

## County Councillor Update

Coker Division SCC

Cllr Mark Keating

September 2019



**County Councillor Mark Keating - Representing you locally at Somerset County Council. Barwick, Chiselborough, Closworth, East Chinnock, East Coker, Hardington Manderville, Hardington Marsh, Hardington Moor, Haselbury Plucknett, Middle Chinnock, Montacute, North Coker, North Perrott, Norton Sub Hamdon, Odcombe, Pendomer, Sutton Bingham, Stoford, West Chinnock and West Coker.**

### Useful Contacts & Websites

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| South Somerset Area Highways Office                              | E: countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Report Pothole/Road Defect                                       | E: roadsandtransportSD@somerset.gov.uk  | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Report Dead Animal/Mud on Road                                   | E: roadsandtransportSD@somerset.gov.uk  | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Neil McWilliams – Highways Service Manager                       | E: countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Lee Norman – Assist Highways Service Manager                     | E: countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Garry Warren – Traffic Engineer. Traffic & Transport Development | E: countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| Gully Emptying / Road Sweeper                                    | E: chris.holley@southsomerset.gov.uk    | T: 01935 462462  |
| Nick Allen – SSDC Ranger Scheme                                  | E: nick.allen@southsomerset.gov.uk      | T: 01935 462462  |

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| Report Adult at Risk  | adults@somerset.gov.uk                      | T: 0300 123 2224<br>T: Emergency: 999 |
| Report Child at Risk  | childrens@somerset.gov.uk                   | T: 0300 123 2224<br>T: Emergency: 999 |
| Children's Social Care Worker out of hours <b>Emergency Duty Team</b> |   | T: 0300 123 2327                      |
| Fostering and Adoption<br>www.fosteradoptsomerset.org.uk              | AandFRecruitmentEnquiryLine@somerset.gov.uk | T: 0800 587 9900                      |
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| <a href="http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk">www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</a>     | ssdc@southsomerset.gov.uk               | T: 01935 462462  |
| www.travelsomerset.gov.uk  | Useful website - all travel in Somerset |                  |
| SCC website - <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk">www.somerset.gov.uk</a> | generalenquiries@somerset.gov.uk        | T: 0300 123 2224 |
| http://roadworks.org/  | Useful website for road works info      |                  |
| www.facebook.com/somersetcountycouncil                                     | SCC Facebook page                       |                  |

**School transport:** For the first time in over 25 years Somerset County Council will be operating their own school bus fleet from the beginning of the new school year. The low emission buses represent a major investment into school transport service delivery whilst saving the County Council money. The design, which shows silhouettes and scenes from around the County, is one that SCC intend to use extensively in the future on minibuses, highways vans and numerous other vehicles.

**Apprenticeships:** Over the past three years Somerset County Council has invested in more than 300 apprenticeships, helping people get started on their career and up skilling existing staff to further their career. 50 new apprentices will be starting this autumn to start apprenticeships during the Autumn. SCC is the first local authority in the South West to make use of the Social Work Degree Apprenticeship, which will also see 12 of our existing staff across Adults and Children's Service up skill to become Social Workers.

**Stand Up For Care:** Three major local government bodies have given their backing to Somerset County Council's Stand Up For Care petition. The petition calls for cross-party discussions before Christmas on how to address the national social care funding shortfall. Leaders of all political groups at the County Council have given it their backing and they have been joined by the Local Government Association, County Council Network, and the Association for Directors of Adult Social Services. The petition is hosted on the [www.petition.parliament.uk](http://www.petition.parliament.uk) website and can be found by visiting the site and searching 'Somerset'.

**Shared Lives Service:** Somerset County Council has agreed to transfer its Shared Lives service to Shared Lives South West (SLSW), in a move that will see more people with different needs benefit from the life-changing support. The Shared Lives scheme currently focuses on people with learning disabilities but the new arrangements will make this support available to younger people with physical disabilities, the elderly, those being discharged from hospital and people with mental health conditions. Shared Lives support sees adults with additional needs matched with a trained and paid carer who opens their own family home to the person needing support. The aim is for the person being supported to live the fullest life they can, be part of the community and maintain and promote new skills.

**iAero:** An £8m cutting-edge aerospace technology centre in Yeovil is taking off with construction work starting on site. Somerset County Council is working with the aerospace industry, including Leonardo Helicopters in Yeovil, on the flagship iAero Centre which will encourage innovation, collaboration and growth in the aerospace sector and supply chain, ensuring it remains competitive in a fast-changing world. iAero is due to be completed in July next year with the first tenants expected to

move in later in 2020

**Emotional and Mental Health Support:** The dates for the next Mental Health First Aid Course are the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Full details are available from [lfinnis@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lfinnis@somerset.gov.uk) Health Promotion Manager and applications must be in by the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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