

June Newsletter 2017. Langport & Curry Rivel Division Somerset County Councillor,  
Langport & Huish ward SSDC District councillor

Dear All,

Please forgive what may well be a long ramble, but there is much to get into this first newsletter! I will try to keep my comments succinct and informative, but I can't always promise that. I will try to give a personal overview followed by matters of interest to us all. I will encompass the joined up team work of both my elements from County and District which I feel will be beneficial.

So, my first few weeks as County Councillor? I can hardly remember them as they have passed in a whirlwind of activity. I have tried to immerse myself into this role that I am truly honoured to have taken over from Derek Yeomans. Derek has been at our service for a very long time and will be greatly missed by many. I am happy to report that despite thinking he may slow down a bit now, in fact the opposite is true as he will be a font of historical knowledge for me going forwards. I have had various hand over meetings with Derek which I am sure will continue for some considerable time to come. I am hugely grateful for everyone placing their trust in me to deliver their chosen voice and I will forever, regardless of politics, try my hardest to reward that trust.

Various things have happened very quickly and I believe I have shuffled elements, roles and responsibilities into position to enable me to be the most effective advocate I can be for one and all.

I am proud to have been appointed by the new leader, David Fothergill, to the position of Junior Cabinet Member for Resources and Economic Development alongside the Cabinet Member for this role and Deputy Leader of Somerset County Council, David Hall. David is already proving to be a force of nature demonstrating the same enthusiasms I feel I bring to the table and is rewarding me with the opportunity to truly shadow and learn from him. Quite astounding and I am very much looking forward to working with David over the coming years. I am sure I will learn a vast amount from him.

In due course I hope the personal overview will be less and the information I can provide will be more, but for this month here are a few snippets of information.

An interesting training session was delivered to the new councillors from the Somerset Drug & Alcohol Partnership. Helpful advice and care given. [www.somersetdap.org.uk](http://www.somersetdap.org.uk)  
Again on the training front I was made aware of SWISH services. [www.swishservices.co.uk](http://www.swishservices.co.uk)

Many of us, including myself, do not consider our health all the time, but we should. Check out [www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk](http://www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk) where some of us are eligible for free health checks.

Finally, because we never really look closely, Somerset Intelligence.  
[www.somersetintelligence.org.uk](http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk) (SINePost newsletter)

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