

**County & District Councillor's Monthly Report Cllr. Jacqi Hodgson - Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**  
**Devon County Councillor for Totnes & Dartington**  
(incl. Harberton, Harbertonford, Staverton, Landscope & part of Berry Pomeroy)  
**South Hams District Councillor for Dartington & Staverton**  
**SHDC Executive Portfolio Councillor for Waste and Composting**

**Devon County Council (DCC): key issues**

**Forthcoming DCC Full Council 05.09.24 – I have submitted the following motion seeking divestment of DCC Pension fund from investments that are effectively supporting the war against Palestine.**

“Further to withdrawing over £2 million in investments from companies selling arms to Israel. Devon County Council now commits to investigating withdrawing the £84 million that remains invested through its investments and pension funds in such companies, including Rolls Royce (£1,951,241), Barclays Bank (£12,889,533), BAE Systems (£4,969,449), and Babcock (£360,850).

Devon County Council seeks immediate withdrawal of these investments, particularly in light of the tragic loss of over 20,000 children in Gaza. Our pension fund should not support activities contributing to such atrocities.

Devon County Council seeks to fully divest from these companies and to uphold values of peace, justice, and ethical responsibility.”

Cllr Henry Gent has agreed to second the motion

**I would welcome Town and Parish Councils in this Devon County division passing a similar motion of support for this proposal as this will strengthen the motion when it is considered at DCC**

I am also anticipating that a **petition that has been gathering signatures in support** of “Devon County Council: Complete Divestment from Companies Selling Arms to Israel”, will be presented by Totnes Friends of Palestine, the organisers, to this County Council Meeting. To date, this petition has over 1,000 signatures. This is the on-line link to the petition that is still live:

[https://www.change.org/p/devon-county-council-complete-divestment-from-companies-selling-arms-to-israel?utm\\_medium=custom\\_url&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&recruited\\_by\\_id=9c7f3d00-45bb-11ef-86f1-73d97083c604](https://www.change.org/p/devon-county-council-complete-divestment-from-companies-selling-arms-to-israel?utm_medium=custom_url&utm_source=share_petition&recruited_by_id=9c7f3d00-45bb-11ef-86f1-73d97083c604)

**Totnes for Palestine are also planning to rally at County Hall next Thursday along with other Palestine solidarity groups across the county in support of this divestment ahead of the meeting.**

**I have also submitted the following questions to this DCC Full Council 05.09.24:**

**1. Overgrown Verges:** There are many complaints being made to me by town and parish councils and residents in my division regarding growing concerns about overgrown hedges and foliage making pavements and roads dangerous for pedestrians. Officers have been out to check these but say they do not exceed safety limits and trimming must await the turn in the regular programme. However, the complainants disagree and some are citing legislation for safety and in particular keeping pedestrian ways safe and accessible for less able and disabled citizens, raising concerns that we are failing to meeting these legal obligations. What are we doing to ensure our policies and practices are legally compliant and enabling all pedestrians are safe and feel safe using public highways?

**2. 20mph:** What can we do to bring in more 20mph speed limits in residential areas, outside schools and enable more people to access buses on busy thoroughfares?

**Concerns raised over Greater Horseshoe Bats – major reduction in numbers counted this year;**

In mid August I received an anxious call from a regular recorder of the daily emergence of the Greater Horseshoe Bats from the internationally important roost at Buckfastleigh. She has observed a potentially catastrophic reduction in the daily counts this month; down to around 20 individuals from the usual high numbers of up to a thousand bats emerging each night. I reported this into the DCC and SHDC Ecologists and subsequently to Natural England. DCC Ecologist and Devon Bat Group reps have replied and have confirmed that they are aware of the situation and a lot of work is currently taking place to assess the situation, including finding the alternative roosts that the bats have moved to, to avoid the known predation from Barn Owls who it seems have entered this major roost.

The various formally responsible organisations and other interested groups are in communication over this, but it is clear, that that they need to pool more of their information on a regular basis and establish clear lines of responsibility for the monitoring and care for Greater Horseshoe bats and their roosts to ensure proper security and resilience for this (legally) highly protected species. The deficit in the current situation is highlighted by the flurry of 'must do's' further to my reporting this in last week. I'll report further as information provided on this situation.

These are a couple extracts of the reply from DCC:

#### **Roost (Special Area of Conservation)**

*We understand from Stephen Carroll (Ecologist at TDC) that the colony (800-2000 bats) has left the roost due to predation issues from barn owls. You may be aware that this happened at the Higher Marks Barn roost as few years ago and that Vincent Wildlife Trust fitted barn owl excluders and the bats returned - <https://www.conservationevidence.com/individual-study/11849> ). Stephen believes that VWT has tried to fit excluders to Rock Farm, but this has turned out to be unsuccessful, perhaps because the owls have entered areas of the barn that are inaccessible. Bat workers are currently surveying areas around Buckfastleigh, to see if the missing bats have taken up any alternative 'refuge' sites. About 160 have been counted in the 'river caves', and there is another cave culvert under the road which is suspected may be being used. No GHBs were picked up crossing the road from Rock Farm, whereas counts of around 700 would usually be expected.*

