

UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

I'm pleased that new 30mph repeater signs will be installed between the bottom of Clay Lake, Endon and end of High Lane, Brown Edge in the next few months. There will also be 'Community Speed Watch Area' signs installed around our community too. This following lots of campaigning by local residents, our Endon and Brown Edge CSW team, Brown Edge Parish Council, Endon with Stanley Parish Council, and local schools, to implement road safety measures pushed by Cllr Keith Flunder and me over a number of years. It can often take a long time to deliver projects, but it is worth the hard miles for the long-term benefit of our community. We will continue our efforts to push Staffordshire County Council to implement further road safety measures and work in partnership with others across Brown Edge and Endon to help make our roads safer.

ROAD SAFETY ASSEMBLY

It was a privilege to return to my old primary school, Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School, alongside our local lollypop lady, to deliver an assembly on road safety in our community – including the work of our Endon and Brown Edge CSW Community Speed Watch volunteers. The pupils asked some excellent questions and were very engaged in helping to make our local roads safer. As a follow-up, the pupils completed activities on road safety in their classes. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our work and a special thanks to our local traffic patrol wardens!

ACTION TO ADDRESS DOG FOULING

Like many people, I'm sick and tired of dog fouling in our beautiful community. We've put up Dog Watch signs and new dog fouling awareness signs at key hotspots across Brown Edge and Endon. Our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council environmental crime officers will be closely monitoring the locations over the coming weeks, including early morning patrols. More signage and a number of pavement stencils will be going up soon. A polite reminder that fines can be up to £1,000! Thank you to the vast majority of people who clean up after their dog when out walking and help to keep our community clean and tidy. If you see it, report it: <https://myforms.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/DOGFOULING/launch>

LAUNCH OF WONDER KIDS

I was delighted to pop into Endon Little Learners Playgroup to support the launch of 'Wonder Kids' with the Co-op and Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub at Endon Village Hall. The first ever playgroup and safe space for children with special educational needs and disabilities in the Staffordshire Moorlands. If you fancy a hot drink and a chat on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 9.30am-11.30am, please pop along and say hello. Well done to Kate and the team on their amazing work!

SAFETY OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS

At the recent Full Council, I was very grateful to our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Democratic Services team for introducing panic alarms, training workshops and working with Staffordshire Police to help keep councillors safe when carrying out public duties. Thank you to local residents, council colleagues from across political parties, the local policing team, and all my amazing family and friends for all their ongoing support. Light over darkness.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

It was a moving experience to present the Staffordshire Moorlands Holocaust Memorial Day Service at All Saints' Church in Leek. We remember the 6 million Jews, and the millions of other innocent people murdered by the Nazis. Evil does not rise overnight. It grows when people abandon their principles, look the other way, or choose comfort over courage. History shows us the danger of capitulation in the face of hatred. We must never forget the evils of prejudice and hatred and these horrific crimes against humanity. We must ensure it never happens again. We stand against hatred, always. Light over darkness. Thank you to everyone who shared such powerful and emotional from victims of genocide, gave readings, and helped organise such an important event. An amazing team effort!

GULLIES ALONG A53 LEEK ROAD

Thank you to Staffordshire Highways crews for recently unblocking the gullies along the A53 by The Black Horse Endon, following the recent Endon Flood Action Group meeting. The SMDC street cleaning team have also cleaned the areas where the roadworks took place.

DAMAGED BUS STOP ON CLAY LAKE

A car smashed into the bus stop at the top of Clay Lake, Endon. The bus stop post and sign were both knocked over. Thank you to local residents who reported it to me. Within 10 days of me reporting the destroyed bus stop at the top of Clay Lake, Staffordshire County Council Highways have now restored it. Thank you to the Highways crews for sorting so quickly! Road safety continues to be one of the most important issues we face in our community.

MORE FLY-TIPPING ON BROAD LANE

Another idiot has dumped a large amount of rubbish at the side of the road on Broad Lane. This fly-tipping is totally unacceptable and is happening on a regular basis on our country lanes. I've been and seen it and reported it to our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council environmental team to action removing this fly-tipping ASAP. I will be asking for closer surveillance of the area, following the recent increase in incidents. Illegal fly-tipping blights our beautiful Staffordshire Moorlands countryside and puts a huge strain on council resources that are already under pressure. Fly-tipping can result in prosecution. If you spot any fly-tipping in our community please email me at joe.porter@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk and report to: staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/Report_It

CELEBRATING OUR ENDON COMMUNITY

What a fabulous Endon Village Hall AGM we had celebrating the revival of our great Village Hall and unveiling the restored War Memorial plaque. A packed hall full of local residents and community groups! THANK YOU to everyone who helps make our Village Hall such a wonderful place at the heart of our community!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION CONSULTATION

Have your last chance to comment on Staffordshire's future!

The Government has launched a consultation on Local Government Re-organisation. Even if local elections are cancelled and we can't vote as usual, we can still make our voices heard by

giving feedback. How do YOU think Staffordshire should be organised? Do you think Staffordshire Moorlands should be merged with Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle? Fill in the consultation here: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/staffordshire-and-stoke-on-trent/> Your opinion matters, let's shape the future of our county and ensure Staffordshire Moorlands residents have a strong say! Show the Government the strength of feeling in the Moorlands.

FIRST COUNCILLORS' SURGERY OF THE YEAR

We had lots of chats with local residents and the Staffordshire Moorlands Police team at our first councillors' surgery of the year. It was useful to talk about road safety projects, ASB issues, vehicle crime, and other local issues. We also met with Your Housing Group to discuss problem parking. Thank you to everyone who came to a packed Endon Community Café at Endon Methodist Church!

For our second surgery lots of local issues were raised, including footpath maintenance, pest control, suspicious behaviour, and supporting local residents with planning applications. Thank you to everyone who popped in!

LOCAL WASSAILING EVENT

I recently went to the superb Wassailing event with the curlew at the community orchards in Leek! Well done to Moorlands Climate Action, supported by OUTSIDE, on organising it. It was amazing to see so many local people enjoying our Staffordshire Moorlands community orchards, which were planted back in 2021.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Lots happening on the community speed watch front with our Community Speed Watch volunteers:

- Sytch Road - we recorded 5 drivers speeding out of 189 over an hour
- High Lane - we recorded 12 drivers speeding out of 390 over an hour

Our team are currently doing a tour of the local schools to raise awareness of the work we do to tackle road safety issues in our community.