

County Councillor Martyn Holland's Monthly Report – July 2021

A494 Trunk Road Improvements

I have received further confirmation via Darren Millar our SM that the WG via the Trunk Roads Agency plan to improve the safety of the A494 through Loggerheads and Llanferres, at the junctions for Llanarmon and along the stretch of road up to the Clwyd Gate. When we have confirmed dates for the work involved I will let you all know.

Community Speed Watch in Llanferres

Some residents have asked about creating a Community Speed Watch in Llanferres to monitor and act as a deterrent against speeding through the village on the A 494.

At a recent meeting with the local police liaison team I have asked for further details which when received I will pass these on. This normally involves the Go Safe team.

Increase in Speed Cameras on A494

I recently met with our new local Police Sargent Richard Evans who has taken over from Sgt Martin Jones who has moved to a new role based in Denbigh. Sgt Evans was also joined by the local Police Inspector Andrew Kirkham. At the meeting with the police they confirmed that they will arrange for the go safe team to visit the village more often with speed cameras. During the meeting we discussed everything from fly tipping and rural crime to road traffic issues.

Forestry Road

The Forestry road consultation letters should be hitting the door mats soon !!

Weed Spraying

DCC have completed the first of two annual weed spraying events in our villages. These only cover the village centres, village roads and estates.

Road Repair Bryn Alto

I have asked the County to look at repairing the entrance from the Cilcain road to Bryn Alto. The surface of the road is breaking up as heavy vehicles turn into Bryn Alto and this is exposing the small utility stop cocks etc.

Maeshafn Bus Service

I have received a number of concerns about the bus service to Maeshafn and the bus company have also stated that they are having difficulties getting into the village and turning by the village green due to parked cars etc. The bus company have not entered the village on a number of occasions recently and therefore they may have left residents waiting at the bus stop!! The DCC public transport officer is arranging a site meeting with highways to try and resolve this issue.

Road Safety Rectory Lane

I have been contacted by a number of residents about the visibility as you leave Rectory Lane onto the A494. This junction is also the main route in and out of the Druids Inn Car Park and apparently there have been a couple of near misses.

One resident has kindly sent me a short video of cars emerging at the last minute from behind the grasses growing in the Bee Friendly area.

Although I firmly support these wildlife areas it is important that they do not impact on road safety and so I have asked the County to cut the verge back at the Rectory Lane junction to allow for greater visibility. This may mean cutting them back as far as the slip road to the church. This year warm weather and rain has encouraged the growth and the grass is a lot higher than in previous years.

Pot Holes in Rectory Lane

As you know from my recent monthly reports I have again been trying to get the County to repair the pot holes in Rectory Lane. They are still claiming that it is a boat and they have declined to undertake any work. Over the years I have spoken to residents and asked if anyone has any written evidence to prove that the road was either adopted or repaired in the past. Any such evidence may be in their deeds or in any correspondence with DCC or previous Councils. This is ongoing.

I have been approached by residents to see if we can resolve this issue once and for all and I have enlisted the support of our SM Darren Millar who has written and asked the County to check their archives. Once they have retrieved the records for Rectory Lane I have asked to be able to view them. Hopefully, we can then establish the true position and ultimately get the road repaired.

Flooding Cae Derwen and Tyn Llan

We now have a new contact for Morris Homes and they have met with residents to discuss the flooding and the maintenance of the drains at the rear of the houses in Cae Derwen and Tyn Llan plus the cutting of the hedges and trees in that area. Let us hope that the new contact at Morris Homes is more receptive to undertaking the work required. The residents have kindly kept me in the loop about their meetings with the company and I have put the County on standby just in case the commitments made fail to materialise.

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