

WOOLHOPE PARISH

**Annual Parish Meeting of the
Electorate**

Tuesday 27th May 2025

6.30pm

Woolhope Village Hall

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Agenda

1. To receive the Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Parish Council Annual Report.
3. Open Forum for members of the Electorate.
4. Chairman's closing remarks.

WOOLHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's report May 2025

The neighbourhood development plan has now reached Regulation 16. Herefordshire Council has undertaken its consultation and the final step before a referendum is a review by an independent examiner. All being well the NDP should be in place before the end of the year.

Broadmoor Common

Parish council together with the steering group have accessed a grant toward the purchase of a Rytec mower making it easier to maintain the common.



Hills Ford Rally

This has proved a controversial development for the parish. The parish council did not seek the rally and the majority of councillors opposed the idea last year. The decision on road closures rests with Herefordshire Council, however parish council have conducted two exercises in gauging parish opinion and both have a majority in favour of the rally. Parish Council is aware of the very strong feeling against the rally held by many however and will press the organisers to take the rally elsewhere next year.

Finances

Parish Council decided to increase the precept by a minimal amount this year from £18k to £18,450 in line with inflation. During the year over £4k was spent on lengthsman services maintaining parish roads, with over half of the expenditure reclaimed from Herefordshire Council.