

May 2019 Devon County councillor update:

Highways:

Planned works:

A386, Plymouth road resurfacing (from Morrisons roundabout to Texaco)

West Street Resurfacing, replacement of brick pavements with black top
Warran lane, drainage work at the top of the lane to stop lane getting washed away.
A386, Plymouth road, small footway job to improve access to Francis court and stop water ponding on footway
Down road footpath onto moor, hand rail to be replaced after it became a defect
Lang Grove, resurfacing of whole cul de sac
Marshall close/Priory Gardens, resurfacing of worst section at bottom of hill
Daleswood Road, resurfacing of worst section
Brook Lane, patching in advance of possible surface dressing next year. (budget dependent)
Duke street, Bedford Square, crossing point to be relooked at as some areas have sunk since last works

Gulworthy

Crowndale Road, patching in advance of possible surface dressing next year (budget dependent)
Colcharton Cottages, patching in advance of possible surface dressing next year (budget dependent)
Colcharton farm, overlay outside Colcharton farm for worst section of the road.

The **A386 Corridor plans** can be seen on this link:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/traffic-information/transport-planning/>



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West Street road redressing

The paving blocks are going to be replaced with tarmac & this will mean that there will be road closure on June 20th for 5 evenings (Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues, Wed) 18.00-00.01hrs. This will affect North, Russell Streets and adjacent sections of Market Street & King Street

I have been contacted by concerned residents about **speeding traffic** on Mount Tavy Road & Whitchurch going into Anderton Lane.
There are more speed checks being done. The bottom line is that there are a few fast drivers and they show little regard for other users. The Police have been contacted by Highway officers too, I believe.

Health:

I have had meetings with **Livewell South West** which has been interesting seeing how much more closely **Health & Social Services** are working together. I accepted their invitation to do a site visit, plus meet the front key-line workers. This was great as I used to work with many of them years ago. The optimism, closer working & dedication is apparent. I met the head of **District Nurses** too & this was productive.

Social Housing:

When visiting local estates, I listened to concerns from some young mums who said they would like the area tidied up a bit. I contacted Livewell Social housing & they provided a skip which was most useful.

At **Greenlands** estate I have walked around with Alison Knight the Livewest local officer and we called a meeting with representatives from residents, Police, Tamar energy and local councillors (me and Cllr Paul Ward).

There is a Community get together planned for Wednesday afternoon & a cream tea. This is hopefully the first of many more meetings where we hope the residents will be able to form a Greenlands development group (the resident's association used to be very strong). We are looking to work together to help the community help themselves. There is loneliness, issues with noise and some anti-social behaviour.

I hope to develop Greenlands residents networking & move to other estates in Tavistock.

Fairtrade: I am pleased to be included in the group re-instating Tavistock as a Fairtrade Town. It was years ago but needs to be re-submitted. Rob Western from the United Reform Church is leading on this with others Lesley Crawford from TTC.

Grants:

As you may be aware, as your County Councillor, I have £10,000 of tax-payers grant funding to distribute to good causes. Already £7000 is earmarked. I had none left last year because I am a councillor who does not hang onto it when I know there are so many good causes!

For your information there are some other avenues to access some financial help from Devon County Council and the information here replaces the TAP fund:



Grant Schemes
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Environment:

Here is a reminder of what DCC has been doing since 2009 relating to reducing our carbon footprint.

It is good that WDBC has followed suit & that most reasonable people are making efforts to recognised urgency, the need to stop wasting & being so materialistic, wasteful and selfish. We try together!



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Education:

I was looking forward to joining Whitchurch Primary School to listen to the students concerns & to answer questions as best as possible about what DCC does about helping protect our environment.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel because my mother died. I hope to be able to re-arrange. I have been in schools (even before Blue Planet) describing the impact of littering and not taking care of our planet.

When 2 ladies & I set up Tidy Tavy 8 years ago, it was to protect our local area & prevent litter flowing into our river & oceans which were a significant driver to organise the volunteer group.

DCC continues to fight for fairer funding of pupils.

I have been on two task groups one which is about EHCP (Educational Health Care Plans) where young children require extra funding. This is generally for children who have a SEN (Special Educational Needs).

Some young people can cost the County Council up to £10K per week, but £4-5K a week is more likely. Fortunately for the people there are not many, however we can see where Council Tax can soon be used, with highways, social care, education etc.

The other task group I've been on is Special Guardianship. This relates to perhaps a child who must be cared for a family member or friend after parents have died or perhaps are too ill / out of control to care for them themselves.

Special Guardians have not been able to access as much support as Foster Parents & we are looking at areas where perhaps there could be some sharing.

I hope that the next 4 years are productive for Tavistock.

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