

NEW YEAR LITTER PICK - Lots of enthusiasm and great teamwork for our first group litter pick of the year in Endon. The best way to start the New Year! Fantastic to have some new faces helping us to cover the A53 Leek Road, Station Road, Caldon Canal, Post Lane, Clay Lake, Broad Lane, Hillswood Playing Field, Hillswood Drive, Church Lane, Houston Avenue, High View Road, Kenley Avenue and Hillside Avenue. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep our beautiful community clean and tidy!

GRIT BINS - While out and about in our community during the snow, I've been trying to check as many grit bins and grit piles as I can across Brown Edge and Endon. I've also asked Highways to replenish grit supplies to rural country lanes such as Holehouse Lane and Gratton Lane to support our local farmers. Staffordshire County Council Highways are responsible for grit bins and gritting routes.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS SCHEME - It was a busy few days out personally delivering as many Christmas food bags as I can in between work to those in need across Brown Edge, Endon and beyond. The fifth year of me running the scheme! Thank you to Biddulph Youth and Community Zone for supplying the food bags, to Holdcroft Heating & Gas Fitting Limited and Staffs Sparky for the very generous sponsorship, to the individuals who made donations, to St Luke's CE Academy for the handmade Christmas cards, to Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School for the chocolate boxes, and to St. Luke's, Endon and Endon Methodist Church for the prayer cards and support behind the scenes. A real team effort!

ENDON SANTA SLEIGH SUCCESS - After 3.5 hours, our team of volunteers completed the Endon Santa Sleigh Event One of the best recent community events I've ever had the privilege of being a part! THANK YOU to everyone who crowded the streets of our community to come and see Santa, the Christmas Fairy, and the elves! THANK YOU to the incredible team at Endon Scouts as we had a great time working together to organise this event! THANK YOU to Leek Rotary Club for letting us use their Santa Sleigh! THANK YOU to Endon Village Hall for the warm hot chocolate and refreshments afterwards! Earlier in the year, a few of us met up with the idea of making this happen, and it's been amazing to come together tonight and put so many smiles on local children's faces. Over £300 was raised for Endon Scouts!

ENDON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS SING ALONG - What a wonderful time we all had at our Endon Well Dressing & Endon Village Hall Christmas Sing Along. One of our community's best recent events! An incredible team effort by the whole team of volunteers, alongside Guest Singer Ali, Audley Brass Band, and local businesses who supported the event. A real joy to see our Village Hall packed full of community spirit and festive cheer!

LATEST UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM SEVERN TRENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY - Following my two recent letters and various correspondence from our local MP Karen Bradley and me, Severn Trent has outlined an action plan for tackling the ongoing water incidents affecting Brown Edge and Endon, which you can read in the comments below. Severn Trent has been working throughout this last week in our community to resolve the immediate issues to ensure we don't experience anymore issues in the short-term. Regarding compensation for local residents and businesses, you can email customer.care@severntrent.co.uk for specific individual compensation claims. I will also be meeting with Severn Trent in the New Year to see in-person the work being carried out and discuss further steps with their local teams.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREE FOR OUR COMMUNITY - A big THANK YOU to Proctors Nursery and Endon Christmas Tree Farm for very kindly donating a new Christmas tree to our Endon community for the bottom of Hillswood Drive! I hope it brings festive cheer to local residents and visitors passing through our beautiful village!

STREET CLEANING ACTION - A big shout out and THANK YOU to our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council street cleaning team who have fitted in a number of street cleaning and thick moss removal jobs across Brown Edge and Endon before Christmas to help keep our pavements clean and safe for everyone. Thank you to local residents who reported issues to me.

20 COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES DURING 2025 - We had a really good last councillors' surgery of the year at Morrisons Daily Brown Edge discussing road safety, gritting and community safety concerns. We've hosted 20

councillors' surgeries this year and hope local residents have found them a useful way of easily raising local issues with us.

SPEED WATCH - We held our first community speed watch session of the year, teaming up with our local lollypop lady, on the A53 Leek Road outside St Luke's CE Academy. Our Endon and Brown Edge CSW volunteers recorded 1 driver speeding out of 1,985 over an hour. We had 38 waves and thumbs up!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - The Staffordshire Moorlands Holocaust Memorial Day Service will be held on Saturday 24th January at 2pm at All Saints' Church, Leek. Please join us in remembering. Each year across the UK, we come together to learn more about the past, empathise more with people today, and work to build a better future.

LATEST SURGERY DATES:

Monday 19th January at 11.00am-1.00pm at Endon Community Café at Endon Methodist Church

Monday 9th February at 11.00am-1.00pm at Endon Community Café at Endon Methodist Church

Saturday 21st February at 9am-11am at The Plough Toby Carvery

MISSED BIN COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU to our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council bin crews for doing their absolute best to cover as many places as they can in the challenging snow conditions. Please be patient and understanding if your street isn't covered straight away. I've spent a lot of time support local residents with missed bin collection issues in the last two weeks.