

Wigmore Group Parish Council Information Items for June 2026

1. Queries/Comments from Residents.

- a) Text asking the Parish Council's help with broadband supply following accident in Wigmore.
- b) Request that fencing and pavement between Wigmore school and A4110 be repaired. The school has confirmed these are on its list of works.
- c) Request that pavement/kerb by specific parking area on Ford Street be weeded.
- d) Request for update regarding public meeting about Wigmore Castle. See below.

2. Wigmore Parochial Charities. After much thought and consideration of various suggestions from members of the Wigmore community, the trustees of Wigmore Parochial Charities have decided that the most practical and tactful way to administer this small annual amount is to donate it to the village hall. The amount will be ring fenced and an annual report of its use will be given to the trustees.

3. Junction A4110 / Castle Street / Ford Street / Church Street

Following concerns raised at the public meeting on 9 May, Herefordshire Council has been contacted asking for visual improvements (lining or tarmac colour) at this junction, noting stretches of the A4110 are soon to be resurfaced. 22 May. Alterations are not guaranteed.

4. Wigmore Castle Update received by the Parish Council from English Heritage.

“Thank you for your patience while we have been reviewing Wigmore Castle and the safe access for visitors to the site. As you are aware we closed the site earlier in the year due to ongoing safety concerns around the gatehouse and various paths on the site.

Wigmore Castle presents us with lots of challenges, prior to consolidation works that were carried out in 1998/99 the site had been neglected for several 100s of years. After the works the aim was to present the site as a 'romantic ruin' and manage the setting of the monument in an ecologically sensitive manner. As are now almost 30 years on we need to review the site and the management plans that were created in the 90's.

Over the last couple of years, the winters have taken on their toll on the site particularly around the gatehouse, and we are seeing more masonry loss in this area and other parts around the site. We are also seeing greater amounts of erosion on the paths, which become hazardous in the winter months. Visitor safety and conservation of the site remain our number one priority.

Our plans are as follows:

Short term - Re-open the site by the end of July with the following in place.

- Temporary Heras fence protection in place at the Gatehouse. This with the netting that is already in place will provide protection to visitors on the main thoroughfare into the site.
- Closure of the path around the south tower due to erosion on the pathway and risk of falling masonry.
- Temporary fencing at the North window due to the risk of falling masonry.
- Closure of the site in between November and February whilst the weather is at its worst for the site to recover and reduce issues around path erosion.

Medium Term - Review our management plans for landscape and conservation to ensure they still reflect the needs of the site and public access.

Long Term and aspirations –

- Permanent gatehouse protections & restored access to all paths around the site.
- Develop a volunteer team or affiliated scheme at the maintenance and engagement.

We realise that temporary fenced areas are a frustration to visitors, and paths being closed is not what people want to see. However, for us to keep Wigmore open this needs to be in place. When we visited the site, temporary fencing was damaged and removed and having to replace takes away vital charity funds needed for the conservation works. We would be grateful if messaging could be shared to the village and your support on this is gratefully received.”

English Heritage's general contact details are phone 0370 333 1181 and email customers@english-heritage.org.uk).

5. Planning updates.

- a) [P260819/J - Works to trees covered by TPO](#) Wigmore, Mortimer, 4a Ford Street Wigmore Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9UN, T1 Scotts Pine Remove major deadwood and crown reduce lateral branches by approximately 2m cutting to suitable growth points including removal of all overhanging crown of bungalow. T2 Scotts Pine Remove major deadwood, remove 5 lateral branches overhanging bungalow and reduce codominant leader by approximately 3m, reduce remaining crown by 1-2m. T3 Scotts Pine Works - Remove major deadwood, height reduce main leader overhanging bungalow by approximately 4m cutting to a suitable growth., Determination Made. Trees covered by **TPO – Consent Granted**
- b) [P253511/K - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area](#) Wigmore, Mortimer, Old Post Office Cottage Wigmore Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9UJ, Golden Fir - works are to trim the tree so that it doesn't block the bedroom window and public footpath., Determination Made. Trees in Cons Area Works Can Proceed
- c) [P261506/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition](#) Wigmore, Mortimer, Land off A4110 adjacent Wigmore Castle, Castle Street Wigmore Herefordshire , Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 attached to planning permission 220740, Determination Made. **Refused.**
- d) [P261451/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition](#) Elton, Mortimer, Bankside Cottage The Goggin Richards Castle Ludlow Herefordshire SY8 4EX, Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of planning permission 251064, Not accepting comments. Target determination date 10 July.

6. 3 June 2026. clerk@wigmoregroupparishcouncil.gov.uk