

Bratton Fleming Parish Council

County Councillor's Report

May 2026

My apologies for this evening's meeting, it is the Exmoor National Park Forum which I chair, this evening. Please email me with any questions/queries.

A361 Safer Roads Scheme- cameras (Mullacott to Barnstaple)

I've had a few emails about this, not in the parish but we all use the road at times.

Answers to some FAQ's

- There will be 'average speed check' signage going up.
- AI camera

One AI camera or "Distracted Driver System" (DDS) camera as they are also known, will be going in at Ashford along with the Average speed cameras. This is new technology and not Home Office Type Approved like our speed cameras currently are. But the AI involved simply detects the potential driver offence and the camera will only record evidence of potential phone\seatbelt offences. Like speed cameras this evidence is securely controlled for police use only. Devon & Cornwall police have been pioneering the use of mobile DDS cameras for seatbelt and mobile phone use detection for over 4 years now and they have checked that their data protection processes are compliant. DDS is being included in this road safety project due to the sad prevalence of in-vehicle distraction or not wearing a seatbelt being involved in serious and fatal collisions. But will only be used for this specific purpose and they will not be able to record any other personal information.

- Data Protection

Speed cameras are Home Office Type Approved and cannot record driver or vehicle data for any other purposes. They securely encrypt and transmit evidence of speed offences to police back-office systems. Devon & Cornwall Police are fully compliant with all data protection regulations.

<https://roadsafety.devon-cornwall.police.uk/speed-offence-enquiries/speed-camera-information/>

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/data-pro/data-protection/>

- Other safer roads scheme works scheduled

The October HATOC is scheduled for approvals of the Williams Arms and Barton Lane crossings with a build dated subject to other roadworks by Feb 2027. This will also include the Ashford crossing. The Knowle crossing may join them although this could potentially be a bigger road scheme proposal subject to local support\views. The Tarka Trail works from Heddon Mills to Dean Cross have a construction permit for Jan-Apr 2027.

The Safer roads funding can only be used on this route and only for additionality (safety related, the proposals are all compliant and have been through the department of transports own checks as it is their funding). The funding cannot be used for potholes.

Subsidised composting bins available

Devon residents can purchase Blackwall Compost Converters from £25 by ordering online at www.getcomposting.com.

The Blackwall 220 Litre Black Compost Converter is the UK's best-selling home compost bin. Made in the UK from recycled plastic, it's UV stabilised for maximum durability and comes with a 5 year guarantee.

Priced at just £25.00 (plus delivery) due to a Devon County Council subsidy, it provides an affordable and secure environment for compost, helping you transform your kitchen and garden waste into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden.

The Green Johanna 330 Litre Compost Bin is the natural waste composter with a difference. Unlike standard compost bins, this hot-composter turns garden and food waste including cooked food, bones, meat and fish into nutrient rich, organic compost. Recommended as a Best Buy in Gardeners' World magazine and Which? Magazine, the Green Johanna can digest all biodegradable waste due to its enclosed base, meaning more nutrient rich compost for your garden. The Green Johanna is now reduced to £62 (RRP £144.99) for Devon residents.

Wormeries, water butts and other accessories are also available.

For more information about composting at home visit www.recycledevon.org.

Combe Martin Rural highway snapshot

This financial year (so from 1st April) there has been 125 safety defects reported, of these 112 are completed. There have been 11 emergency jobs received, 6 fallen trees and 2 collisions requiring highway attendance.

Highway Defects and road closures

I came to Bratton yesterday with the highway officer, the missing fingerpost has been ordered, these can take some time as they aren't safety defects but it is on order!

Road closures can be seen at [Causeway one.network](http://Causeway.one.network)

[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

The DCC website is very useful for reporting problems and the reports go straight to the contractor.

Alternatively the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Please do get in touch if you think I can help with anything; Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk

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