

Cllr Chloe Myers Report for full council July 2023

### **Teign Heritage Centre**

I enjoyed a visit to the museum with Cllr Jackson in May and attended their AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> July. I'm hoping to help the museum build its links with local schools to help young people know more about the town's history, and hopefully to inspire them to want to respect and protect our environment. The council used to give an annual grant of £2,500 which the museum no longer receives, so I will be supporting them to approach local businesses asking for £250 sponsorship to replace this.

### **Teignmouth Hospital/Health and Wellbeing Centre**

I met with the Community Services Manager at Teignmouth Hospital, Louise Dawson, on 21<sup>st</sup> June, and with Eli McCutcheon and Cllr Jackson on 4<sup>th</sup> July for an update on this. The main concern with the new building is parking/insufficient public transport and they are setting up a transport sub-group.

### **Bitton Park**

Parking is an ongoing issue in Bitton Park, especially now that we're in the summer. It's great to know that positive changes are coming with Devon County Council removing the maximum stay of four hours and no return within one hour rules, but residents would love a timescale on this. The Guerilla Gardening Group continues to maintain the community garden but are having trouble disposing of garden waste and are hoping for green bins to be provided by Teignbridge for this.

### **Young People**

There have been many conversations about youths, the majority of which have been positive, asking how we can do more to support young people and create safe places for them to go rather than complaining about them. I'm pleased to learn more about the new community/scout building and the return of the cave as a starting point. There were some specific concerns about safety with young people seen swimming near the mouth of the river and whether it's possible to put signs up.

### **Sustainability**

As a council we have declared a climate emergency so I'm keen for us to include and prioritise sustainability within our strategy going forward. A key issue which keeps coming up is litter being left on the beach, which is dangerous to marine life, dogs and young children, as well as being an eyesore. On 10<sup>th</sup> July some of the councillors are taking part in a beach clean with TCS Mill Lane to help educate young people on this issue. I am speaking to Graham Bond about a Citizen Science project around water quality. I'd also love to see the council become the third Plant-Based Town Council in the country, and one of the first ten councils in the country as it way to show its commitment to the environment. Residents have also been asking for updates on the cycle path.

### **Cllr Chloe Myers**

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