

Seaton & Colyton Division Report – April

Flood Risk Management Action Plan

DCC Cabinet approved a budget allocation of £10k (for 2022/23) for an initial assessment of flood risk from surface water and ordinary watercourses in Seaton and to consider options for potential improvements and funding opportunities. This action is necessary following the flooding of over 20 properties last October. As the lead local flooding authority DCC produced a [Flooding Investigation Report](#).

20mph Speed Limit Submissions

The deadline for 20mph applications closed on 31st March. Within the Seaton & Colyton Division I have supported schemes in Colyton, Colyford (A3052 & Seaton Road), & Beer. As DCC are looking to implement schemes during the 2022/23 financial year it is anticipated the successful applications will be progressed quickly.

Road Safety in Seaton

I met with members of the Seaton Down Hill community speed watch team to discuss their work and ongoing safety concerns. I am planning to use some of my locality budget to jointly fund a new vehicle activated sign for Seaton that can be not only used at Seaton Down Hill but also moved around the town to target hot spots.

A35 Safety Improvements

I regularly catch up with our MP to discuss issues in the division. I've asked Neil Parish to contact National Highways to arrange a meeting with parishes along the A35. The A35 working group last met in February 2020. I explained the frustration of local parish councils regarding progress on this matter and the lack of a regional manager for National Highways not helping the situation. Neil has contacts at National Highways so I am hopeful a meeting can be arranged to bring this important issue to the fore.

One.network

I know as Town & Parish Councillors you get a lot of highways enquires. A useful online tool to see all planned roadworks and road closures is the [one.network](#) website. It gives you details of the works, the company responsible and the dates. You can also preview upcoming works.

Devon, Plymouth & Torbay Devolution Deal Partnership

Devon, Plymouth and Torbay are one of ten areas in England selected by the Government to negotiate far-reaching devolution deals to help level up areas blighted by low productivity and deep-seated deprivation. A deal offers the opportunity for additional powers and funding to tackle local priorities such as more affordable housing, better public transport and providing skills our economy needs.

A 'County Deal' does not require a mayor, operates in concert with the existing local government structure and requires a Combined Authority only to oversee the additional devolved powers. In terms of where we are in this process, the partner authorities are working together to negotiate with government. In essence the 'fuel' to drive the transformation is the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) that replaces EU funding with a non-mayoral Combined Authority getting

overall control of UKSPF planning and delivery. Initial proposals have been submitted to government as a starting point for negotiations. The ambition is to have a deal in place in late 2022/early 2023 with implementation from April 2023.

Community Outreach Vans

DCC Community Outreach vans will continue to support the COVID-19 vaccination programme but they won't provide free lateral flow tests from 1st April. Following the government's Living with Covid plan there is an end to universal access to free lateral flow and PCR tests for most people.

Spring COVID-19 booster jabs

[Spring COVID-19 booster jabs](#) have started to be offered to people in Devon at greatest risk of COVID-19 infection, many of whom had their first booster six months ago. The groups eligible for the spring booster are:

- people aged 75 years and older
- residents in a care home for older adults
- people aged 12 years old and over who have a weakened immune system

The best time to have the spring booster is around six months after the previous booster, although the minimum interval is three months. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on [the NHS site finder website](#) or book an appointment via the [National Booking System](#).

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

From 1 April, the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RD&E) and Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (NDHT) have formally merged to become the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The new Trust has two acute and 20 community hospitals, and cares for a population of almost one million. It has nearly 17,000 staff, who work together to deliver core services to our local communities and specialist services across the whole of the peninsula.

Find out more about the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust at the website here: www.royaldevon.nhs.uk

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