

Wigmore Group Parish Council meeting 13 April 2026.

Wigmore Castle

a. Path to Wigmore Rolls.

An update from the clerk. Over the last few months, the Wigmore Castle Estate and the Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member responsible for Public Rights of Way have discussed the possibility of a new permissive path, allowing access to Wigmore Rolls. Thanks to their commitment and efforts, this may be possible. Further permissions and agreements are needed before a route can be finalised, including an amendment to the Guardianship area, through which the proposed route will go. The alteration is needed to allow access at all times rather than dawn to dusk. This would not be a Public Right of Way, but a permissive path. *'These are pathways that you're allowed to use because the person who privately owns that land has made the route available to the public. ...the landowner is within their rights to withdraw the access to this land at any time and of course, are more likely to do that if the pathway is abused...'* <https://www.cpre.org.uk/discover/permissive-to-public-know-your-pathways/>

Volunteer help or potentially contributions towards the cost of clearing the proposed route would help speed up the process.

On behalf of its residents the Parish Council will wish to record its thanks to the Estate without which this would not have been possible.

b. Wigmore Castle – closure for safety reasons.

WGPC is in correspondence with English Heritage (EH) regarding the closure of the Castle. An update received on 2 April – EH is meeting with Historic England in May to review the site after which more details will be available. In the meantime, the priority is safety of the site and its visitors.

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