

Cllr Helen Swiers Report To FTC October 2021

Covid-19;

As usual I will not repeat the contents of Richard Flinton's (Chief Executive) weekly bulletin. These bulletins will no longer be circulated on a weekly basis. But that is not to say the danger is over. Here, in North Yorkshire, we have slightly above the national average of cases. Everyone should still take sensible precautions and consider others who are not as confident about going out into public and will be grateful to you for wearing a face mask and giving them extra space.

Lollipop person - Filey Junior School:

The County Council has been advertising the vacancy for a lollipop person at Filey Junior School since September 2020 and have had no response. (The school has also brought the matter to the attention of parents etc. in their newsletter and social media). The council are currently not advertising this vacancy but if someone was to come forward then they could, potentially, re-advertise the post subject to senior management approval. There is a problem filling these vacancies right across the county.

With regards assessing the site for the suitability for a formal pedestrian crossing - this would be difficult as there isn't just any one location that pedestrians use. They tend to cross West Road in various locations rather than one specific location.

With regards to speeding traffic along West Road - The traffic bureau from North Yorkshire Police have carried out a survey through the Speed Management Protocol and the results were as follows.

SC211510 - location of survey - West Road, Filey near Filey Junior School within the 20-mph zone

Date of survey: 23/04/2021 - 06/05/2021

The results were mean speeds of 17/19 mph and 85% speeds of 22/24 mph.

The two figures represent traffic travelling in each direction.

There have been no recorded injury collisions within the last three years.

The road safety task group have yet to make their final decision regarding what action to take but from Andrew Stanton's experience he does not think they will recommend any further action. I agree with him; that has also been my experience.

Fostering North Yorkshire:

Fostering North Yorkshire is supporting Sons & Daughters Month throughout October to showcase the vital contribution the children of foster carers make to foster care. The sons and daughters of foster carers play a huge role in welcoming fostered children into their families and ensuring successful foster homes. Fostering involves the whole family.

If you, or you know someone who think their families could be a fostering family find out more and get in touch via [www. northyorks.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/fostering)

Online chats where you can learn more and ask questions are planned for later this month and November.

Living Well:

Living Well was launched in 2015, soon after local authorities took on extended responsibilities for Public Health and used an untried system of using locally based co-ordinators - recruited from diverse backgrounds - to work with those needing assistance and help to steer them towards the organisations and services which could help.

Since its launch six years ago, it has helped an astonishing 14,000 residents to live their lives well and, in many cases, deflected them from needing more intensive help from support services.

When the service was launched it had a team of around 20 co-ordinators drawn from backgrounds as diverse as housing, health, the armed services, and the Ministry, though that has now doubled.

In the first year around 1000 people were assisted but as Living Well has become established numbers have grown, with around 4000 getting help in the 12 months before the pandemic.

Through that period, the service became predominantly digital because of lockdown, but still managed to continue offering support where needed and was able to assist those unfamiliar with online skills to fulfil more of their routine tasks via the internet.

Afghanistan Refugees:

Two hotels in the county are providing temporary accommodation for Afghan families whilst they wait for more permanent accommodation. It was very disappointing to hear that a bomb threat had been made against the hotel where a large number of families were staying in Scarborough.

As a result of this threat the hotel had to be evacuated, a large part of the centre of Scarborough was cordoned off and the town disrupted for about six hours whilst a full search was made of the Grand Hotel. Nothing was found so, thankfully, it was only a hoax but nevertheless very upsetting for the families involved, who no doubt believed they had left this sort of thing behind in Afghanistan. This came on top of leaflets being distributed in the early hours of the previous Sunday night to parts of Scarborough, saying No Afghans wanted etc. It is sad to see this type of hate crime taking place in North Yorkshire and it was good to see in the social media that followed many people from Scarborough condemning what had happened. Our county has no place for this kind of race hate and we should condemn it.

Philip Allott - Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner - Remarks made on Friday 1st October:

Complaints about a Commissioner are handled by the Police, Crime and Fire Panel which Cllr. Carl Les chairs and where every council has a seat (City of York have Two).

To date the Panel has received 90 complaints and the Commissioner's office over 700.

The next Panel will meet on Thursday 18th October where these complaints will be tabled. Carl intends giving the PCFC an opportunity to explain his remarks, which he has retracted and has made an unreserved apology before opening the discussion.

Police Crime and Fire Panel membership.

NYCC	Carl Les Cons (Chair)
City of York	Keith Aspen LD
City of York	Daryll Smalley LD
Richmondshire	Helen Grant Ind

Hambleton	Peter Wilkinson	Cons
Scarborough	Liz Collins	Lab
Ryedale	Lindsay Burr	Ind
Harrogate	Mike Chambers	Cons
Selby	Tim Grogan	Cons
Craven	Patrick Mulligan	Cons
Two Community Representatives - Yet to be appointed		

They are there to represent councils not parties.

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