

West Down Parish Council

County Councillors report

February 2024

Tarka Trail Update

The Transfer of the remaining land needed for the phase 2 of the Tarka Trail scheme between Buttercombe Lane and Foxhunters has finally been completed so we now have all of the land needed to complete Phase 2.

I have also had confirmation from the Planning Team this week that all planning conditions have been discharged in time for site clearance work which started on Monday.

Call for sites: EV charging at Parish and Community car parks in Devon

Devon County Council (DCC) have been provisionally allocated £7m by the Department for Transport's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, and are working with district councils and others to develop the project. This project will enable Devon local authorities to deliver chargepoints across the county over coming years in parish and community car parks, local authority car parks, and on-street locations.

DCC are now seeking Parish Councils and community groups interested in hosting an Electric Vehicle charging point in a car park they own. We understand that many Parish, Town Hall, and Community Hall car parks are owned by community trusts, and these sites will also be eligible. **If you are interested in hosting an EV chargepoint please complete the form linked below.** DCC will then assess the sites and provide feedback and further details. An outline of the proposed chargepoint type, car park requirements, and proposed delivery approach is included in the link. At this stage, there is no binding commitment needed to the project by parish councils or community groups as this is only a call for sites. To find out more and complete the form, please visit:

<https://forms.gle/Y72qpbDrm85tBGiX7>

Grit bins and information about gritting routes

With the colder weather we can expect to be using the grit bins, if you find a bin which needs filling there is an easy to use grit bin map on the website, just click on the icon and ask for it to be filled, damaged bins can also be reported here.

There is a map of the gritting routes in Devon but I would advise that when out driving in icy conditions to treat all roads as if they haven't been gritted as it needs friction for the grit to work.

[Grit Bins map – Road and Transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Highway defects

Following the recent cold weather we can expect an increase in potholes, please would you report any you come across at [Report a pothole - Devon County Council](#)

Drainage issues; [Report standing water, flooding or blocked drains - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

You will see on the website there are other highway categories such as fallen trees etc.

Highway emergency number is :0345 155 1004 (If you are reporting an emergency that is very likely to present an imminent threat to life or serious injury or serious damage to property)

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