

County Councillor Report for September 2021

Highway Issues: I have arranged a meeting with senior highways officers to discuss a full agenda of local concerns; the meeting will be attended by 2 community councillors and me. The recent surveys by Go Safe suggest that the lower speed limits are having a good effect on average speeds; widespread local concern about the new road layout at the southern end of Heol Isaf will be addressed by submitting a petition at September Council. We need a current figure on local NO2 and particulate levels; an update on introduction of HGV gateway enforcement is due. The process for approving and communicating temporary road closures would benefit from more local consultation

Mound Field and Gelynis Crossing: Despite local opposition, planning approval was given by a narrow majority but this approval is qualified by the need to meet stringent preconditions before starting work. The necessary rerouting of the public right of way requires local consultation and input from relevant parties; this gives the opportunity of seriously questioning the lack of access for disabled users, pram pushers and weary cyclists.

Golf Club Lane: an unexpected consequence of closure was the encroachment onto the footpath by the surrounding vegetation; I have asked for this to be trimmed back.

Refuse collections: these continue to suffer problems. I will continue to ask the RMA to publish up to date information and residents can also access information published by Cardiff Council.

Cardiff Rivers Group: this band of volunteers has worked twice recently on local reaches of the Taff and we are most grateful for the improvements they have made

Local litter pickers: they have also worked to improve the local environment and we commend them for their efforts.

BT masts: several local residents have found BT staff seeking to erect masts often very early in the morning. These masts are subject to agreeing permission.

Community Civic Service and Reception: it was good to see this event returning to its proper place, albeit in a truncated version. This allows our community to recognise the key role of local schools, churches, sports clubs and voluntary organisations. Between them all, they make great contribution to the life of our villages

Lord Mayor Charity: 21st September is a day to commemorate the work of Alzheimer's Society, my chosen charity. At dusk Cardiff Castle, City Hall and Cardiff Bay Barrage will be illuminated in blue.

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