

District Report – Cllr Porter – July 2026

OVERGROWN FOOTPATH 73 CUT BACK

After lots of emails behind the scenes, I'm delighted that Network Rail have cut back the hedge and footpath between Orford Road and Caldon Canal, Endon this week.

Thank you to local residents for your patience while Cllr Keith Flunder and I have worked to resolve this problem. Thanks to our Endon Parish Clerk who has also sent emails to Network Rail to keep up the pressure.

MISSED BIN COLLECTIONS

A large number of local residents in Brown Edge and Endon have experienced missed bin collections over the last few weeks, particularly involving the new food waste caddies.

While this is the few weeks of the new collection scheme, residents pay a lot in council tax—along with the new £46 annual garden waste charge—and rightly expect a reliable, high-quality service.

I have been in contact with our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council officers to report these issues and will continue to hold the Labour-led administration at SMDC to account to ensure this vital service is delivered properly for local residents.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding while these issues are addressed.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

It was a delight to support the AMAZING Endon Community Choir to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Endon Methodist Church this year. The choir are also marking their 17th anniversary of sharing music and joy in our community. Well done everyone!

ST LUKE'S CHURCHYARD TAP FIXED

I'm pleased that the churchyard tap at St. Luke's, Endon has now been repaired.

Thank you to local residents for your patience while this was being sorted. I kept in close contact with our Staffordshire Moorlands District Council assets maintenance team to ensure the issue was addressed as quickly as possible.

Many thanks to everyone who raised the matter and helped bring it to a resolution.

PROTECTING OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND PEAK DISTRICT LANDSCAPE

I was pleased to recently attend an excellent public meeting and drop-in event organised by Action Against CCS and NO to Peak Cluster CO₂ Pipeline Staffordshire Moorlands & Leek, where I had the opportunity to hear directly from local residents, local farmers and campaigners about their concerns regarding the proposed Peak Cluster project.

Following productive discussions with the campaign and members of the local community, I remain deeply concerned about the potential impact this scheme could have on the Staffordshire Moorlands, the Peak District, our local villages, prime agricultural land and valuable wildlife habitats.

The Peak Cluster proposal would involve a major CO₂ pipeline network running across large areas of countryside, farmland and rural communities, together with associated above-ground infrastructure. Campaigners have raised serious concerns about the potential impact on protected landscapes, wildlife corridors, farmland and the character of our local villages.

The Peak District is one of our nation's most treasured landscapes. As someone with a deep passion for the Peak District and a long-standing commitment to protecting nature and our environment, I believe we have a duty to safeguard this unique landscape for future generations, not risk further industrialisation of our countryside.

I am also concerned by the track record of large-scale national infrastructure projects. Too often they end up over budget, years behind schedule and leave local communities dealing with the consequences. Questions have also been raised about the scale of public funding and subsidy associated with the project, with many residents asking whether there are better ways to invest in environmental improvements and emissions reduction.

While I support sensible action to tackle climate change and reduce emissions, that should not come at the expense of our landscapes, farming communities, local nature and rural way of life.

I will continue standing up for our villages, our farmers, our countryside and our local environment.

To support the campaign and sign the petition, please

visit: <https://url41.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1wjfl5-00000003IXJ-3fay&d=4%7Cmail%2F90%2F1784043600%2F1wjfl5-00000003IXJ-3fay%7Cin41m%7C57e1b682%7C10609168%7C13286642%7C6A56591D3F469DE7BCFFCD39F6FAA827&o=%2Fphtw%3A%2Fwtsehw.ong.caoprg-stp%2F%2Fk-thcea-epctu2r-oseenilepip-&s=twbqWEra8askLB3EAVMrDlyqdFc>

ENDON PRIDE OATCAKES EVENT

We hope everyone enjoyed Pride Oatcakes at our 'Pride in the Moorlands' event at Endon Village Hall. We were delighted to raise the Pride Flag and have a great gathering. Thank you to everyone who supported our event!

SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE HALL EVENT

A wonderful evening with the very talented Denise & Stefan and North Staffs Accordion Club at Endon Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported our community event!

LATEST COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

One of our busiest councillors' and police surgeries took place in Brown Edge during #NeighbourhoodPolicingWeek. Thank you to everyone who came along to discuss the issues that matter most to our community.

