The other alternative is to contact the clerk with the details of the fault and position of lamp.

St Nicholas Church: A meeting will be held in the church on **Tuesday 26 March**. See separate notice in the Link.

Noticeboards: These are to be repaired.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillors are looking at producing a new neighbourhood plan. This is a long and involved process to be considered.

The Pound: Part of it is to be designated as a 'wild meadow' site.

Clerk - Marion Brighton clerknmlpc@outlook.com

Parish Councillors: James Haywood, Martin Burge, Ian Jones, Sarah Powell, Sandra Jackson, John Taylor and Marsha Wilkins

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday March 20, 2024, at 7pm in the Village Hall**.

WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES (WPGA)

The dates for this year's events are:

- Sun-30-June** - Rounders at Badsey
- Sun-07-July** - 5-a-side Football at Evesham United 4G
- Mon-15-July** - Cross Country at Evesham Park Run
- Sat-20-July** - Bellboating at Pershore George V
- Sun-28-July** - Petanque Finals at Evesham Waterside
- Sat-14-Sept** - Angling at River Avon, Evesham, Hampton Ferry
- Sun-22-Sept** - Bowls at Evesham Bowling Club, Blind Lane
- Sun-06-Sept** - Senior Table Tennis (am) & Junior Table Tennis (pm) at St Ecgwins Middle School, Evesham

The draw for the knock-out events – Crib, Ladies & Men's Darts, Pool, Dominoes and Skittles will take place in June 2024.

Entry forms will shortly be sent out to Parish / Ward Organisers.

If you want to enter a team in these events, or want to find out who your Parish Organiser is then please contact Doug Langdon via the Facebook page: [Wychavon Parish Games - Home | Facebook](#)

For more information about the Parish Games look at their website: <https://wychavongames.org/>



An update from your local policing team...

Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex

Prentice and PCSO Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing evesham.snt@westmercia.police.uk Sadly, PCSO Sansom will be leaving his role PCSO in March to work in a different department, still within West Mercia.

We are actively now more than ever involved with our Evesham SNT Facebook page. Please follow Evesham SNT to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Engagements

As you may know, we do weekly engagement sessions in each of the villages across the Evesham Rural North patch. We are always open to listening to the public if they believe the engagements with the public should be done differently. Please, if have any ideas on how we can better engage with the public, do let me know by emailing the above email address.

E-Scooters

We are receiving an increase in reports of use of e-scooters. Can we please remind everyone that the use of electric scooters and hoverboards is illegal on public roads – except those that are part of an official government trial (we do not have any of these locally). Although you can lawfully buy an e-scooter, they are currently illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes and pedestrian-only areas unlike part of an approved trial. As we do not have any of these trials locally, e-scooters and hoverboards can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the landowner. E-scooters are classed as a Powered Transporter and fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles in terms of requiring insurance, tax,

MOT, license, and registration. Anyone found using them in public areas risk having them seized by the police. Enforcement operations are being planned along with sessions to educate young people.

What have we been up to?

Various schools have been visited with regards to parking. Again, can parents please park sensibly when dropping off/picking up children, and if you can, please walk! Be mindful of junctions, dropped kerbs and people's driveways and please do not drop children off whilst in the middle of road.

Drop-in sessions/engagement sessions are attended throughout the month on various days including weekends. Please attend these if you feel the need to. Various coffee mornings have been attended and crime prevention presentations have been provided to the residents.

All the above is sent through Neighbourhood Matters. We are encouraging people to sign up to this service as it is a great way of finding out what we are up to and where we will be. Please ensure you sign up to this free service. Do look at the website for further information: <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

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THE LITTLETONS VILLAGE HALL

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Chairman's annual report 2023-2024

The Hall continues to be a well-used village resource providing a venue for a variety of voluntary and commercial organisations and individual hirers throughout the year.

Good governance and prudent management ensure the village hall remains on a sound financial footing. Income from letting charges remain the principal income streams. Additional revenue during the year was raised by a Table-Top Sale and Christmas Craft Fayre, organised successfully by Shoshana Goldstein, ably assisted by Pat and Roy Gibson and a host of willing volunteers. These events have become features of The Littletons' calendar, providing a shop window for local crafters, and promoting greater social interaction within the community. Another notable fund-raising event was the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by Ken Baker and making £180 for the charity.

Sound financial management under the stewardship of our Treasurer, Gerald Perks, underpinned recent improvements to the fabric of the building and smooth running of the Hall. Arrangements to transfer financial oversight to our new Treasurer, Helen Cole, are in place ready for a handover in the new financial year. Thank you, Gerald, for your outstanding contribution over many years!

