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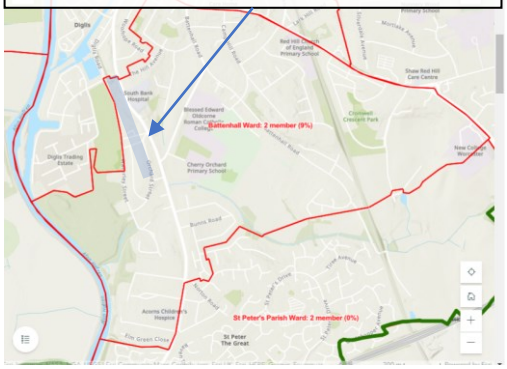
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Cllr Tom Piotrowski and Cllr Louis Stephen

BATTENHALL WARD IS GETTING BIGGER

Houses soon be included in Battenhall ward



Revised Battenhall boundary

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS!

Following a review, Worcester City Council ward boundaries are being adjusted. This means that Battenhall ward will be growing by about 15%.

Battenhall ward now includes more of Bath Road and Waverley Street and the following roads: Diglis Lane, Cavendish Street, Orchard Street, Stanley Street and Berwick Street.

SPOTLIGHT ON AGE UK

AGE UK ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Green Mayor Louis Stephen chose Age UK as his charity to raise awareness of the issues people face in later life.

Over two million older people live below the poverty line and Worcester like Battenhall has a growing elderly population.



Mayor Louis Stephen

Age UK offer a range of services from giving advice on how to make your home easier to heat to support with bereavement and loneliness.

Cllr Louis Stephen said, “Whilst researching which charity to support as my Mayor’s charity I learnt about the great work they do tackling digital inclusion by supporting older people to be more comfortable using the internet. Please get in touch if you know anyone who needs support with this.”

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Louis and Tom would like to thank residents for their donations of chocolates for the Worcester Foodbank.

The much-needed emergency food parcels distributed over Christmas had at least a few chocolates and sweets added to bring people a little festive joy.

The Foodbank is struggling to cope with surging demand caused by high inflation. Local Battenhall resident, Jim Bowden does a regular weekly food collection. You can contact him by email: jamesbowden789@gmail.com Alternatively you could setup a monthly standing order with the Foodbank via their website: www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk



Louis and Tom gave your donations to the foodbank – thank you!

TOM AND LOUIS: GETTING THINGS DONE



Tom talking to Bath Road resident

LISTENING TO YOUR CONCERNS

Tom and Louis have been knocking on doors to listen to your concerns

It may sound like a cliché but the only way local councillors can really serve their residents is by listening to residents. **Tom and Louis have access to a small discretionary fund that can be spent on supporting community projects.**

We aim to personally speak to everyone at least once every year. Thank you for taking the time to tell us your concerns. Many people have raised concerns about speeding cars, inconsiderate parking and dog fouling. If we have not got to you yet, do please get in touch.

FEEDBACK FROM LAST PACT MEETING

The last community meeting with the police was Thursday 7th December at St Peter's Baptist Church.

While Battenhall remains a very safe and low crime area in our city, the police stress the importance of timely reporting of crime as it helps to allocate resources more effectively. Please continue to report **every** crime.

For the latest crime statistics please see the table right.



Number of reported crimes for each category by month	Aug '23	Sep '23	Oct '23
Violent & Sexual Offences	1	5	7
Anti-social Behaviour	5	4	1
Criminal Damage & Arson	3	2	0
Shoplifting	0	2	0
Vehicle Crime	1	4	0

REVIEW OF 20MPH POLICY

COUNCIL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW BEGINS

In January 2021 Green Cllr Matthew Jenkins called for a review of the county council's 20mph policy. After much foot dragging by the County Council the review has finally started.

Matthew Jenkins says: "We know that there is strong support for 20mph speed limits where people live.

Let's hope that the result of the review will be to make it easier for 20mph to be implemented."

CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you have a comment or query about our area, please get in touch:



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TOM AND LOUIS: WORKING HARD FOR BATTENHALL ALL YEAR ROUND

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