

West Down Parish Council

County Councillor's Report

June 2026

Subsidised composting bins available

Making compost at home is a natural and affordable way of adding moisture, structure and nutrients back into the soil which supports the growth of healthy plants and increases biodiversity in gardens of all sizes.

Devon residents can purchase Blackwall Compost Converters from £25 by ordering online at www.getcomposting.com.

The Blackwall 220 Litre Black Compost Converter is the UK's best-selling home compost bin. Made in the UK from recycled plastic, it's UV stabilised for maximum durability and comes with a 5 year guarantee.

Priced at just £25.00 (plus delivery) due to a Devon County Council subsidy, it provides an affordable and secure environment for compost, helping you transform your kitchen and garden waste into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden.

The Green Johanna 330 Litre Compost Bin is the natural waste composter with a difference. Unlike standard compost bins, this hot-composter turns garden and food waste including cooked food, bones, meat and fish into nutrient rich, organic compost. Recommended as a Best Buy in Gardeners' World magazine and Which? Magazine, the Green Johanna can digest all biodegradable waste due to its enclosed base, meaning more nutrient rich compost for your garden. The Green Johanna is now reduced to £62 (RRP £144.99) for Devon residents.

Wormeries, water butts and other accessories are also available.

For more information about composting at home visit www.recycledevon.org.

Childcare Survey

Feedback from parents and carers helps DCC to build a detailed picture of what support is needed, where, when, and for which age groups.

The Early Years and Childcare Service uses this information to match supply with demand, helping ensure that families can access the childcare they need, at the times and in the places they need it most.

If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person, please take a few minutes to [complete the survey and share your experiences](#) and please share the link to the survey with friends and family.

Closing date Sunday 14th June.

Highway Defects and road closures

Road closures can be seen at [Causeway one.network](#)

[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

The DCC website is very useful for reporting problems and the reports go straight to the contractor.

Alternatively the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Please do get in touch if you think I can help with anything; Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk

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