

West Down Parish Council

County Councillors Report

June 2023

North Devon Link Road

The work continues and is on time, Borners Bridge junction (North Molton junction) is progressing well, this is a complicated area with a huge increase in levels required to put in the roundabout; which is a lozenge shape. Permits around working in the watercourse, the transatlantic cable and a medium pressure gas main all add to the complexities, the junction scheduled to be operational for turns in June. There will still be work to do there but vehicles will be able to use the junction as intended.

West Buckland overbridge is progressing well and Landkey roundabout is functional now. The scheme is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

*From 12th – 15th June there will be working overnight on the infrastructure at **Borners Bridge junction**. The A361 will be closed between Bish Mill Roundabout & Aller Cross roundabout. The closure will be from **8pm to 6am**. For local traffic in the North Molton area, neighbouring villages & hamlets residents will be aware of local roads to use to access/cross the A361. The official diversion route north of Borners Bridge will be signed for larger vehicles/ those unfamiliar with the area during the closure. Traffic lights will be in place on East St, South Molton during the closures.*

*During June there will also be working in the **Blakes Hill Road area at Landkey** for essential drainage & resurfacing works.*

*The road will be **closed** between the A361 Landkey roundabout & Birch Road. The closure will start at 8pm on the Friday evening & reopen at 6am on the Monday morning. Please see below for dates & times. There will be a requirement to use traffic lights over the night-time weekend to complete the final carriageway works and white lining.*

Blakes Hill Road, Landkey Day / Time Date Total Closure Traffic Lights Friday 8pm to 6am 16 & 17 June

Blakes Hill Road Landkey Junction (A361) Saturday 6am to 8pm 17 June

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*There will be night-time traffic lights in areas between **Portmore Roundabout and Aller Cross Roundabout** during the summer months. The traffic lights will be used between 8pm and 6am and will be throughout the scheme on short lengths. The team will be working on a variety of construction work activities.*

I apologise for any inconvenience

Recycled Bikes available at Recycling Centres.

Fully serviced, reconditioned bikes are on sale at many of Devon's recycling centres from this week. This week is international Bike Week (5-11 June) and this initiative will reduce waste and offer more people access to cycling.

With some brands of bike as much as 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago, it offers those who want to saddle up a chance to do so at an affordable price.

A specially trained team at SUEZ, who run the recycling centres on Devon County Council's (DCC) behalf, will repair the bikes from their new 'Re-Cycle Hub' at the Brunel Road facility in Newton Abbot.

They will repair old bikes, no longer wanted by Devon residents, and give them a new lease of life. They will then sell them through the network of reuse shops in Devon's recycling centres. Each bike will be serviced and include a warranty.

Each year an estimated 10,000 bikes come through the recycling centres in Devon as residents outgrow them, break them or get frustrated that they're taking up valuable space in the garage.

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;

[Report a problem - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

0345 155 1004

Live chat is available on the Highways website Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs and public rights of way

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