#### **Buckfastleigh Sustenance Zone**

*We have made some effort over the last 10 years to try and work together to protect habitat around the roost and within the wider sustenance zone. Examples are mapping key trees identified by local bat experts on the DCC Environment Viewer / working with DCC Lighting Engineers to switch off / dim lights where appropriate (Les Pym who has now retired was very involved and took groups of lighting engineers to the park in Buckfastleigh to show them how switching off lights impacting on the behaviour of the bats).*

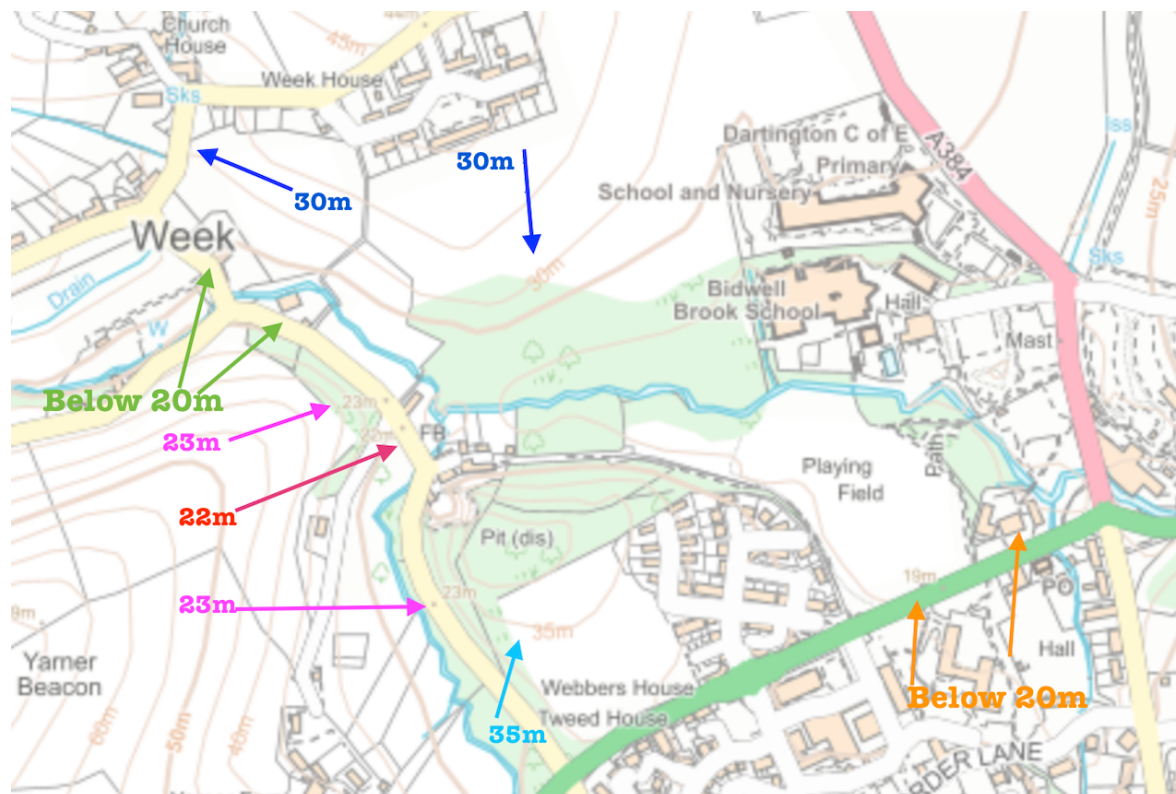
**Badger Cull - Farm Estates Committee on September 9th:** The UK Government has just announced that it will be stopping the very controversial badger cull and instead be bring in a badger and cattle vaccination programme to protect both species from bovine tuberculosis which has been so disastrous for farmers and costly to the public purse. Further to public representations to myself from residents and wildlife groups concerned about the impact of the badger cull on badgers and other wildlife, I have been asked to make representations to DCC seeking that the badger cull is not permitted on DCC land, in particular on DCC owned farms. I will be making representations to the forthcoming Farm Estates Committee on this basis.

#### **Flooding issues & concerns:**

**Harberton:** A large number of residents of Harberton attending a Parish Council meeting in July, where they raised considerable concerns about further flooding that could repeat the same problems of last Autumn when homes in the village were flooded with flood waters and mud from elevated fields due to unusually high rainfall. The concern that climate change is likely to cause more extreme weather and that homes remain at risk was brought to the meeting. Further to this I have made a request to the Flood Risk team at DCC to arrange and attend a public meeting in the village, ideally together with

Environment Agency officers to discuss measures that could be implemented to reduce the risk to homes and the village centre when high rainfall and storms strike again.

I have also suggested that a screening of the EA/+others film High Water-Common Ground and that perhaps this could be considered as part of the meeting, having seen it myself a couple of times, I know how well it is received and assists understanding on how local people can collectively help the situation themselves. <https://www.facebook.com/HighWaterCommonGround/>



**Week:** Flooding continues to be a concern in the ancient hamlet of Week where there have been a high number of flooding incidents over the past two years since work commenced at sawmills Field West and Broom Park. Considerable damage to the Devon Bank adjacent to Sawmills Field on the lane from Droridge Cross to Week has caused flooding down that lane towards Week. Similarly in Week Lane from the A384, the area where the drainage ditch from fields north of Broom Park, where there are currently two highway gullies that sit on a watercourse generated by a spring in Brock's Park Copse where it is culverted under Week Lane and down under the Broom Park development site towards the school where it then discharges into Bidwell Brook. The recent episodes of flooding from the Broom Park side into Week Lane assumed to be possibly due to blockages or damage in the pipe that now runs under the new housing on the site. Reports with an annotated map that I prepared and asked officers to consider have to date been met with poor response from DCC Flood Team.

