

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

Dear All,

Well as always a very busy time for everyone with various challenges ranging from road closures to contentious planning applications, Ofsted to play space provision.

We have had some changes to various bodies, such as earlier mentioned the new MD of the Somerset Waste Partnership, Mickey Green, who has started with a flourish and continues to drive new and innovative thinking. Sarah Dianico who has led the Somerset Rivers Authority administratively for some time brilliantly is due to retire next year so her replacement recruitment is underway and she will be another hard act to follow.

Everyone will join me in the feelings of despair at the passing of Ian Clarke the District Council Solicitor. All I can offer to his family is that he was magnificent in his role and I am honoured to have had the opportunity to work with him and get to know him in some small way personally too.

The District continue to look at alternative buildings and continue with their purchases of strategic property looking to the future in terms of income generation.

At the County Council we have been dealing with our Ofsted inspection and everyone is hopeful of a positive outcome which will reflect the hard work of many in looking after our children. I will keep you all posted when we know the result of our inspection.

I hope some of you may find this following link useful and I have been advising on a specific element in terms of equestrian usage on our highways network.

<https://sway.com/jUwlSMDCQyzTVsOi?ref=Link> If that does not work just search Somerset road Safety and you should get the same result!

The County SINEPost newsletter continues to provide a huge amount of information. [www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/sinepost.html](http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/sinepost.html) so again do take a look when you have time.

I have been thrilled to offer Somerset Wildlife Trust a bit of blurb on a new initiative they are due to launch called 'Humans of the Levels'. Just a bit about the amazing uniqueness of our landscape and the people who, live, work and play it!

I have loved attending some of the Christmas markets/fairs that have already happened and have to congratulate all the people who put in an inordinate amount of effort to organise and run these events and I am very much looking forward to the coming ones through December. On that note, I wish everyone a most Happy festive season, Christmas and of course prosperous New Year. See you all on the other side!

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