

## County Councillor's Report, May 2018

### Seaton's Health Matters

The report of the inaugural meeting is now available and will be circulated shortly to voluntary organisations and parish councils, together with an invitation to the follow-up meeting on THURSDAY 24th MAY, from 10-12 in the Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton EX12 2LT. Doors open from 9.30. Parking is available on the Underfleet. The Agenda will be:

1. Introduction
2. Table-top discussion to discuss (1) priorities for action and (2) communication, coordination and support for the project
3. Report-back and plenary discussion to decide on above
4. Terms of reference of Seaton & Area Health Matters (draft attached)
5. Election of steering group

The report identified the following main themes. We will now decide which to take forward:

1. Area approach – not just Seaton
2. Community context and voluntary services
3. NHS services provided in GP practices and Seaton Hospital
4. Old age, dementia, loneliness and isolation
5. Children, young people and inequality
6. Mental health support
7. Distance, rurality and transport
8. Promoting health and wellbeing
9. Communication
10. Coordinating and supporting the project

### Single use plastics - launching the 'Refill' campaign



With the support of Seaton Town Council, I have invited shops and cafes in the town to support 'Refill Devon' by providing free tap water for people's refillable water bottles, to cut down on single-use plastics. It would be excellent if businesses in our other communities could offer the same facility. Window stickers for participating businesses are available from Recycle Devon, [info@recycledevon.org](mailto:info@recycledevon.org), and if you email [cllmartinshaw@gmail.com](mailto:cllmartinshaw@gmail.com) to say that you have joined the scheme, I will add you to a list which I will publish online.

### **Colyford crossing**

The funding is in the County Highways budget but I am waiting for feedback from Highways officers on the location of the crossing, following a meeting with Colyton Grammar School.

### **Beer signage (to route heavy vehicles away from the centre of the village and Common Lane)**

I have agreed to fund signs from my Locality Budget and I am continuing to press Highways to erect the signs before the summer.

### **Seaton tourist signage**

New signs, funded by the County Council, EDDC, Seaton Town Council, Seaton Jurassic and Seaton Tramway, are now being erected. I made a donation from my Locality Budget to help break the funding deadlock.

### **Road repairs**

Although I am assured that substantial further funding for 2018-19 will be available, I still have no news on the amount or timing.

In the meanwhile, it would be helpful if parishes would compile lists of sections of roads which should be prioritised for repair.

This should not replace, of course, the routine reporting of potholes which constitute safety defects (300mm wide x 40mm deep with a sharp edge). Some funding for roads is formula-driven based on the number of reports. Go to <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

### **Letter to incoming EDDC leader, Ian Thomas, about health services and hospitals**

Following a resolution on health services and hospitals passed at EDDC on 25th April, I wrote to Cllr Thomas expressing concern that part of it may compromise the attempt to maintain all the community hospitals as health hubs with improved, or at least no worse, outpatient services than at present. He has acknowledged my letter and I am currently awaiting a full reply.

The text of my letter and background information is on my website, [seatonmatters.org](http://seatonmatters.org).