

## **BORDER GROUP REPORT MARCH 2018**

Firstly may I thank all those members of the parish council, farmers and local residents who worked so hard to get roads useable as soon as possible. I was particularly concerned that once again Wigmore School's activities ie Oliver had to be re-arranged. We have only had two significant falls of snow this winter and the school's social activities have been disrupted on both occasions.

I have some information on the cost of hiring SIDs from Luston and guidance from another authority which demonstrates that the criteria laid down by BB is in place in other parts of the country. At this juncture I have still not heard back about any possible assessment discount from BB. Am still chasing.

The planning application at Turn Farm has been withdrawn.

It is likely now that the Egg Farm application at Willey will go to committee in April but I do not have a date yet.

With regard to the grit bin replacements if that has not taken place I will discuss with Mike Brookes when I meet up with him shortly.

I would like to draw your attention to grants which are available from the War Memorials Trust to help all war memorial custodians, whatever the nature or size of their war memorial by facilitating repair and conservation projects. The Trust will fund up to 75% of the total cost with a normal maximum grant of £30,000. Deadlines for applications are 31<sup>st</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December. I do not know whether any of your parishes would wish to take advantage of this.

I note there is an agenda item on GDPR and would like to draw attention to the fact that this legislation also includes village halls and community centres. ACRE can provide the guidance and a template policy document. It is obviously a lot lighter touch than for parish councils but nevertheless is quite complicated.