

## **Clerks Report October 2021**

**Benches** – The 3 x benches have been ordered from Hailey Wood Sawmill.

**Remembrance Sunday** – I have emailed the Legal Department, to request a Road Closure for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, for Church Road. (I am awaiting their response).

**Rights of Way** – I am meeting up with Hugh and Margaret Garai, the new Cotswold National Landscape Volunteer Wardens for our area, later this month. Please feel free to email me if you know of any issues. Hugh has recently carried out some cutting back in the footpath behind Brockley Road and highlighted the issues to the Rights of Way Officer (this footpath is cut by Gloucestershire Highways twice a year).

**Groups restarting up in the Village Hall** – several groups have now restarted up, including:

- Coffee Morning in the Village Hall – 10.15am – noon, on the first Saturday of each month.
- Wine Circle – 7.30pm, last Wednesday evening of each month.
- Friendship Group – 2.15pm, second Monday of each month.
- Art Workshop – 9.30am-noon – every Thursday during term time.
- Toddlers Group – 9.30am – 11.30am, every Wednesday during term time.

Other activities include; Film Club, Yoga, Rugby Tots and Dog training – see the Village Hall website for further information - <https://www.lsvillagehall.co.uk/book-the-hall>

**Issues with the Buses** – Parish Councils and Community Groups have been invited to register to join a zoom meeting being hosted by County Cllrs John Bloxam and Wendy Thomas, with representatives from The Unite the Union and Integrated Transport. The meeting is to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm.

**Universal Credit** – The uplift of £20 a week to the Universal Credit will be stopped with effect the 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is likely to impact on a number of residents within Leonard Stanley, especially with increases to the cost of fuel this winter. See below for information on where assistance maybe available:

- Stroud District Council - <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/housing-benefit-universal-credit-and-council-tax-support>
- Citizens Advice - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-credit/>
- Independence Trust - <https://www.independencetrust.co.uk/>
- Shelter - [https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing\\_advice/debt\\_and\\_money\\_problems/government\\_help\\_with\\_heating\\_costs](https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/debt_and_money_problems/government_help_with_heating_costs)
- AgeUK - [https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/factsheets/fs1\\_help\\_with\\_heating\\_costs\\_fcs.pdf](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/factsheets/fs1_help_with_heating_costs_fcs.pdf)