Further concerns have now been raised regarding the risk to houses in the lowest area of Week at below 20m above sea level and close to the Bidwell Brook. This has been reported in for investigation.

**DCC has a webpage where anyone concerned that their property could be at risk of flooding or has previously flooded can report this directly to the Flood Risk Team at this link:**  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/report-flooding-to-property/>

**DCC's report about the severe flooding that took place across Devon on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023** is at this link. The purpose of this report is to document the flood event as it happened, in addition to setting out

recommended actions. The report is to act as a tool for all the relevant Risk Management Authorities to understand and appreciate the extent of flooding in their area and to consider and prioritise those actions relevant to their authority (scroll down the report to see points 7.3 -7.5 for the detailed reports about Harberton, Harbertonford and Week): <https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/document/flood-investigation-report/>

**DCC's latest Local Flood Risk Management Strategy newsletter** is now available on our website in an accessible format here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/document/summer-2024-newsletter/> giving an update on the ongoing work and activities as part of Devon's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Lead Local Flood Authority role over the last 6 months. They also have a Flood Risk Management webpage with reports and links: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/flood-investigations-reports-and-studies/>

**Devon Resilience Innovation Project (DRIP) July newsletter.** This contains updates on the projects they are carrying out across Devon to improve flood resilience in our target communities. Please share this with anyone you think may be interested and get in touch if you have any questions.

[Devon Resilience Innovation Project \(DRIP\) newsletter \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com/topics/devon)

### **Peninsula Transport Strategy: guiding future regional transport investment**

The following announcement was circulated in July. I have requested and it has been confirmed that myself as your County Councillor and Totnes TC are registered as stakeholders to ensure we are kept updated on progress and any opportunities that could affect this area and notified of any opportunities of consultation, feedback or grants. This will be included in discussions at the Totnes & District Traffic & Transport Forum and Steering Group.

*"In a major milestone, Peninsula Transport, the Sub-national Transport Body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay, is proud to share our regional transport strategy. The strategy aims to give people in the south west a more resilient, reliable and accessible transport system, boosting economic growth while supporting more sustainable ways to travel. Overcoming some specific regional transport challenges such as network resilience, seasonal variation and rural accessibility will be vital.*

*To do this, the strategy sets out four outcomes as well as a route map to achieve a strategic transport network that works for everyone – from businesses to communities and visitors. By 2030 the desired outcomes are:*

- *Easier journeys: an integrated public transport system that focuses on the needs of the customers, making travel easy and accessible as well as better active travel connectivity with the bus and rail network*
- *Going electric: affordable zero-emission transport through a reliable electric vehicle charging network and alternative fuel choices for road freight and buses*
- *A connected peninsula: safe, reliable, resilient and sustainable links to and throughout the peninsula, allowing for climate adaptation*

*These outcomes will ultimately lead to the key objective by 2050 of:*

- *Completing the transport network: improving connections within a safe and fully integrated transport network on a path to net zero*

*It is backed by a robust evidence base and consultation with government, industry, businesses as well as communities to make sure it meets the diverse range of needs of those travelling within the peninsula. Additionally, the strategy will sit alongside a Strategic Implementation Plan which will identify and prioritise specific schemes and initiatives needed to deliver the transport strategy. The implementation plan is currently under development and is expected to be in place by late 2024.*

*Together, both the strategy and implementation plan will help to advise government on the unique transport needs and priorities of the peninsula and advocate for the delivery of transport projects that will make a real difference to the region.*

The Peninsula Transport Strategy can be found at <https://www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk/peninsula-transport-strategy/>

Please feel free to share this briefing email and the link with your networks. We are also promoting the strategy via our social media channels and would welcome your support in sharing content across your own channels  
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/peninsula-transport/>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PensTransport>  
Best wishes, Councillor Mark Coker, Chair, Peninsula Transport”

#### **Devon Local Transport Plan: Issued on 22.08.24**

DCC have now published a final LTP4 Vision and Objectives document, please find it attached to this email.

The team is now developing the full Local Transport Plan document, which will set out the overarching ambitions for Devon’s transport network and provision, and identify the types of investment in transport services, infrastructure and strategies that will be delivered.

#### **They are requesting further input into the Local Transport Plan as essential. They would like to hear from County Councillors about:**

- What are the top three issues regarding transport in Devon from your perspective as a key stakeholder?
- What are the top three actions or interventions that should be included in the LTP to address these issues?

We are requested to provide answers to the questions above by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

As this is such short notice, I have requested an extension to this deadline in order for full consideration by all the Town and parish Councils I represent in this division. I will confirm further when I have heard back.

