

District Report – Cllr Porter – September 2026

LATEST COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Community safety was firmly at the top of the agenda at our latest councillors' surgery at Morrisons Daily Brown Edge. A big thank you to everyone who stopped by to speak with us and raise the issues that matter to you.

We had some really useful conversations with local residents about Knypersley Reservoir, antisocial behaviour at Tinsters Wood, e-scooters and off-road bikes, dangerous driving, grass verge maintenance, overgrown hedges and more.

It was also great to catch up with Deputy Commissioner Cllr Dave Evans and PCSO Josh Carter from Staffordshire Moorlands Police today to discuss Operation Reclaim and the ongoing work to tackle the illegal and antisocial use of e-scooters and off-road bikes across Staffordshire.

This is an issue local residents have raised with our team, and we've been working with our local policing team to ensure those concerns are acted upon. Please continue reporting incidents to the police – the more reports they receive, the better they can target resources where they are most needed.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your views, concerns and ideas. Listening to residents, working with our local policing teams and taking action on the issues that matter to our community remains at the heart of what we do.

We're here, listening and working for our community all year round.

SWIFT ACTION TO KEEP OUR TOWPATH ACCESSIBLE

Thank you to the local Canal & River Trust team for swiftly fixing a number of potholes within 24 hours of me reporting them along our local section of the Caldon Canal.

It's great to see action being taken so quickly to help keep the towpath safe for everyone who uses it.

HELP US PROTECT MARSHES HILL

We've seen recently just how devastating wildfires can be! Please don't be the cause and help prevent them at local beauty spots, such as Marshes Hill in Brown Edge.

Don't use disposable BBQs.

Don't light campfires.

Dispose of smoking materials responsibly.

Take litter home.

Report any signs of fire by calling 999.

I've worked with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to get additional signage installed on the site to help raise awareness.

ENDON COFFEE MORNING

A delightful 'Summer Fruits' themed Coffee Pot Café at Endon Methodist Church. It was lovely to pop along, enjoy some delicious treats, and catch up with lots of local residents. A wonderful community gathering!

PRIDE IN THE MOORLANDS UPDATE

We came together to reflect on a truly successful #PrideInTheMoorlands 2026 — a historic occasion for the Staffordshire Moorlands, filled with colour, celebration, happiness, joy and an incredible sense of community spirit.

The weekend was wonderfully family-friendly and full of fun, with an amazing turnout of support from across the Moorlands.

One of the most heartwarming moments has been speaking recently with a local lesbian couple who told me they felt comfortable holding hands in public for the first time as a result of Pride. That is what community, visibility and inclusion are all about.

A HUGE thank you to OUTSIDE and to our incredible steering group, volunteers, performers, artists, partners, sponsors, photographers, stallholders and everyone who came along to celebrate and helped make Pride in the Moorlands possible.

As a local councillor and community volunteer, it is a real privilege to play a small part in our wonderful organising committee alongside some amazing people.

Our Pride was filled with colour, celebration and community — and we're only getting started.

Onwards and upwards to Pride 2027!

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.

● High Lane, Brown Edge – 6 drivers speeding out of 325

REPORTING ISSUES, GETTING THINGS DONE

Thank you to The Plough for getting the hedge cut at the side of the pub along the A53 Leek Road, Endon after I recently contacted the team. Local residents can now easily walk and run along the pavement.

ENDON VILLAGE HALL TABLE TOP SALE

We had ANOTHER AMAZING Endon Village Hall event!

What a fantastic turnout for our Table Top Fun Day, raising an incredible £437.65 for the Village Hall Renovation Project!

A special well done to Harriet & Bella from Endon Brownies and Endon Scout Group for all their hard work and efforts. There was plenty of delicious homemade lemonade to enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us — your generosity really does make a difference.