

## **County Councillor's Report, December 2018**

### **RD&E meeting**

Along with councillors Jack Rowland (Seaton, Chair) and Geoff Pook (Beer, Vice-Chair) and Dr Mark Welland, I was part of a Seaton Health Matters delegation which met Prof Em Wilkinson-Brice and Adel Jones of the RD&E on 5 November. It was a constructive meeting, and we were encouraged to develop our proposals for health and wellbeing in the Seaton area, centred on using unused space in Seaton Hospital. Notes of the meeting are on the website at <http://seatonhealthmatters.co.uk>.

Later a meeting was held with representatives from Axminster to discuss developing a joint Axe Valley approach.

### **Colyton primary school parking**

Following an earlier meeting with the Headteacher, Aerfen Mills, and Cllr Brian Norris of Colyton Parish Council, I am pleased to report that I have persuaded East Devon District Council to issue permits to parents to park for free in the car park at drop-off time in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon, to ease congestion around the school at these times. Thanks to Andrew Ennis and Geoff Pook for their help with this matter.

### **Colyford VAS signs**

The traffic-calming programme in Colyford is progressing. The eastern sign, paid for by Colyford residents and the parish council, is now operational as well as the western one paid for earlier from my Locality Budget. I am continuing to press Highways on the installation of the pedestrian crossing, agreed for this financial year.

### **Coly Valley Traffic Group**

I chaired the meeting on 23rd which heard that resurfacing of the road from Drummerstone Cross (Offwell) had been completed, as well as patching on Southleigh Hill. Work at Beer Road, Seaton, and the road past Farwood Barton (Southleigh) was imminent, while those on the road from Northleigh Cross to Offwell Brook (Northleigh) and Kingsdon (Colyton) were still in the pipeline. Steve Kelly had also put forward Gatcombe Lane (Seaton) for repair.

### **Invest in Devon**

I have invested £2000 from my Invest in Devon budget in Living Memories, a Colyton-based Community Interest Company which uses archive films to assist dementia patients. A further £4600 is available from the fund for capital projects in the current financial year.

## **Locality Budget**

There is also a substantial amount still available to parishes and community groups from my Locality Grant in the current year. Recent grants have been mostly to Colyton-based groups (Promote Colyton for repainting of historic lamppost, 1st Colyton Rainbow Guides for new handbooks and badge books, Colyton Parish History Society for their WWI exhibition, and the Parish Council for replacement fencing around the playground. I have also supported Beer Albion Football Club's children's play area and an application from Farway Parish Council is in the pipeline to replace blocks in the ford (Highways would only concrete over it, which the Parish and I agree is not acceptable).

## **New Cut, Beer, parking**

I met with parish councillors on site to discuss the way forward on this issue.