

Modbury Parish Council Meeting, 7th December 2021. App. 4 **Report from Cllr Gilbert (DCC)**

SWW proposed works on Church Street

He will continue to monitor the closure proposals.

Highways

Response from Adam Keay (DCC Highways)

1. Footway drainage improvement at the deli – I have submitted a scheme to our capital programmes for some form of footway drainage improvements here
2. Conversion of Zebra crossing to Pelican crossing – estimated cost £25-£30k
3. Land Slip next to A379 opposite Jubilee Bridge – this is not a highway structure and we are not going to take any further action at this time
4. Damage to wall on A379 leading out of village – again, this is not a highway structure and we are not intending to do anything about it
5. Flood on B3392 at Whympstone field – I have raised an order for the buddlehole and ditch to be dug out here
6. Prigdin Hill debris – I don't feel this warrants any work at this time
7. Give Way marking – I think I would be able to re-design this myself and order the work from our line maintenance budgets

COVID

Confirmed cases continue to rise in Devon with the main risings in North Devon and Torridge. The highest figures remain with the 10-16 age group with young people, largely asymptomatic, passing on to parents/carers with the 40-50 age group the second highest. Hospital admissions also rising albeit at a much lower rate of rise – even so, presently there are 168 patients in our four hospitals with Covid, up from 111 early November. Deaths remain relatively low and flatlining over the past few weeks now.

Vaccinations – 94% of Devon's population have had at least one dose.

Booster or 3rd dose –

- age 80+ - 81% jabbed
- 75-79 – 88%
- 70-74 – 71%
- 65-69 – 50%
- 60-64 – 31%
- 55-59 – 25%
- 50-55 – 21%

Waste

2020 stats for the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Plymouth which processes some 65,000 tonnes of our waste each year from the South and West of the County.

- Overall Waste Processed 261,000 Tonnes.
- Electricity Generated 204,000 MWh.

- Steam Generated 57,000 MWh.
- Plant Availability 88.93% (target 91%);
- Co2 Savings 84,000 Tonnes.
- Landfill Diversion 99.9%
- Cash Savings (Vs Landfill) approx. £12million

Afghan Refugees

There are now about 150 refugees in the county temporarily housed in hotels in Exeter and Exmouth with a number of rescued cats and dogs from the well-publicised animal sanctuary in the Tiverton area. DCC should be paid back monetarily by the Home Office, but staff are becoming increasingly stretched by lack of resources.