#### **Healthwatch Stakeholder Briefing issued by DCC - Exploring unmet social care need for disabled adults**

*For Information – this week our national partners Healthwatch England released a new poll of 1,504 working-age disabled adults which found that 28% have never accessed social care despite being eligible. Other key findings include:*

- *Up to 1.5 million disabled adults in England could be eligible for social care or other support, but aren’t receiving it.*
- *When people receive social care support, their experiences are very positive, with 78% of disabled adults aged 18-64 agreeing that their care helped them live the lives they wanted to.*
- *Social care helps people stay healthy, do their favourite activities, eat and drink, work and volunteer, and look after themselves and their homes.*
- *Only 9% of people we spoke to disagreed that care helped them live the lives they wanted to.*
- *Access to social care remains a challenge. 28% of our total sample had never accessed care, despite self-identifying as eligible.*
- *Most people waiting for care assessments received information and support, including how long they could expect to wait for an assessment (32%) and information on what to expect.*
- *Around 10% of people received no support at all while waiting.*

*In the full report, Healthwatch outline their findings and provide recommendations to decision-makers. Please click the links below to download the report: [Download the report](#) [Download a large print version of the report](#)*

**Latest Healthwatch in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Annual Report for 2024**, containing their statutory activities from April 2023 to March 2024 is available to read online via [Devon](#), Healthwatch websites.

#### **Cost of Living Crisis: Citizens Advice Bureau report; July 2024: New research shows over 80,000 people living in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay unable to afford essential costs:**

<https://southhamscab.org.uk/new-research-shows-over-80000-people-living-in-devon-plymouth-and-torbay-unable-to-afford-essential-costs/>

**The Citizens Advice Devon (CA Devon) Quarter 1 report for 2024-25** is attached for your information and awareness. Of particular note:

- Residents supported this quarter – 8,029 –the nature of the issues are tending to become multifaceted/more complex in nature.
- Energy issues up 64%, debt issues up 66% - fuel debt issues increased by 80% on the same quarter last year.
- Issues resolved this quarter, 32,396.
- Income Gains were £5.8m for the quarter, up 14% on the same quarter last year.
- Members may be interested in the national Citizens Advice report , **The Red Index** , linked from page 2 of the report ; providing useful insight and data on the cost of living crisis.
- Debt written off equated to £1,046,986 this quarter , with £34,710 of debt being re-scheduled. Debt re-scheduling is becoming harder to manage due to the cost of living crisis and strain on incomes (see page 7 of report).
- The attached Service Locations document may be useful to members/frontline staff and the communities they serve.

CA Devon are always keen to hear from members, so if you have further questions or wish to know more about the work of CA Devon please do contact your local office: [Home - Citizens Advice Devon \(cabdevon.org.uk\)](http://cabdevon.org.uk)

### Local Issues:

**Request for pedestrian lights at Weston by-pass junction with Plymouth Road** – I raised this at the July HATOC meeting. Further to which the following site meeting has been arranged to view the need for pedestrian facilities to serve pedestrians using the public footpath that emerges just below the lights to cross Weston By-pass to walk safely on to town or just cross the road to catch the bus. I will request that the meeting continues to 9am. **Please let others know who may wish to demonstrate the use and challenges faced when attempting to cross the road on this side of the junction and could cross the road with the committee watching.**

**Western Bypass Site Visit by South Has HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee) members Scheduled for next Friday - 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The proposed meeting point is here - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TN5XijFsK7q9zqxM8> - at 7.45am.**

**Overgrown hedges and foliage on public highways and footpaths:** second only to potholes, this is the most prolific topic of the complaints I receive about DCC services. Anyone with concerns about overgrown hedges that are making footpaths adjacent to public roads dangerous for pedestrians should use the following link to the Report It webpage as these reports go directly to the commissioned services to assess the problem:  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-overgrown-trees-and-vegetation/>

Unfortunately, the previously more regular cyclical trims have been severely reduced in recent years due to lack of government funding for public services. Essentially, unless the assessment of the report of overgrowth indicates a public safety hazard, the trim will only take place within the now much reduced cyclical programme.

**Pedestrian routes at Ashburton Road (Puddaven Terrace), Coronation Road and Weston By-pass have been reported in (some repeatedly) over the last couple of months and checked by officers** and despite local residents and others still complaining that the overgrowth is making footpaths dangerous – a view I share.

### Parking and waiting restrictions:

Devon County Council (Various Streets, Devon) (Disabled Parking & Control of Waiting) (No.37) Amendment Order. Devon County Council make the following order under sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, part IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers.

#### Part 1 New restrictions:

##### **Schedule 7.001 Disabled Badge Holders Only At Any Time: Bow Road, Harbertonford**

- (i) the south side from a point 14 metres east of the eastern side of the access to the properties known as Millstreat House/Peartree Orchard for a distance of 18.6 metres in an easterly direction

(ii) the south side from a point 2.5 metres east of the eastern building line of River Cottage for a distance of 6.6 metres in an easterly direction.

**Schedule 1.001 No Waiting At Any Time: Babbage Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from its junction with Borough Park Road for a distance of 20 metres in an easterly direction

(ii) the north side from a point 35.6 metres east of its junction with Borough Park Road in an easterly then northerly direction to its junction with Mill Leat.

