



Hillesley County Councillor's Annual Report

April 2022

It hardly seems possible that it's almost 12 months since I was elected to serve the Parish of Hillesley. I had big shoes to fill following on from John Cordwell. I have tried to hit the ground running and I've benefited from a warm welcome and support from all the members of the parish council and we've already forged a strong collaborative partnership which will help to get things done.

The constraints of Covid have made meeting in person more difficult, but I'm keen to ensure that everyone has the opportunity, to discuss any concerns or ideas for new initiatives. I'll be starting bi-monthly sessions from May, alternating between the Hopkins Hall and The Fleece, details will be publicised on the website and social media and village notice boards.

As a Liberal Democrat I'm very keen to help facilitate and champion anything you would like to see happen in your community.

I'm mindful that we are on the border with South Glos and when necessary, I have been in contact with my opposite number or with council officers to resolve matters.

If you want me to ask a question on your behalf at a County Council meeting please let me know.

Highways and Road Safety

I'm very aware of the poor condition of the roads across the county and Hillesley has more than its fair share of trouble spots. I've been out with Highways to look at how we make all the roads safe as a minimum requirement, with a view to more extensive resurfacing being planned for 2023.

I will be holding a planning meeting in the next few weeks to discuss how my new budget for 22/ 23 can be best used to meet immediate repairs but also for: 'lengthsman' work; drain clearing and the maintenance of public rights of way.

Build Back Better Fund – Play / Activity Facilities

I have supported the play area at the Hopkins Hall and Jubilee Field with £5,000 of funding to create a safe and stimulating area for children to be out and about and active together.

Transport

I am also lobbying for cycle routes to be extended to ensure residents can benefit from useful links to major transport hubs and facilities. I am a member of the Greenway Steering Group.

I have contributed to the bus consultation process

Scrutiny Committees

I represent your interests on the Children and Families and Health Overview Scrutiny Committees on the County Council and I am the Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Education.

Contact

I produce a report which can be viewed on the parish council website and includes a summary of everything I have done on your behalf and any county council initiatives or decisions which are of relevance to Hillesley residents.

I can be reached on 07791 110906, linda.cohen@gloucestershire.gov.uk . I will always try and respond to your email or message within 24 hours.

Cllr Linda Cohen