

West Down Parish Council County Councillor Report June 2026

Local Government Reorganisation & Devolution

We are currently awaiting the Minister of State's decision regarding the structural future of local government in Devon. Following the completion of the government's statutory consultation in March, central government is evaluating five distinct proposals aimed at moving away from our current two-tier system toward single-tier unitary authorities. Alongside this reorganisation, Devon's leaders continue to discuss a broader devolution push to secure enhanced funding and powers for the region. We anticipate a definitive decision from the government on the chosen unitary structure later this summer.

Highways Maintenance & Priorities

DCC's operational focus remains on safeguarding vital services while managing tight financial pressures. For our rural parishes, pothole repairs and overgrown roadside vegetation are the primary summer challenges. To ensure safety defects are assessed quickly, residents are strongly encouraged to report non-urgent highways issues directly online so they can be integrated into our localised repair schedules.

How to Contact DCC Highways

Standard Reports (Potholes, overgrown visibility splays, blocked drains)

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

Phone/email 0345 155 1004

csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

Emergency line; 0345 155 1004 (Standard Hours)

0345 155 1008 (Out of Hours)

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