**Borough Park Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from its junction with Parklands westside to its junction with Babbage Road

**Schedule 4.178 Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 9am-6pm 3 Hours No Return Within 3 Hours**

**(Exemption for Residents Zone A Permit Holders): Babbage Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from a point 20 metres east of its junction with Borough Park Road for a distance of 9 metres in an easterly direction

**Schedule 7.001 Disabled Badge Holders Only At Any Time: Babbage Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from a point 29 metres east of its junction with Borough Park Road for a distance of 6.6 metres in an easterly direction

**PART 2 REVOKED RESTRICTIONS**

**Schedule 7.001 Disabled Badge Holders Only At Any Time; Bow Road, Harbertonford**

(i) the south side from a point 14 metres east of the eastern side of the access to the properties known as Millstreat House/ Peartree Orchard for a distance of 12.6 metres in an easterly direction

**Schedule 1.001 No Waiting At Any Time; Babbage Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from its junction with Parklands Westside to a point 61 metres east of its junction with Parklands Eastside.

**Schedule 4.178 Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 9am-6pm 3 Hours No Return Within 3 Hours**

**(Exemption for Residents Zone A Permit Holders). Babbage Road, Totnes**

(i) the north side from a point 20 metres east of its junction with Borough Park Road for a distance of 17 metres in an easterly direction

**Swallowfields Residents' parking scheme:** I met with some of the residents in the last few weeks to discuss the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public consultation on the proposed residents' parking scheme in Swallowfields. There is significant disagreement between a number of the residents on having any kind of scheme and/or which scheme (Mon-Sat 9-6 or 24/7 residents only) would be preferable. They will work locally with their community for a consensus view and get back to me for my feedback to the officers.

**Westward Close:** These residents want their residents' parking scheme removed as it was causing problems for those with garages on the street. After considerable correspondence with the officers (who were reluctant to change this), I brought this to the July HATOC meeting, further to which my previous request for a site meeting with residents and officers was arranged. Further to which, it was agreed this scheme, implemented in 2010 will be removed subject to public consultation which is currently underway.

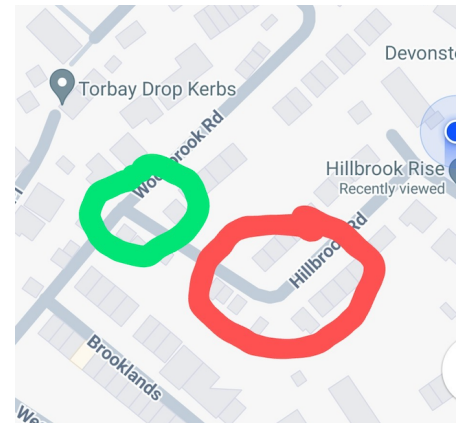
**Any requests for any new waiting restrictions in this division need to be requested in early September '24; please let me know ASAP of any that you would like me to submit for consideration for the 2025/26 financial year.**

### Request for Double Yellow Lines at Hillbrook Road, Totnes

My help has been requested to restrict parking where Hillbrook Road turns the corner and leads up to Hillbrook Rise (see attached map extract).

*“Our problem is that people keep parking on the corner marked in red and this means that large vehicles cannot turn the corner. This has impacted refuse collection in particular but could also be a problem if an emergency vehicle needed access. This has been a problem for a long time but it has happened twice in recent weeks that the refuse collection vehicle has been unable to turn the corner and in both cases we have had to wait 4 weeks for our refuse to be collected.*

*As I said this has been a problem for a long time and was acknowledged as such by the authorities a couple of years ago when they came and painted double yellow lines at the corner of Woodbrook Road and Hillbrook Road (marked in green). This has solved the problem completely at that junction.”*



I have asked the officers at DCC to consider this.

### Road Safety issues at St.Johns’ School, Bridgetown & The Grove, Totnes:

Cllr Tim Bennett and I have observed children arriving at school at both The Grove, Totnes and St John’s Bridgetown primary schools. To be frank, a lot of the pulling in to drop off children from cars was quite shocking and potentially dangerous to both their own children and others arriving in the vicinity of the schools. We have discussed this and Green Travel Plans with both Hilary Priest, Headteacher at The Grove and Deputy School Head Teacher Nicola Jillard at St Johns. To date we have taken this further with St. John’s who have so far completed a Travel School Plan and conducted a survey with parents about how their children travel to school and reasons for their choices. There was a good response to the survey, the replies were very interesting and informative. St. John’s School have agreed that their work to date and requests for safety measures to the Road Safety team at DCC can be shared with The Grove so that a consistent approach can be presented to DCC in the hope that this will create better safer routes for pedestrians and in particular school children. This work is on-going.

### Castle St – signage to improve safety: Still waiting!

**Request for signage to slow down Week Lane traffic and to restrict oversized vehicles attempting to use the medieval Knoddy Bridge.** This is the holding reply to date: *“I have emailed our structures team to ask the questions. There is a width restriction on Knoddy Bridge (attached) but no apparent advance warning signs which seems peculiar. Neither has a weight restriction. I have also asked if their listed status has any relevance, but I would suggest not as most of our structures are now historic. As you know DCC has a policy on speed limits. DCC don’t sign our extensive rural network that there are no footways, these signs are reserved for locations where a footway could be expected. I will write again once the Structures team have responded.”*