Topics raised included planning matters, overgrown trees and hedges, dangerous fly-tipping, damaged pavements, community bins, drainage concerns, Remembrance poppy displays, speeding concerns, grass verge maintenance, and much more.

We appreciate everyone taking the time to share their views, concerns, and ideas. Listening to residents and acting on local priorities remains at the heart of what we do.

CLIMATE BRIEFING EVENT

Cllr Keith Flunder and I attended a packed People's Emergency Briefing at Endon Village Hall, organised by Moorlands Climate Action.

It was an informative and thought-provoking evening, highlighting the realities of climate change and the far-reaching impacts it is having on every aspect of our lives. Our environment is our life support system, and we all have a responsibility to protect it for future generations.

The effects of climate change are already being felt here in the Staffordshire Moorlands, with repeated flooding in Endon and wildfires at The Roaches, Marshes Hill and other cherished local beauty spots. These events are a reminder that climate change is not a distant problem—it is happening here and now.

Whatever our political views, protecting our environment and building resilience to climate change should be something that brings us together. It is an issue that affects every community and every generation, and one that deserves action beyond party politics.

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.

- A53 Leek Road, Endon – 1 drivers speeding out of 1,142
- High Lane, Brown Edge – 5 drivers speeding out of 358
- Breach Road, Brown Edge – 15 drivers speeding out of 515
- High Lane, Brown Edge – 12 drivers speeding out of 681

Surgery dates:

- Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm-6.30pm at Morrisons Daily Brown Edge
- Saturday 1st August at 9am-11am at The Plough, Endon

MEETING WITH MOORLANDS LOCAL POLICING COMMANDER

A very productive meeting with Moorlands Local Policing Commander Cliff Goodwin at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

We discussed a range of local policing matters affecting Brown Edge, Endon and the wider Staffordshire Moorlands, including road safety, Community Speed Watch, off-road bikes and e-scooters, antisocial behaviour, police visibility at community events, and wider community engagement.

I was pleased to hear that the Staffordshire Moorlands Police team will be carrying out targeted operations to tackle the issue of off-road bikes. There will also be increased activity from the Staffordshire Road Crime Team to address road safety concerns across our communities.

Following our meeting, Chief Inspector Goodwin also attended the Community Panel, where he answered questions from councillors on a range of local policing issues and provided further updates on the work being undertaken to address residents' concerns.

Thank you to Cliff and the team for their continued commitment to keeping our communities safe.

OVERGROWN HEDGE CUT BACK WITHIN A WEEK OF RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

Local residents contacted me with concerns about the overgrown hedge outside Endon Tennis Club and the difficulties it was causing for pedestrians using the pavement on Station Road.

Just one week later, the Tennis Club has very kindly acted to have it cut back, making the pavement much more accessible and safer for everyone.

This is a great example of what can be achieved through strong community partnerships and people working together to get things done for our area.

A big thank you to the Tennis Club for responding so quickly and helping to make a difference.

CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2026

After our church service, 15 of us took part in a St. Luke's, Endon churchyard wildlife count, recording local wildlife as part of #ChurchesCountOnNature, #LoveYourBurialGroundWeek and the #GreatBigGreenWeek.

It was a great opportunity to celebrate local biodiversity, enjoy God's creation, and contribute to a nationwide citizen science project helping to protect wildlife in churchyards across the UK.

SUPPORT FOR ENDON COMMUNITY ART GROUP

We're really pleased to recently support Endon Community Art Group with a £75 boost from Councillors' Community Initiative Fund, helping to fund new art equipment and the group's latest exhibition, now on display at church, following Endon Well Dressing Weekend.

For over two years, this fantastic group has been bringing creativity to life at St. Luke's, Endon. Meeting once a month on Saturdays (10.30am–12.30pm) at the Chapter House, they've created a welcoming space where art – and friendships – flourish.

Open to all ages and abilities, the group is perfect whether you're picking up a pencil for the first time or you're a seasoned painter. Many members started as complete beginners and have grown in confidence and skill thanks to the supportive atmosphere.

It's more than just an art group – it's community spirit at its very best.

A HUGE thank you to Nicola Shipley and Sue Gibbons for the passion, time and energy they pour into making this group such a success every single month. Endon is lucky to have you!