Whilst the building itself remains in good overall state of repair, significant improvements were carried out during the autumn. Double door access was created to the backroom at the rear of the building to improve storage for tables and chairs and free up more space in the hall. Built in storage cupboards were then created and new internal doors were hung to match those recently fitted. Complete internal decoration followed along with sanding and resealing the hall floor and new curtain poles for recently cleaned curtains. Extensive groundworks to improve disabled access, car parking and paving along with external repairs and outside painting are scheduled for the spring.

Ultimately, the continued success of any organisation is determined by the dedication and enthusiasm of the officers and volunteers involved. I should therefore like to pay thanks to the committee for all their work throughout the year, especially Claire Taylor our Booking Secretary, Ken Baker Vice Chairman, for all his work resolving day-to-day problems, Shoshana Goldstein for fund-raising, Joyce Bache Secretary and Pat and Roy Gibson for their contributions at the fundraisers and everyone else who has helped throughout the year.

Michael Duce (Chairman)

The Littletons Village Hall

School Lane, Middle Littleton

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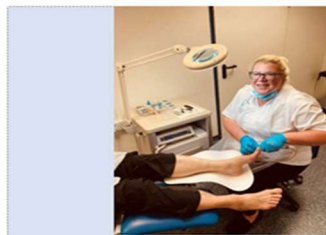
The mobile library service normally visits the Littletons on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. Weather permitting the next scheduled visit will be on **26 March** at the following times:

- 10:40 to 10:55 – North Littleton, The Ivy
- 11:00 to 11:15 – Middle Littleton, Village Hall
- No longer visiting South Littleton due to lack of use



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LITTLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

FIXTURES FOR MARCH 2024



March 2	AFC Cov Rgrs	Home 3pm
March 9	B'ham Utd	Away 3pm
March 16	Bolehall Swifts	Home 3pm
March 23	Hampton	Away 3pm
March 30 (cup)	Kid Harriers (U21)	Home 2pm
April 1 (East Mon)	Central Ajax	Home 3pm

Once again, I extend a plea for volunteers to join our small team who carry out the essential everyday tasks for the club to proceed in competitive football. Tasks are not onerous but to enable the club to flourish they are an important part of the structure of the club.

With a hard-working management team, we aim to be able to continue to watch football at Five Acres during the 2023/2024 season and look forward to welcoming your support.

If you would like to support the club in a financial way you can sponsor the team in many ways. This can be done by having your name or company appearing on match day balls, home match day programmes, players, or pitch side advertisements.

For any information regarding volunteering or sponsorship please contact Marion Brighton, who will be pleased to help, on 01905 909125 or email littletonfc@outlook.com

We look forward to you becoming part of a family friendly club striving to maintain sport in the villages.

Marion Brighton, Secretary, Littleton FC.

DOG POO? LITTER? WHO NEEDS THEM? NOT THE LITTLETONS!

Dog mess can contain bacteria and germs harmful to humans, especially young children. Responsible dog owners clear up after their dog quickly, especially when out, by bagging and binning the stuff. Litter is well, just litter. Left by individuals who can't be bothered to take it home or put it in a bin! Wychavon District Council provides both litter bins and dog poo bins for all to use, but if you can't find one take the rubbish and/or dog poo home with you and put it in your black bin.

This year 'The Great British Spring Clean' runs from 15 to 31 March. Check this website: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/> to find out how to make your pledge to Keep Britain Tidy. Together we can tackle rubbish and clean up after our 4-legged friends.



Please be more considerate of other people and their property. Come on everyone, let's make our local patch a clean and friendly place, with dogs on leads and all faeces and rubbish cleared up.

Thank you.

North & Middle Littleton and South Littleton Parish Councils



BENEFACT OF EAST VALE AND AVON VILLAGES

The parishes of North & Middle Littleton and South Littleton are both members of the United Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages. The Priest in Charge of the Benefice (Badsey, Bretforton, Offenham, The Littletons and Cleeve Prior) is the Revd Joanna Fielding. Jo can be contacted on 07561 823135 (WhatsApp & phone), 01386 339669, email: joanna.fielding@hotmail.com and at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EJ. Her day off is usually Fridays. Please do get in touch with Jo directly for any enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals across our group of parishes or alternatively you can contact our administrator, Faith Quin on eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com For more details visit our Church website: www.eastvaleavon.com where you will also find all the services available. Listed below are the local services for this month:

Date	Service	Time	Location
10-Mar	Eucharist	11:00 AM	South Littleton
26-Mar	Compline	7 PM	South Littleton
31-Mar	By Extension	9:30 AM	South Littleton

Information from St Nicholas Church at North & Middle

St Nicholas Church is in temporary retirement. There are no planned Sunday Services for the time being. However, the Church is open daily between the hours of 10 am and 6.00pm for private prayer. Visitors are also welcome to come and have a look around the Church. The Church is also available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms.



