

Surrey County Council Report

September 2023

Roads

Work continues on the backlog of potholes and since the reports have slowed down in the summer, plans are being put in place for next winter. Taking over the verge cutting contracts has been challenging but extra cuts have been carried out. The backlog of white lining has also been greatly reduced.

Speed limits in Chobham, relating to the St. Lawrence School crossing are still in train following a public consultation in which three times as many people voted for the limits as voted against it. Its hoped that the works will be carried out in the next quarter. Speed limits on the A30 at Bagshot have also been out to public consultation. The delay in implementing the 30mph limit here is causing a great deal of annoyance.

Flooding

Meetings have been held with Emma Kennedy, residents of Scots Grove Close and an SHBC official to discuss the alleviation of flooding there.

I will also arrange a meeting in Philpott lane.

Grants

Grants have been approved from my allowances for St. Lawrence School (whiteboards) and for Windlesham First School for a disabled ramp. Grants for a tree survey at the Windlesham Field of Remembrance and for a Tent for Bagshot fundraising that was used for the first time this week. A grant towards the Chobham play area refurbishment was also approved.

My road allowances were used in Bagshot for the resurfacing of the Highstreet and money has also been committed from my allowance to resurface the A30 there.

I have also committed money to have a stretch of the A30 pavement cleared going towards Charters School to make it easier for children to walk along this road.

The Station Road bollards in Chobham have finally been installed.

Broadway Road bridge, (between Windlesham and Lightwater,) pedestrian safety continues to be a focus.

School Safety Inspection

Following a request from Cllr. Moqbel I have arranged for the school safety team to visit Valley End School.

Chobham Common

Esso have still not returned the paths to their previous condition and have been written to by Countryside Estates warning them that legal action will result if this is not done.

A license has been granted for a Tea Bar in the Roundabout car park on the common. I would like to say I was consulted but this would not be true, nor have the Preservation Society. I do not believe that this is a welcome innovation.

A visit to the Common to see cattle grazing using a virtual fence was very enlightening.

Planning

A series of new Council sheltered accommodation blocks is starting to come through the Planning Committee on which I sit providing more places for disabled and disadvantage residents both for young and elderly people.

Transport

I am looking into community transport in Chobham, West End, Windlesham and Lightwater, to see if I can get the service improved.

Working with the Parishes

A new initiative is being designed to improve the service to parishes at County. For my part, I get a great deal from my inter action with them personally and am currently working with Windlesham parish councillors and Bagshot parish councillors to improve safety in the centre of these two villages.

