

D/Cllr Report – December 2024 – D/Cllr L Taylor

A lot has been happening at Mid Devon Council over the last month or so.

I am pleased to say that the Council are giving free parking in Tiverton, Crediton and Cullompton in the main car parks for each Town on Saturdays in the lead up to Christmas.

The relief road is in full swing with Tesco agreeing to sell the land beside their store. This was the final piece of the jigsaw. Devon County Council are expected at their Cabinet meeting to sign off the project and will take control of the works as they are the responsible authority for the Highways.

An historical issue with Council rents has meant some people were paying too much for their Council Property. This was an historical issue that dates back many years. Those who have paid too much will receive a refund. There are some who were paying under the required amount but they will not have to pay monies back and the correct rental cost increase will only come in with new tenancies, so current tenants do not have to worry.

Mid Devon Council's commitment to sustainable housing has been recognised at the British Construction Industry Awards. The St Andrews development in Cullompton won the 'Carbon Net Zero Initiative of the Year' award for innovative eco-friendly construction methods.

The Council is helping those struggling and provides support through the household support fund which offers vouchers to help with food and energy bills for vulnerable families.

The Mid Devon Residents survey is open and will close on the 11th December. It is a great opportunity to make your voice heard on areas affected by you. Details on the Mid Devon Council website.

This last month I attended and spoke at the annual Parish Clerks meeting at Phoenix House. At the meeting different areas of interest were discussed including Emergency Plans and options for Community led housing schemes.

A massive thank you to the volunteers of Bradninch who helped with putting up the Christmas Lights. It was a bit touch and go at first with storm Bert causing a delay meaning we had to put everything up in a day ready for the switch on later that day.

It was a great success again - with new lights added to Hele Road and the largest tree yet at the Guildhall (though moved somewhat in the latest storm - it will be back in place soon).

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