Information from St Michaels Church at South



For general enquires relating to St Michaels Church, please contact the Churchwardens Robert Johnson 01386 831504 or Sue Jinks 01386 831553. For information on St Michael's please visit our web site:
www.southlittletonchurch.co.uk

GOOD FRIDAY

Benefice



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Free Refreshments

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Dear Friends

How connected do you feel with your village community? Is this something that is important to you? For some of us, that sense of connection is important – for others, not so much. Very often, it is that sense of being known, belonging, being recognised, or heard in some way by people around us, that helps us thrive. It can be key in giving us a sense of purpose in our lives. We get it in so many different ways, sometimes major things like going to special events – or contributing to them (like the Christmas carol singing or the Big Help Out in summer) – but we can feel connected with each other in really straightforward, apparently minor ways – like simply saying hello to someone we recognise in the shop or on the street on the way to the Rec.

I've been thinking about how this sense of connection can be so important, since someone asked me if I had A Big Vision for our churches in the local area. I thought about the book on my desk which has "THRIVE" in big multi-coloured letters splashed across its front cover. How do we thrive? How do we feel encouraged? How do we feel that our life has a purpose and is worth something?

The Bible says that God loves everyone, that God cares about us, and it also reminds us that we should love our neighbour as much as we should love ourselves. That tells us that God is all about connection - a relationship based on love and care - between God and the world, and between one neighbour and another. Every week in our church services, we hear words from "the Gospel" (of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) - and we listen, remembering that "Gospel" means "Good news". For me, that good news is based on the belief that life **does** have a purpose (to learn more about God's love, and to get better at showing that love and kindness to others in any way I can). The "good news" is that every single person in our community is valuable, that we do belong, and that we are connected to each other in some way because we are all loved by God.

So, I invite you to explore that sense of connection further if you would like to. There are lots of things going on in our villages where people come together to make some brilliant events happen within the community. And we also have quite a bit going on/events planned within our church congregations too over the next few weeks and months – watch this space! But whatever you do, I hope that you feel known, valued, and cared for, whether you have lived here all your life, or if you just moved in last week.

*God bless you,
Rev. Jo Fielding*

Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com Tel 07561 823135



Lent Lunch

12 to 2

5 MARCH

In

St. James Church

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Two more of our celebration trees went in during February, this time at North Littleton Community Orchard.



Fittingly we were celebrating our partnership with Severn Waste Services on Valentines Day. The first tree to go in was a Hendre Huffcap perry pear tree. We were joined by the District Councillors for Honeybourne, Pebworth & The Littletons, Judith Ciotti and Hannah Robson, alongside one of our long serving volunteers, John Edgeley (the one who taught most of us how to plant fruit trees in the first place!).

A big thank you to all three of you for taking the time to come and celebrate with us!



For more information and to help us to continue our work get in touch:

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Free Energy Home Improvements now available to residents in Worcestershire

For more information, email retrofit@worcestershire.gov.uk

The Home Upgrade Grant scheme (HUGs) is designed to tackle colder homes that do **not** have mains gas central heating. Homeowners and tenants in Worcestershire could benefit from a variety of measures to help reduce energy bills including internal and external wall insulation, loft and cavity wall insulation, air source heat pumps, solar panels, draught proofing and many more.

Worcestershire County Council is working in partnership with Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove, Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils and Act on Energy to deliver this programme.

Worcester City Council and Wyre Forest District Council are administering their own HUG2 scheme and information can be found on their websites.

To qualify, households must **not** use mains gas to heat their home, have a gross annual income of less than £31,000 with a current Home Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D to G.

Funding is also available for landlords in the charity and private rented sector.

Those who qualify for the scheme will undergo a free technical survey to determine the most suitable energy efficiency measures.

For more information, including full eligibility, and to register your interest visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant-scheme-hug2 OR contact your local energy charity Act on Energy on their free advice line 0800 988 2881

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**Don't forget to put your clocks
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March**