

Additional comment from Cllr Noble

Other matters to mention are the increasing problems of heavy traffic/HGVs using country roads and causing many problems including damage to verges and mud on the roads. Please encourage residents who witness this to try to get a picture of the vehicle, number plate and any SWC signs on the vehicles. We can report this and hold SWC to account if we have the evidence. Please note that ESC does not have the equipment to remove heavy mud from roads and we need to keep pressing SWC to act on this issue.

Also, there are great funding opportunities available, these should be sent to you via Kevin Wegg in our grants department. Please let me know if you do not receive the regular reports on this.

The community partnership will be looking to fund more local projects going forward. If your parish does not have a representative attending the meetings, it would be worth looking to find someone who is willing to attend.

I will also have my new ECB, locality budget coming soon. If there is a project you have in mind, please let me know. I struggled to spend all my 25/26 funding which seems such a shame so get your thinking caps on. This could be a large or small project or money for local groups needing tools/equipment etc, so lots of scope here.

Lastly, there is an increasing problem with fly tipping. Please do all you can to communicate to residents that any suspicious activity or waste spotted when out and about should be immediately reported via the ESC website. Perhaps you could put this in your village magazine or WhatsApp groups etc. Anyone using nonregistered waste disposal methods is liable for prosecution. Always check the company/person, is registered and has a license to dispose of waste in the proper manner, there are many rogue operators advertising their services cheaply online who then dump the waste illegally. ESC/ESSL operate a waste collection service at a competitive price.