

## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL 7 MARCH 2014**

### **THE BLOODHOUND LAND SPEED RECORD CAR COMES TO HEREFORDSHIRE**

Herefordshire schools are the first in the country to take part in the Bloodhound experience. Wigmore Teaching School Alliance took up the challenge and organised day long workshops for pupils aged between 5 and 13 years of age across the county. These workshops combined problem solving, maths, and science & technology skills and they were run in conjunction with Herefordshire Group Training Association and members of the Bloodhound land speed record education team

The Bloodhound car was at HGTA site for two weeks, during which time more than 1000 local school pupils took part in workshops and saw the car. The Bloodhound, the 1000mph/1600kph World Land Speed Record & the Bloodhound education team, are bringing inspirational STEM and computer science workshops to our community of schools.

It was a pleasure for the Chairman to visit and see the young people thoroughly enjoying the Bloodhound experience.

### **ROYAL VISIT TO SHOBDON CHURCH**

HRH Prince Charles recently visited Shobdon Church following the completion of 12 year's restoration work. The church is famed for its early Gothic revival interior.

His Royal Highness met with conservation architects, fundraisers and volunteers involved with the project. He then went outside and met some of the local school children.

Rector, Revd. Brenda Jacobs, said: "He came ten years ago and helped us kick start the whole process of getting the funding together and gave generously. It was lovely for him to come and see the results. He seemed to really appreciate the work, asking technical questions and so on."

### **FLOODING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

The county has recently faced difficult issues with the wet weather, and many staff along with the Police and Fire and Rescue Authority, have tirelessly focused on keeping residents safe, and critical services operating. As a whole team, and as individuals, everyone involved has played a great part in managing the current severe weather conditions. The county has been remarkably resilient, and thanks go to everyone for all their efforts.