

Report From Devon County Council – North Tawton Town Council – 2nd June 2026

Highways

After a long wet winter our roads continue to deteriorate and we are now at a stage where potholes are more prevalent than ever. I must ask councillors and constituents to continue to report potholes whenever they see/hit them and don't assume that it has already been reported. On one day in February the reported pothole figure rose to over 1,300 in a single day across Devon.

The Road Warden scheme has been relaunched as a means of getting, smaller, non-safety defect identified potholes repaired quickly to prevent them becoming a bigger problem. This scheme has been successful in other divisions and could be once again considered by North Tawton Town Council. Cold-lay material, tools and equipment are provided by the council, as well as 3rd party insurance, so that a local volunteer group can carry out these repairs in their own time. Safety training needs to be completed before starting the scheme, and then a productive working relationship is established with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

I have provided a link below for the Town Council to consider:

[Call for more volunteer road wardens in Devon as scheme marks 10th anniversary - News](#)

Cabinet Decision on Libraires

Following a public consultation earlier this year, the results have been analysed and the public have clearly express their wish for our public libraries to be supported to continue. There was a risk that opening hours would be changed or shortened in an effort to save money, but thankfully this has been dismissed by the cabinet in favour of maintaining the current service levels.

[£2 million cash boost secures future of Devon libraries - News](#)

Crisis Resilience Fund

A new Crisis and Resilience Fund is now in place to support low-income households in Devon who face sudden financial difficulty. This replaces the Household support fund, and is backed by the government for the next three years.

Anyone facing sudden financial difficulty can contact their local district council to find out how to access their local Crisis and Resilience scheme, <https://devon.cc/crf>, or they can speak to Citizens Advice Devon at www.cabdevon.org.uk.

This provides much needed support in this current cost-of-living crisis period. Please make sure that struggling local families are aware of this support, and if necessary help them to apply. I am happy to do so if you want to direct constituents to myself.

[Devon's Crisis and Resilience Fund - Supporting low-income households facing financial shocks - News](#)

Residents Car Parking in Moor View

Car parking in North Tawton continues to be a difficult issue. I have recently been approached by a local resident with regards to the parking in Moor View. I am currently looking into this situation on behalf of the constituent, and I understand that the matter has been raised with the clerk. If the council could provide a view on the matter would be useful.

Okehampton Interchange Station

Plans for the opening of the new station are progressing, and we are awaiting an opening date announcement. The station and the car parking site is looking very smart, however I remain dismayed that this seventeen million pound project does not include on site public toilets. Also there are some questions to be answered regarding street lighting at the station due to wildlife concerns. I am aware that nowadays we must make environmental considerations with all infrastructure plans, but I also consider public safety to be a priority – we will wait and see if the car park is to be lit.