### Road Traffic Orders & Notices

#### Temporary Traffic Notice - LEECHWELL STREET & THE LAMB, Totnes (TTRO2459071).

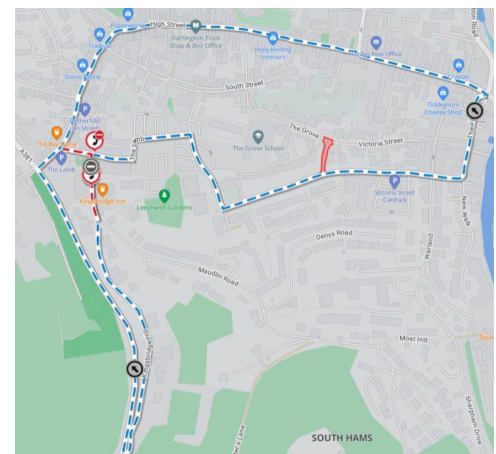
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC From MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024 for a maximum of 5 days Until FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024 (both dates inclusive). No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads: LEECHWELL STREET & THE LAMB, TOTNES

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via –

**DIVERSION 1:** CISTERN STREET, HIGH STREET, FORE STREET, THE PLAINS, ST KATHERINES WAY, HEATH WAY

**DIVERSION 2:** CISTERN STREET, WESTERN BY PASS, KINGSBRIDGE HILL

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable UNDERGROUND CABLING AND SPLICING. For additional information contact: 1SERVCO. Tel: 07925589102



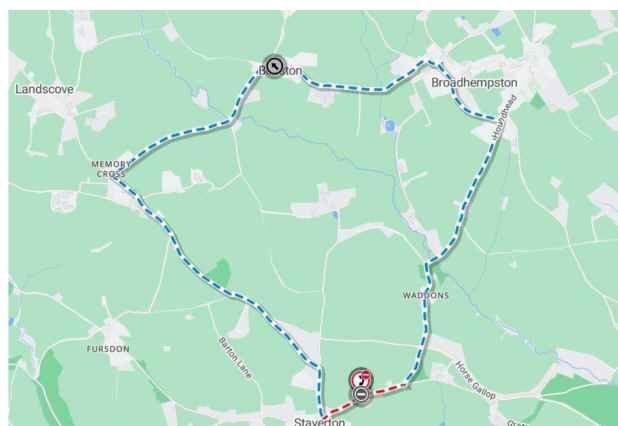


**Temporary Traffic Notice - ROAD FROM BLACKLERS LAND CROSS TO TOWN HILL, Staverton (TTRO2459219)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC. FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024 for a maximum of 5 days.

Anticipated Finish FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024

Between the hours of 08:30 and 15:30. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected - ROAD FROM BLACKLERS LAND CROSS TO TOWN HILL, STAVERTON. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - WADDONS CROSS TO BLACKLERS LAND CROSS – WADDONS CROSS TO BOW BRIDGE - VICARAGE CROSS TO BOW CROSS - ROUGHLANDS TO THE GABLES - POST OFFICE TO STOOP CROSS – METHODIST CHURCH CROSS TO POST OFFICE – BEASTON CROSS TO CHAPEL COTTAGE – BEASTON CROSS TO PORTBRIDGE CROSS – MEMORY CROSS TO PORTBRIDGE COTTAGE – MEMORY CROSS TO FURSDON CROSS – MOOTHILL CROSS TO CROSS SOUTH OF ALLWYNS – SANDY LANE – MOOTHILL CROSS TO TOWN HILL & VICE VERSA. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - ROAD CLOSURE REQUIRED FOR SAFE ACCESS TO POLE REPLACEMENT. For additional information contact: SUNBELT RENTALS Telephone: 03700 500792



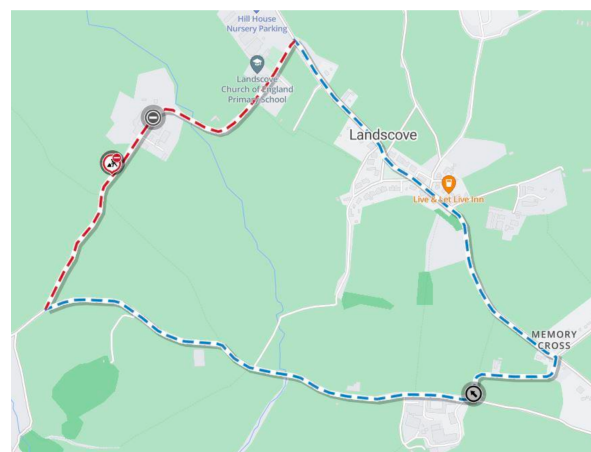
**Temporary Traffic Order - Church Cross to Wash Cross, Landscope, Staverton (TTRO2459158)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024 for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads. CHURCH CROSS TO WASH CROSS, LANDSCOPE, ASHBURTON. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via – CHURCH CROSS TO MEMORY CROSS, MEMORY CROSS TO BARKINGTON MANOR, WASS CROSS TO HILLCROFT PAST BARKINGTON MANOR AND VICE VERSA. (Works will be done in sections to maintain access to farm and will work around school times to maintain access during pick up/ collection times). This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable – PATCHING. For additional information contact: MILESTONE INFRASTRUCTURE Telephone: 0203 307 7858



