

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

- 1) Well, 2022/23 has been another very challenging year for local authorities and government.....
- 2) The housing of our Ukrainian guests and getting their children in to school, on top of assisting the Afgans and Hongkongers has been challenging and continues to be so for DCC.
- 3) Covid-19 The winter did not see another major outbreak and the flu also seemed not to have been a major problem.
- 4) Avian Influenza. This has proved challenging on top of the human virus and influenza.
- 5) Coronation celebration road closure party applications have predominantly been going well.
- 6) Scams are still proving a terrible blight and effecting some people horribly across Devon.
- 7) Highways. We had made headway in catching up with potholes and clearing drainage gullies, but the winter rains and frosts have set things back a bit. We are starting to catch up again and the recently announced £200M announced from of Govt to help, giving DCC £9.4M will help.
- 8) We now have a new Chief Executive and head of Children's services which should prove beneficial for all and not least the DCC budget.
- 9) This has been the most difficult DCC budget to set in memory. At one point it looked to be the end of DCC
10. Devolution deal for Devon to include Plymouth and Torbay at Level 2 has been agreed by the Levelling UP Minister subject a final business case being agreed by all parties along with parliamentary approval. This will assist in providing improved housing, public transport and Investment opportunities
 - a) Plymouth & South Devon Freeport. This is now up and running well, with CEO and Chairman etc being fully employed. I am a Director.
 - b) LEP's. Local Enterprise Partnerships were dissolved at the last budget statement and the roles will be undertaken by my DCC portfolio of Economy. The reason being to make the delivery of the service more democratically accountable.

LOCAL ISSUES.

- 1) I have attended most of your PC's and attending to various matters in your parish.
- 2) The closure of Main Street by SWW was cancelled which had involved a lot of input from many
- 3) Barrack Road issues continue to be challenging and ongoing.
- 4) Shilstone Bridge was quickly repaired.