**Wiltshire Councillor (WC) Report – April 2020 by Cllr Graham Wright**

**General Update:** As residents are generally walking out and about more these days they have complained to me about hedges overgrowing pavements, footways and paths and are in need of tidying; and also the issue of ruts in the roads for both Motorcycles, Cars and Cycles. It is also evident that many road users are travelling at speeds well in access of the speed limit and the Speed Watch Teams getting back into action would be appreciated. Cyclists, it is good to see residents enjoying their bikes again but can DTC remind them that Pedestrians have the right of way on pavements as many are not taking care on that front. The example set by the residents of School Drive Durrington where they got together and brilliantly tidied up their road is an idea more residents could follow, would DTC be keen to engage in this activity? A quick win would be to ask the Parish Steward to address the WC paths etc. and develop a community programme produced for Self Help.

**Hedges** that overhang the footway can in the first instance be addressed by DTC with your polite letter card informing the resident that their hedges etc. are causing a nuisance and blocking a clear pathway. If that does not receive an appropriate response then inform me I will get WC to ask formal and if necessary complete the works themselves with an appropriate charge to the resident.

**Avon Valley College.** The works to the new build are coming to an end and repairs to The Ham road and the access point to AVC are ongoing. It has already been agreed that some new trees are required to infill the area to the south east of the access road to AVC. I have previously submitted some ideas to DTC and more recently to the residents that engaged with the Steering Group that I initiated at the beginning of the build, as to how the community fund for improvements to the Ham and the Local Area could be allocated. Under the direction of Wiltshire Council (WC) it was agreed that WC would transfer the monies to DTC because the Town Council is best placed to formally decide how the monies are to be spent on projects that would best enhance The Ham and Durrington as a whole. WC will be transferring the funds to DTC imminently for DTC to ring fence for various projects.

**Road resurfacing:** I am pleased to report that the road that accesses The Packway Parade Shops is due for repair ASAP. All other local roads that have been brought to my attention have been reported to WC.

**Library Services:** WC will soon be going out to ask how best we reintroduce Library Services in Wiltshire. It would be useful if DTC made a formal response to WC when appropriate.

**Wiltshire Recycling Centre in Amesbury and Wiltshire.** Now that the recycling centre is open under COVID19 rules, which require residents of Wiltshire to pre book a 15 min slot, It has been difficult to book such a slot via the internet at the Amesbury Centre. I have informed WC of these issues but they have informed me that with so many residents who have a backlog of recycling and with less capacity at the sites due to COVID 19 it is not expected to get back to any normality soon.

**Fly Tipping;** Fly tipping has been reportedon the old A345 near to Stonehenge Inn and the BT telephone Exchange. I have escalated to WC to remove all the residue of waste.

**Street Lighting:** There are still a handful of outstanding lighting issues that I am monitoring.

**Thanks to Durrington Community Action Team:** Asthe volunteer coordinator, I wish to praise and continue to thank our 39 Local Volunteers who are helping our vulnerable residents by shopping and queuing for medication and prescriptions. The community response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation has been, and continues to be, fantastic and I thank local businesses for their kind help and support.**Shop Local means just that.**