**Temporary Traffic Notice - Leigh Bridge to Broadpark Stile, Harberton (TTRO2459043).**

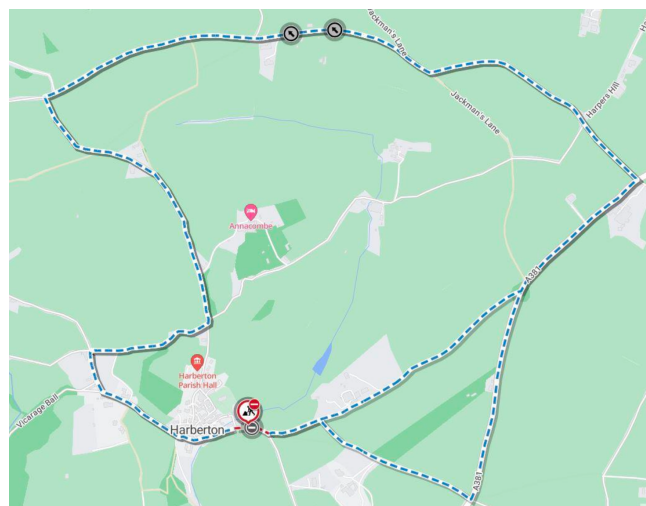
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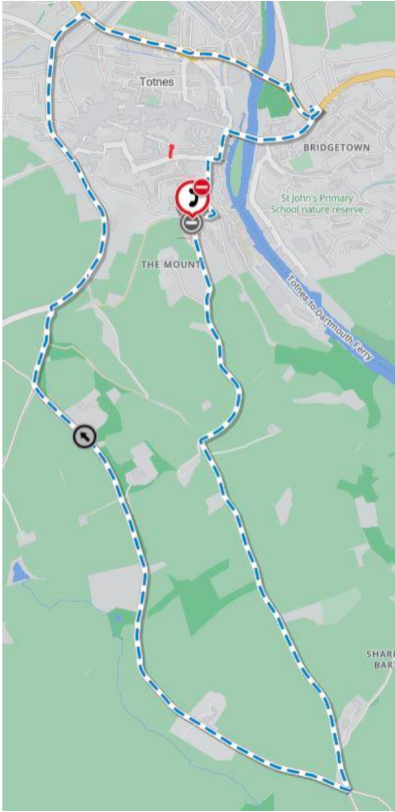
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permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads. LEIGH BRIDGE TO BROADPARK STILE, HARBERTON The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via **DIVERSION 1:** MILL CROSS TO TRISTFORD FARM, MILL CROSS TO GILLS CROSS, COPPERTHORNE CROSS TO GILLS CROSS, ROAD FROM BLAKEMORE CROSS TO COPPERTHORNE CROSS, GREEN LANE TO NORTH OF COPPERTHORNE CROSS, ROAD FROM BOWDEN PILLARS PAST TRISTFORD CROSS, A381, FORDBARN CROSS TO PEAK CROSS, ROAD FROM BROADPARK STILE CROSS TO FORDBARN CROSS,

**DIVERSION 2:** ROAD FROM BROADPARK STILE CROSS TO FORDBARN CROSS, FORDBARN CROSS TO LANGRIDGE CROSS, A381, ROAD FROM BOWDEN PILLARS PAST TRISTFORD CROSS, GREEN LANE TO NORTH OF COPPERTHORNE CROSS, ROAD FROM BLAKEMORE CROSS TO COPPERTHORNE CROSS, COPPERTHORNE CROSS TO GILLS CROSS, MILL CROSS TO GILLS CROSS, MILL CROSS TO TRISTFORD FARM. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - DRAINAGE WORKS

For additional information contact: MILESTONE INFRASTRUCTURE. Telephone: 0203 307 7858





**Temporary Traffic Notice - TOTNES DOWN HILL, Totnes (TTRO2459013)**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC. From MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2024 for a maximum of 5 days. Until WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024 (both dates inclusive). No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. TOTNES DOWN HILL, TOTNES The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - MOAT HILL, SHARPHAM DRIVE, WARLAND, ST KATHERINE'S WAY, THE PLAINS, BRIDGETOWN, A385, WESTERN BY PASS, PAST BOWDEN HOUSE, PAST COOMBEPARK FARMHOUSE, PAST SHARPHAM MEADOW NATURAL BURIAL GROUND, TOTNES DOWN HILL. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - EXCAVATE AND CLEAR BLOCKAGES IN NETWORK For additional information contact: AVONLINE NETWORKS Telephone: 01865 591100 01803 668080

**Closure of Schumacher College by Dartington Hall Trust.** This was announced on 30<sup>th</sup> August'24, further to a warning last year by the Trust that the college would need to be self-financing. Along with other local Councillors I have been invited to attend a meeting with the acting CEO to discuss and understand further the situation.

**Totnes Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Group.** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at Totnes Climate Hub.

This meeting will discuss new projects that the group might wish to consider taking forward. There will also be an update on the community composting project for Totnes further to the highly informative visit to other Community Composting project sites that took place in August. All welcome. Totnes CC project report attached.

