

DISTRICT REPORT – CLLR JOE PORTER – MAY 2026

SUPPORTING ENDON TENNIS CLUB

I had the pleasure of visiting Endon Tennis Club and meeting the fantastic team behind it. It was great to see the excellent facilities on offer and the vital role the club plays in our community.

Providing high-quality sporting facilities for local young people is a real priority—helping them stay active, build confidence, and feel part of a team.

Cllr Keith Flunder and I are delighted to be working with the club to help secure funding through Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and other partners to resurface the junior court, creating more opportunities for young people to get involved in sport.

SUPPORTING BROWN EDGE BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

It was a real delight to support Brown Edge Brownies & Rainbows with a £75 grant from our Councillors' Community Initiative Fund to help fund first aid training and activities that make a real difference for local young people. It was lovely to visit them recently!

APPROVED: PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY IN ENDON

I'm absolutely delighted that RJB Physiotherapy's application for a proposed single-storey rear extension at The Lodge, 257 Bank, Leek Road, Endon, has been officially approved. The extension will create a new rehabilitation gym, and I look forward to seeing the project progress.

Supporting local businesses—so vital to our community—remains a key priority for me, and I was pleased to lend my strong backing to this application (SMD/2026/0079) and work constructively with the applicant as it progressed. The proposal also received overwhelming support from the local community. The business provides a valuable, well-used, community-based healthcare service for residents of Endon and the surrounding area, and this expansion will further strengthen the physiotherapy provision available locally.

I'm always happy to assist residents and businesses with planning matters, and I particularly welcomed the positive and proactive engagement from the applicant ahead of submission.

They took time to carefully consider the views of the wider community, engaging with local residents to understand and respond to concerns about the design and conservation of a historic building at an early stage. I was also pleased to meet with them at one of our regular councillor surgeries to discuss their proposals in advance.

This cooperative and transparent approach to community engagement is highly commendable and shows how constructive dialogue between applicants, councillors, and residents can lead to positive outcomes.

SUPPORTING BROWN EDGE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Cllr Keith Flunder and I were pleased to present a £100 grant to Brown Edge Allotment Association from our Councillors' Community Initiative Fund. The funding will support improvements to the allotment field, including the installation of more sustainable metal posts for individual plots.

Allotments play a vital role in our community—providing space for people to grow their own fruit and veg, support local biodiversity, and promote health and wellbeing. They also bring people together, fostering a strong sense of community.

It was a pleasure for Cllr Keith Flunder and me to visit the team and support such a valuable group in our community!

EMERGENCY ROADWORKS ON HAZELWOOD ROAD, ENDON

I know a number of local residents on Hazelwood Road, Woodstone Avenue, Basnetts Wood, Cedar Crescent and Brookfield Avenue were impacted by the emergency roadworks on Hazelwood Road. I contacted Severn Trent on behalf of local residents to raise these concerns.

Apologies to residents who have been impacted by these works. I will remain in contact with Severn Trent to ensure that repairs in our community are completed as soon as possible and disruption is kept to a minimum.

LEEK PLANT SHARE

What a beautiful day! It was great to pop along and support the Plant Share hosted by Foxlowe Gardeners and Moorlands Climate Action at the Foxlowe Arts Centre in Leek.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Lots happening on the community speed watch front with our Community Speed Watch volunteers. Please contact us at csw@staffordshire.police.uk and joe.porter@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk to get involved and support our work.

Great to be joined by Staffordshire Road Crime Team for our latest Community Speed Watch session on High Lane, Brown Edge.

In just one hour on the 30mph stretch, our Community Speed Watch volunteers recorded:

1,068 vehicles monitored

22 drivers speeding

0 dangerous overtakes witnessed

Fastest speed recorded: 42mph

SURGERIES

We run surgeries all year round to assist local residents with local issues:

- Monday 18th May at 11am-1pm at Endon Community Café at Endon Methodist Church

MOORLANDS REPAIR CAFÉ

The Moorlands Repair Café came to Endon and joined forces with Endon Village Hall over the weekend. Great to see so many local people getting household items repaired, joining in the clothes swap fun, and enjoying oatcakes! Thank you to the Moorlands Climate Action volunteers for such a good community event at the heart of our village!

WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

Two Major changes are happening from 29th June...

1. Weekly Food waste collections will be introduced. You will be sent a kitchen caddy and an outside bin to use for this over the next month. This is a national scheme.
2. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Administration have decided to start charging for garden waste bins - £46 per year, per bin. We are feeding back questions that are being given to us by residents and will get answers to those.

BIG SPRING CLEAN AT CHURCH

A very successful Big Spring Clean at St. Luke's, Endon as we helped get the church ready for Endon Well Dressing Weekend. From floor cleaning, path sweeping and brass polishing to cobweb clearing, seat cleaning and crockery sorting, a huge thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support!

Our parish churches are such an important part of our national heritage — at the heart of our communities for generations — and days like this help preserve and care for these special buildings for future generations to enjoy.

ST LUKE'S PASTORAL TEAM

A shoutout to the St. Luke's Pastoral Team for helping make St Luke's an officially Dementia-Friendly Church within the Diocese of Lichfield CofE.

Through simple but meaningful steps—dementia-focused worship, weekly prayers, care home visits, and creating spaces of peace, music, and belonging—the church is making a real difference. Just as importantly, this work helps tackle isolation and loneliness, ensuring that no one feels forgotten or alone within our community.

The certificate provides a framework, but the true impact is found in the relationships built and sustained.

Many congratulations to the whole team on this amazing achievement!

SPRING NATURE SURVEYS

What a beautiful sunny day to be out doing our spring nature survey and ongoing conservation work along the Endon Community Orchard on Caldon Canal.

Great to join forces with the Canal & River Trust and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Citizen science in action, with nature right on our doorstep!

Brilliant to also join colleagues for the spring survey along the A53 Leek Road opposite Kent Drive.