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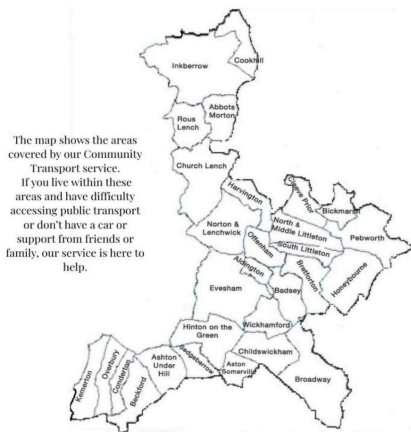
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Volunteer Transport Service

Evesham Volunteer Centre have asked us to make it known to all residents that the Beckford Parish area (including Beckford, Little Beckford, and Grafton) is covered by their community transport scheme. This vital service provides volunteer transport for people who would otherwise struggle with things like: getting to medical appointments; going to shops and salons; and making social visits/visiting care homes.



Evesham Volunteer Centre
Community Transport



The map shows the areas covered by our Community Transport service. If you live within these areas and have difficulty accessing public transport or don't have a car or support from friends or family, our service is here to help.

If you are in need of these services, to register and arrange transport call 01386 45035 between 9.30-1300 Monday-Friday.

Email: co@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk

The service is also looking for volunteer drivers to help disabled and elderly residents stay as independent as possible. Volunteer drivers receive 45p/mile expenses. To register interest in helping out, please phone 01386 570530

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Update on Critical Bleed Kits

In our last issue, we mentioned plans to install critical bleed kits in the defibrillator cabinets throughout the Parish.

Unfortunately, it turns out that most of our defibrillator cabinets are too small to hold bleed kits. Only the old-style rectangular cabinet in Grafton is large enough to hold a bleed kit. So we need to buy cabinets as well as kits, making this a larger capital expenditure than originally envisaged.

Our purchasing ability is presently limited as most of the currently serving councillors were appointed by co-option rather than having faced an election so we have to exercise caution surrounding expenditure. The bleed kit received as a donation has been installed in the Grafton defibrillator cabinet and we are currently pursuing a

Wychavon Rural Fund grant to cover the majority of the costs of an additional defibrillator, plus critical bleed kit cabinets and kits.

We have made it through the Expression of Interest phase and been invited to submit a full grant application.



Only the Grafton cabinet is big enough to hold a bleed kit as well as a defibrillator

The next Parish Council meetings will be on 15 Sept at 7.30pm and 17 Nov at 7pm in Beckford Village Hall. All are welcome to attend

Contact:

clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) are a formal part of the planning system which help allow residents to have a say over planning matters in their area and to develop a positive vision for the future of their community. A group of residents and Councillors began work on one for Beckford some years ago, but this ended up stalling.

We had been looking at potentially resuming an NP for Beckford Parish but it seems that central government are withdrawing funding for NPs after March 2026, which may amount to a backdoor method of ending this element of community involvement in the planning process. To support local parishes, Wychavon are keeping the process funded a little longer.

We can still try for an NP for Beckford – we have confirmation from Wychavon that some of the work done previously could be reused, and Beckford already has a designated NP area (the whole of the Parish) - but need to work quickly to attempt to secure funding in what is potentially the last availability of grant monies for this purpose.

To progress the project to the next stage Council have agreed a minimum level of expressed interest - 20% of eligible residents. Please could you send a quick email to Cllr Cort alisonbeckfordpc@gmail.com ASAP (no later than 30/09/2025) if you would be interested in seeing a Neighbourhood Plan for Beckford developed.

Policing update

To keep up to date with a regular monthly update on local policing from our Neighbourhood Officers, please check the Police News feed on the Parish Council website under 'Useful Information' <https://beckford-parish-council.org.uk/police-news/>

Collapsed building on Back Lane

The Parish Council is aware of the collapsed building on Back Lane and that there had been movement to this which had started to encroach on the footpath. Highways Worcestershire have positioned fencing to keep pedestrians away from the slipping roof. Some clearing seems to have been done, but please exercise caution around this area.

Sweden Lane

With the end of the building works on Sweden Lane in sight, we will be keeping an eye on the restoration of The Green... particularly in view of the recent extremely hot weather. Aqua Construction have retained the topsoil, and are to reinstate this and planting. After the unusual, sustained

dry period new grass may struggle and require ongoing support.

Reporting issues

As we're coming to the start of Autumn we thought it would be useful to remind people about some of the resources for raising concerns and reporting issues. We have a centralised link page on the Parish Council website for making reports regarding things such as fly tipping, weeds in pavements, and pot holes to either Wychavon or Worcestershire County Council.

The Parish Council has no resources to respond to reports on these, so please report for yourself directly to the relevant authority/body.

<https://beckford-parish-council.org.uk/who-do-i-report-it-to/>

For water leaks, please report to Severn Trent stwater.co.uk/reportaleak

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