

## County Councillor Report, May 2021

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Cllr Jackie Porter

On 6<sup>th</sup> May, I was re-elected as your County Councillor until 2025. During the election period, I had hundreds of conversations in your parishes.

Interestingly, I saw a distinct difference in those conversations in comparison to those in previous years.

- A greatly increased interest in our green environment
- A greater awareness of recycling, and how we can reduce our own Carbon footprint
- A far greater number of electric cars plugged into homes
- The health and wellbeing of you, and of those around us
- And of course- getting out more!



The County Council's Member Induction on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Our first meeting and an AGM is on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. You will have seen my Annual Report 2021 and it is now published on my website too.

Until then, I can do case work, but formal positions & committees will not be confirmed until the AGM. I continue to support the work of the Flooding Alleviation Schemes, and the Community Fibre Partnership Schemes amongst other the local issues that continue.

Coming up at the County Council:

- M3 Junction 9 consultation starts 27 May until 8<sup>th</sup> July [www.highwaysengland.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.gov.uk)
- HampshireTogether NHS hospital consultation starts 11<sup>th</sup> May [www.hampshiretogether.nhs.net](http://www.hampshiretogether.nhs.net)
- Local Transport Plans update
- Minerals and Waste Plan revisions. I'd like to highlight the recycling sites in the division which in many cases are in effect, waste transfer stations, not the creation of new materials.
- Policy of HCC in relation to the future of cycling which is LT1/20
- Bus Back Better strategy
- Decision on Solar Together.

My County Councillor local grants should start again in June. These have been increased back to 2017 levels, but many of the other grants have been cut- eg: for youth services, so in fact there is much less money in the HCC community grant pot from 2021.

Winchester youth charities have worked together to create a new website [www.BeWYSe.co.uk](http://www.BeWYSe.co.uk) which is now live even though young people are still reviewing in its infancy! It offers organisations the chance to advertise all activities for young people on the website.

We all feel it's essential to provide this, especially after the pandemic when young people's lives have missed out on so much for so long and since the HCC funding for youth services has been cut completely. Please – if you know of any organisation (for paid or free classes or support) that would like to be included, please let me know, and can I ask for a warm reception if we come to your parish for a small grant to maintain this useful facility? Many thanks!

Jackie Porter  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2021