



## County Councillor's Parish Report

### Merry Christmas .. and a Happy New Year!

The consultations continue.

The joint HCC/WCC Winchester Movement Study consultation closes on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, and the South Western Railway consultation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

You can now have your say on the new WCC Local Plan, in particular the gypsy and traveller sections and the start of another review of the Winchester Local Plan- these will start formally in January.

As a councillor covering both the City and National Park areas, I am particularly interested in how the two plans will dovetail, and to ensure that citizens in one area are not disadvantaged in comparison to the other.

Walking Hampshire: This month, I met competitors of Walking Football. Along with Walking Netball, these two sports are growing in Winchester-now even with rival teams. Cost per session £2. Contact the Leisure Centre for more details. If you are planning to be even healthier in 2018, you could consider joining the Health Walks that happen across the district, including in Winchester, Alresford, Kings Worthy and Sutton Scotney.

In the last County Corner, I mentioned that Abbotstone Down Country Park will be having extensive tree work done this Spring. The B3046 cuts through the Iron Age Fort which has become hidden by vegetation and this work will reveal it. But very little is known about the purpose or history of the site. Please contact me if you think you can help with research and I can pass this on to the HCC wardens.

Following the rumours that I heard last month, Cllr Gibson, Exec member at HCC has told me that the County Council will NOT be transferring its country parks to a separate charity, but will be aiming for a cost neutral service, including charges for car parking. (Charges are unlikely at Abbotstone or Avington). Autumn weather is bringing leaf litter down and if your Parish wants particular paths cleared, please contact Ray Gardner or WCC.

Kings Barton residents are moving in-and as I write this, I am looking forward to seeing the first of the affordable homes on the site on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Some of you have contacted me about the Andover Road: open or closed? issue. The new road through Kings Barton is part of the Cala Homes' planning permission and has to be constructed. What happens after that is subject to future plans of the St John Moore site, and the Winchester Movement Strategy results, and a formal consultation, but as this has to be decided by the 650<sup>th</sup> house and they are building at around 150 per year, this is not likely within the next two years at least.

Finally, I receive many requests from residents for lower speed limits (never higher).

I know that HCC has asked for an evaluation of Micheldever's 20mph limit by January.

We will await the results from all three Hampshire pilot areas with interest.

Meanwhile all requests for lower speeds *are only being considered if there is a recent accident injury record*. All my requests to HCC for speed checks are currently being rejected.

*This is frustrating but probably realistic.*

Regulation 123 list. HCC now has a 25% receipt of CIL for Highways and Footways. It is planned that this is capital which is going to be spent in the area where the money was generated. If you think there is something which should be on the 123 list for your Parish/town, (cycle paths, footway upgrade etc.) please contact [Laura.Mcculloch@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Mcculloch@hants.gov.uk) with your request, copying me. Thanks

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