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Dear councillors,

As we are now all using the internet I plan to change the way I give my report.

As you know, I used to write a brief report about Tavistock and Gulworthy.

I will continue to do that, but I thought that if there are links which are interesting I would share them with you.

Apologies to the councillors who already link to information. Pinpoint. Members may find this link useful. Click & read!

Highways:

The paved area in Market Street have been removed as you will have seen. This was in consultation with the WDBC Conservation officer & DCC's Archaeologist. Following many complaints about the uneven area, the unsightliness and wear & tear, I hope that councillors & residents, visitors and shoppers will appreciate the improvement. Looking at old photographs of Tavistock, apart from the road markings, the road looks more traditional.

The noisy man-hole cover in Bedford Square is due to be rectified please see attachment above. There has been a significant amount of road re-surfacing done around Tavistock & there are works planned for Gulworthy too.

I have sought funding to replace some of the decrepit road signs. Officers were asked many months ago to get the signs on the A386 & A390 cleaned. (we're getting nearer to it being done, I am advised.

Drains have been gully sucked & should be draining better. When they overflow it is generally due to the actual capacity of the water table. Basic physics we are advised.

I have had many meetings including Children's scrutiny, World Heritage, Devon & Exeter Rail Working Party Tamar Valley AONB, Cornwall & West Devon Mining World Heritage Partnership, Devon Norse executive, Tavistock Library, celebrating (& thanking) volunteering.

Meeting residents from Greenlands estate. (for the record, I would like to thank Alison Knight from LiveWest housing association who is the Community connecting officer. Alison responded so positively when I asked her if we could work together and see if we could get the community to work together. This was because I listened to residents who had some issues. I am very pleased that so many councillors are supporting this now & it is really important.

I am working as a WDBC on the hub for Homes. I have asked that WDBC put more pressure on developers to make buildings which are more economical to maintain, keep warm and less

harmful to the environment. We have declared Climate Emergency and it is crazy as a planning authority if WDBC doesn't exert some pressure! I'm not on my own here I know!

Locality budget:

I have been happy to support the following with my £10K per year fund:

Led by Dreams (Domestic abuse & violence) support IT equipment	£500
Son Rise Football training sessions	£500
St Eustachius heating boiler	£1000
Tavistock Youth café home schooled activities (Project Momentum)	£2000
Tavistock Country Bus	£1000

Tamar Valley AONB

The management plan was launched last week.

www.tamarvalley.org.uk Management plan 2019-2024

Cornwall & West Devon Mining landscape UNESCO World Heritage Site www.cornwall.gov.uk

Get active out and about in the World Heritage Site in 2019

The World Heritage Site Office released their Official Guide to the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site in late 2018 hoping to encourage people to explore and enjoy the landscape.

[/environment-and-planning/conservation/world-heritage-site/news/get-active-out-and-about-in-the-world-heritage-site-in-2019](http://environment-and-planning/conservation/world-heritage-site/news/get-active-out-and-about-in-the-world-heritage-site-in-2019)

There will be a Art Exhibition at Butcher Hall next week which I'm looking forward to viewing.

Biodiversity:

There has been significant interest on social media about planting wild flowers in spaces & verges. I support this & wonder if we can all work together to make Tavistock a bastion for wildflowers & increased biodiversity. Here is a link to DCC's website.

17 Jun 2019

On the verge of success – communities called on transform verges into wildlife bastions



Posted on: 30 May 2019

A pilot project to help communities revitalize their roadside verges, and by doing so create a network of safe havens for wildflowers and endangered pollinators, has been so successful it has been launched across the county.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) 'Life on the Verge – Biosphere' (LoVe-B) project has



led to 40 North Devon verges being managed and monitored by communities over the last three years.

More than 100 volunteers have learnt new skills to help them maintain and improve their condition.

Now communities all around Devon are being encouraged to follow suit and take pride in their verges, and by doing so, help the environment.

Braunton in North Devon the Axe, Yarty and Lim area in East Devon are two of the communities



that have taken up the call.

The Axe Vale and District Conservation Society have been managing Beer Road in Seaton since 2014, while Braunton have started transforming their verges into colourful bastions for wildlife in time for the tourist season.

Roadside verges are an integral part of Devon's heritage and are sanctuaries for wildflowers, pollinating insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals.

They provide one of the only opportunities to see wildflowers daily, often on a commute, and have been shown to have had a positive impact on mental health.

But since the 1930s 97 per cent of the UK's wildflower meadows have been lost, and as a result our pollinating insects have suffered steep declines.

Roadside verges are one of the few remaining places where our native wildlife can thrive.

The pilot in North Devon, delivered through a partnership of Devon County Council, North Devon Biosphere, Devon Biological Records Centre, North Devon AONB, and hosted by the Tarka Country Trust aimed to help arrest this decline.

Life on the Verge Project Coordinator at the Biosphere Jo Pullin said: "As well



as providing value to wildlife we found that communities have been keen for their verges to look attractive.

"For example, Braunton Parish Council has pledged to manage their verges for wildflowers for people to enjoy, especially during the tourist season.

"For example by managing their grass verges for wildlife Braunton Parish Council are transforming them into vibrant new habitats.

"It's been a great success. The project has gained a good reputation and has been used as a point of reference with conservation organisations.

"Learning from this project has been shared with Plantlife, Devon Wildlife Trust, The Biosphere Reserve."

Councillor Liz Spear, Chairman of Braunton Parish Council said: "We've committed to revitalising our roadside verges and restoring the diversity of our green spaces.

"It's part of an ongoing plan to restore the diversity of our flora and fauna, with particular emphasis on reversing the decline of the vast range of pollinators which are the life and blood of our countryside and which we know are under considerable threat.

"We are also auditing deciduous tree loss in the parish over the last 20 years and where possible we will replace them in to help to mitigate pollution, and flash-flooding from the River Caen. Many of these trees will be planted along grass verges."

Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for the



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Environment said: "Climate change, road side verges and the health of our pollinators and natural environment are inextricably linked.

"Climate change has impacted the natural rhythms of weather, and pollinators have been affected.

"Well maintained grass verges form corridors for wildlife and are part of the wider landscape conservation measures needed to help protect the environment."

The Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is on Saturday 6 July in Chagford and will to inform community groups on how they can help. For more information, and to book a place, please see www.naturaldevon.org.uk.

If you or your community are interested in helping to maintain a verge in your community you can download free step-by-step guidance document which includes information on mandatory health and safety training, [here](#):

A review of the successes of the Life on the Verge – Biosphere project is being held on Thursday 4 July at 7pm at the Braunton Countryside Centre.

For more information click [here](#) .

I don't know if I will be able to make any of these Wildlife action meetings, but I hope that some councillors from Tavistock could as it would be great project to work on.

Tidy Tavy:

Now well into its 8th year it was good to read in the paper that Cllr Steve Hipsey and Kathy went to Buckingham Palace to receive an award. Little did the 2 ladies Jane Middleton & Pam Steele & I who set it up realise that this would happen. Tavistock is looking so much tidier & it is thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. Just wish the tossers would stop tossing litter!

I am currently helping Cllr Jeff Moody on issues relating to insurance cover for other litter picking groups which are wanting to become established.

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Kind regards
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

**THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (BEDFORD SQUARE, TAVISTOCK)
ORDER 2019**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -
BEDFORD SQUARE, TAVISTOCK

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - PLYMOUTH ROAD - RUSSELL STREET - WEST STREET

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
REPLACE LARGE GATIC SEWER MANHOLE COVER

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