

District Report – Cllr Jebb – July 2026

- Councils are no longer required to publish the home address of members, in an effort to protect councillors from harassment. Section 65 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 removed the requirement for councillors' addresses to be listed on council registers of interest.
- The newly added section 32A of the Localism Act 2011 requires that councils do not publish details of a member's home address in public registers of interest unless an individual member explicitly requests it.
- Exact address details will still need to be declared and remain internally available to councils, and will continue to prevent conflicts of interest. The council's postal address may be used to contact councillors 'c/o' the council.
- As chair of the Moorlands Partnership Board I have been asked to clarify when members or parish representatives may or may not speak or vote on matters where they have an interest. It is quite straightforward. All are required to declare the interests they have in writing and to keep these updated as they change. At the beginning of every Board meeting everyone declares their interest if the agenda includes something relevant to them.
- If the interest is that they are a company director or have another financial interest, then they may not speak or vote on this item and must leave the room when that matter is discussed, to demonstrate transparency.
- In all other cases, once the interest has been declared, then people may contribute to the discussion, give information and vote as any other member, unless they choose not to take part or vote.
- I hope that clarifies any confusion which may have been caused when inaccurate information was previously circulated from a different source.
- I'm pleased to report that our village and parish has received Partnership Board grants totalling well over £29,000 in recent years.
- Please check on your neighbours during this hot weather, especially if they are vulnerable. Thank you to the thoughtful businesses and houses who put out water bowls for dogs and wildlife and to the dog owners who take their pets out for walks at the coolest times of day.