

Winchester City Council Report
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ACTION NOT JUST WORDS

Residents' concerns over speed of vehicles and plans for action.

Many residents across the ward have contacted me over the last year with concerns over the speed of vehicles. Unfortunately, the Alresford speed-watch team disbanded, which is a shame as this helps qualify the area for other support. I volunteered to be the new Speed-watch Co-Ordinator for Alresford, Old Alresford and Bishops Sutton. The support from New Alresford Town Council, Old Alresford Parish Council and Bishops Sutton Parish Council has established not only the need but also volunteers willing to help. This group has been kindly sponsored by Alresford Neighbourhood Watch Team who have purchased the necessary equipment. Please contact me directly if anyone wishes to volunteer and I can send the relevant paperwork onto you via email.

More Collaboration for dealing with Antisocial behaviour is still needed.

Feedback from residents has continued to raise the issue of more collaboration to deal with antisocial behaviour issues. Please do continue to report these issues via 101 or the antisocial team at WCC (csafety@winchester.gov.uk). All reports issues to me I pass along and I continue to call for a better way that we can address issues as a team. Interestingly, the feedback from the WCC residents survey also outlines this area where residents felt (the LibDem run) WCC were not doing enough to deal with this issue. I will, as promised, continue to support any residents who contacts me asking for support.

Supporting residents with noise from the glass recycling

Frustrations are running high with the lack of movement on the issue of helping residents suffering issues with the glass recycling at the station carpark. Whilst contractors have been advised to not come on a Saturday before a certain time, issues on this are still occurring. The lack of a suitable site is also hindering issues as understandably, other residents do not want to hear that noise either. Ensuring the other alternatives of an extra box or more frequent visits have been discussed but sadly WCC have been reluctant to look at this as a viable option. As always, I continue to support those who ask for help when they feel they are not being heard.

A bit about me

For those residents who did not know, I work full-time and do my Cllr role on top of my day job. I have lived in Alresford for nearly 20 years and volunteer my time to support organisations within our ward. I am former chair of Alresford Chamber of Commerce, an active Executive committee member of The Alresford Society and volunteer on the NATT open days to support important assets of Alresford. Along with my husband, we ran the Halloween charity open house on Windsor Road for 8 yrs. My personal favourite was the Harry Potter one.

I attend many evening meetings as we have 7 Parish and Town councils, I sit on Business and Housing policy committee at WCC and feed back all the issues raised to me, along with attending the organisation meetings or events above.

I visit residents every week across the ward on issues that they have raised, whilst I do my very best to call on as many residents as I can, I may miss people if they are out. So, please do get in touch if you think I can help in any way.

Why opposition is important.

Our ward has 3 Winchester City Councillors. As I was elected post covid, I only get 3 years instead of the usual 4 years and indeed I am up for re-election in May this year. I have always been concerned that if there are issues or things happening within our ward that residents don't agree with, then having opposition to the LibDem run WCC council is useful and needed. Calling out issues that residents raise when they do not get what they need from WCC, is important. Listening and acting is part of my role and I try to do my best for anyone who asks.

So, thank you to everyone that has contacted me asking for help, thanking me or just stopping to chat. Our area is a fantastic place to live and work and a privilege to be part of the community here.