

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' Report: - LINDA GEMMELL, FRANK PEARSON AND
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As we write this article it is clear we must welcome Autumn with its **beautiful sylvan colours**. The trees/shrubs and hedgerows are just beginning to take on the colours of the season. Perhaps now is the time to trim back our hedges ready for winter.

May we thank County Highways for the road works within the Ward area - and beyond. Temporarily frustrating perhaps but nonetheless a welcome sight. Work on the M27 and M3 Smart Motorway continues steadily. An unfortunate knock-on effect is perhaps increased traffic on the Stakes Lane/Belmore Lane/Mislingford Lane route up to Winchester. Hopefully the dreadful accident a couple of weeks ago will be the last.

Hopefully you will all have received your 'crates' for the new **kerb-side glass collection**. Frank tried filling his to give it a try. Look-out the weight of a full crate may be an issue, so take care. Fortunately, the local Bottle Banks in the villages will still be available if necessary. Remember also these crates and the Bottle Banks are for glass bottles/jars (minus the stopper) **ONLY**. Window glass cannot be recycled in the same mix.

The new collection starts in October. Oddly other than it will be a monthly collection we do not yet have a starting date.

As we write this article, we note that the **Swanmore Village Centre car park is now complete** and in regular use. Please note that the entry and exit points are in the same location as before. Hopefully parents will use it rather than parking opposite the Brickmakers thus forcing vehicles onto the pavement. Equally it would be nice if the Brickmakers customers would also use it for the same reason.

Two of Winchester's 'Big Projects' are making progress. The **Station Approach OUTLINE Application** was granted 'Permission' on the 12th September. A move welcomed but some - but not all. Great progress is being made on the new buildings for the **Winchester Sports and Leisure Park** at Bar End. The framework of the building stands tall. This means that road works on the Bar End Road are ongoing so give yourself extra time if going into Winchester. The south Park and Ride might prove useful.

As part of our move to offer you more services online, we are phasing out Park & Ride smart cards from September. You will be able to continue to top-up your smartcard **before September 30** and will be able to use any remaining credit on the card. But once that credit runs out, Park & Ride payments will need to be made in other ways.

The easiest way to pay for your parking is by **RingGo**. RingGo works in a similar way to smart cards with pre-payment through an e-wallet plus the same 10% discount on all-day parking. RingGo sends a receipt for payment to your phone which will be accepted by Park & Ride buses to get you back to your car. Payments can be made through the **RingGo website** or the RingGo smartphone app.

Season tickets will still be available, and you will still be able to make cash payments. Staff and students from the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and the University of Winchester can continue to use their smart cards and will be notified separately of any changes.

Shoppers in Winchester will have noticed that Abbey House is covered in plastic sheeting and scaffolding. These are not Art Works but are long overdue essential maintenance of this Grade II* listed building. The fabric needs re-pointing

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and several windows need to be replaced
to make them 'weatherproof'.

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