

Information Items for February 2026

1. Queries/Comments from Residents.

- a. Report - some kerb stones at the entrance to Bury Lane Playing Field are loose, in some cases as much as 4 inches of vertical movement when a vehicle passes over it.
- b. Please check pedestrian entrance will still deter vehicular access.
- c. 30/20mph signage on Ford Street and Bury Lane unclear – potentially contributing to speeding.
- d. Poor state of Ford Street and Bury Lane road surfaces.
- e. White lining from the school (Ford Street) to the junction with the A4110 need repainting.
- f. Lack of bins into which to put rubbish picked up around the village.
- g. Disappointment that trees have been coppiced at Bury Lane Playing Field – is there a plan to replant?
- h. Evergreen tree obstructing pavement outside The Old Post Office.
- i. Condition of the A4110 travelling north from Wigmore to Gotherment House.
- j. Pavement from Castle Street to the shop dangerous in icy conditions.
- k. Poor condition of road surface in Castle Street.

2. Planning Updates

[P253221/PA4 - \(Part 3\) Class Q - Prior Approval](#) Wigmore, Mortimer, Barns at Brick Barn Farm Wigmore Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9UH, Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed conversion of two barns to 10 dwellinghouses, Determination Made. Prior Approval Not Required

3. **Felling Licence for Poors Wood** – update. The Felling Licence Application (FLA Ref Number 015/87/2026) for Poors Wood Common has been accepted by the Forestry Commission. It has not yet been issued. Proposed works are to be assessed.
4. **Interest rates** – Unity Trust Bank is reducing the interest rate from 23 March 2026. Existing (Gross rate/AER) 2.10% / 2.12%, new rate 1.95% / 1.96%
5. **Wigmore Castle.** Contractors were due to be on site on 29 January, making necessary repairs and installing new safety fencing within the structure.
6. **Green Hill Common.** The clerk has been advised that an informal group of volunteers are discussing clearance of scrub on the Common. They are in touch with Historic England regarding the ancient monument at the site.
7. **Kings Meadow. Work completed to Laurel hedge in January.**



Photos of Bury Lane Playing Field following completion of planned coppicing.

Coppicing is an ancient, sustainable woodland management technique where trees are cut back to a stump (a "stool") near ground level, causing them to regrow into multiple straight poles, providing a renewable source of wood and boosting biodiversity by opening the woodland floor to sunlight. Many trees at this site were affected by Ash Die Back.



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