**Composting in the South Hams Guide: As part of the Community Composting promotion** I am carrying out in my Executive role at SHDC, this Guide produced by Sustainable South Hams Compost team (and funded by SHDC) which covers all aspects of composting from community projects to householder has been produced and a printed copy is being provided to all District Ward Members and the Clerk of each Town and Parish Council in the District to help make this more available to all interested parties. (Ward Members are being asked to take the Clerk's copies to their parish Council meetings this month). This is the link to a page where a pdf copy can be downloaded and shared. [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UOvq\\_P\\_zllBamGnreTNYTEhFYgag3Wbe](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UOvq_P_zllBamGnreTNYTEhFYgag3Wbe)

As part of my role in waste I attended a **pre-arranged visit to see the Waste2Energy facility in Plymouth in July.** This is where the non-recyclable waste collected (in the grey bins) by SHDC and all other non-recyclable waste is sent. It was very interesting, but somewhat shocking that there are emissions (which are limited by permit) and the incinerator bottom ash is used in sub-road materials <https://www.mvv.de/en/about-us/group-of-companies/mvv-umwelt/subsidiaries/mvv-environment-ltd/devonport-efw-chp-facility-plymouth>

**Totnes & District Traffic & Transport Forum meeting:** The last meeting was well attended with representatives from neighbouring parishes attending. All of whom said they found the meeting useful. The next quarterly meeting will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in Totnes Guildhall. All welcome.

**Next South Devon Catchment Partnership Autumn meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 16:00.** This meeting will be held online only, over Teams. *"We wanted to use the Autumn meeting as a learning opportunity to provide a better understanding of the national picture for catchment partnerships and monitoring. We have invited four speakers both from within and outside of South Devon to share and discuss their work with us."* For details and links to this meeting, please contact **Zoë Connelly**, Evidence & Engagement Officer Westcountry Rivers Trust. 01579 550715 [wrt.org.uk](http://wrt.org.uk)

**Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement project:** Notice of Steering Group meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm – 8pm at Staverton Court Rooms. This will be face to face meeting only. All participating Town and Parish Councils are invited to send a representative. In the meantime a project update will be circulated. The

first Young Carers youth event will be taking place later this month. Contact Kerry McCabe if you know a Young Carer that might be interested: <https://traveproject.org/contact-us/>

**Children's Alliance Grant funding:** <https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/childrens-alliance/>

Non-profit organisations including schools, registered charities, community interest companies and registered community groups can apply for grants to deliver water-based projects for disadvantaged children. The funding comes from the Children's Alliance which aims to get children into water safely to learn, develop and purposefully play for the benefit of their physical and mental wellbeing. Projects must support children under the age of 18 and clearly show the relationship to water or water environments within the project. The grants will usually be up to £15,000 with most grants awarded being under £10,000. Focus of fund/fund aims: Grants for projects to give children and young people a better start in life through the medium of water. Applications can be made twice a year - in September and March.

**Grants for charities and organisations that help to make transport accessible for disabled people**

**Motability**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/motability-grants-to-charities-organisations/>

**Motability** provides grants to charities and organisations that support the transport needs of people with disabilities. It runs six separate grant schemes as follows:

- Community Transport Grants – grants from £100,000 to £4m
- Wheelchair Sector Grant Programme – grants from £100,000 up to £4m
- Active Travel Grants – grants from £100,000 to £4m
- Research Grants – grants from £50,000 to £1m
- Travelling with Confidence – grants from £100,000 to £1.5m
- Reducing Barriers to Driving – grants from £100,000 to £2m

Medium and large charities and not-for-profit organisations with well-established ways of working may apply.

Applicants must:

- be based in the UK
- have been active for at least three years
- have had an annual income of at least £150,000 per annum over that period
- be working in the field of transport for disabled people

Motability also provides grants to individuals to help people with disabilities to get mobile, including support for driving lessons and an access to work grant. Application deadline: **Stage 1 applications by 8 October 2024**

**Prudence Trust**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/prudence-trust-early-support-hubs/>

This is a new funding opportunity to support drop-in hubs that offer mental health support to young people aged 11-25. The aim is to support young people's early support hubs to maintain existing services, strengthen their relationship with clinical partners, or add new services to their model. The Prudence Trust is seeking hubs that are integrated within the local healthcare and voluntary sectors and are delivering high quality services with strong evidence of their impact. Registered charities or CICs with an annual income of £1million or over can apply for grants of between £250,000 to £500,000 from a total budget of £1.5million. The funding is for core costs including staff time, training for staff or volunteers, evaluation or strengthening links with local clinical services. Your organisation must be running an early support hub in a physical space, open to local young people (aged between 11 and 25) in need of support or guidance. The organisation must have experience of running a hub for at least the past three years. Focus of fund/fund aims: Grants towards the core costs of drop-in mental health hubs for young people aged 11-25 Application deadline: **1st stage applications by 9 September 2024**

**Inspire Fund**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/alzheimers-research-uk-inspire-fund/>

Alzheimer's Research UK is offering grants up to £5,000 for innovative projects that engage and empower the public by improving understanding of dementia and sharing the benefits of dementia research.

Through the Inspire Fund, Alzheimer's Research UK is aiming to fund projects that:

- Engage with underserved audiences on the topic of dementia

AND

- Build knowledge and understanding about brain health and explore ways to encourage behaviour change.

Applications are invited from people, organisations and communities with ideas, passion and ability to realise innovative public engagement projects on the topic of dementia. There is a particular interest in supporting projects led by community groups or organisations. Focus of fund/fund aims: Funding for projects that engage the public with the topic of dementia and research into the condition. Application deadline: **14 October 2024**