

Cllr Julie Hunt
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Motorists across Devon are being reminded that cameras to enforce motoring restrictions at eight sites are starting to go live, 2 in Barnstaple, 6 in Exeter . Each driver will now receive a warning notice to alert them so they can avoid incurring future penalty notices.

The cameras are enforcing a mix of restrictions, including bus gates and bus lanes, in Barnstaple.

These powers allow help to improve road safety, support active travel and public transport by addressing issues caused by drivers that contravene the rules of the road called Moving Traffic Offences.

The sites where cameras are being introduced are:

- Bus Gate, Old Torrington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
- No Right Turn, The Square, Barnstaple
- Bus Gate, Taw Vale, Barnstaple

The cameras are enforcing areas where restrictions have been in place for some time.

During the first six months after each camera comes online, motorists caught breaking the rules at any one of the locations will be sent a warning letter for their first offence.

If, however, they are caught again at the same location, they will receive a penalty charge notice (PCN). After the initial six months, all offenders will be subject to a PCN.

The Green Lanes Hub continues to be a great success and is really popular with residents. Its location in the shopping centre makes council services more accessible and more visible. Since it opened, they have helped more than 4,000 residents who have visited the Hub – that's an average of 350 a week. The police are also using the Hub and are holding regular drop-in sessions there.

At Full Council as Lead Member for **Waste and Recycling** I was asked a few questions like how do we compare with similar councils for recycling rates? We rank well compared to other authorities and in the top 3rd of the country for recycling rates nationally. I have also been asked when we will start recycling tetra paks, government has said that this will come into force before the end of 2026 but our main problem is that very few facilities nationally can recycle the material effectively, we are liaising with East Devon at our next meeting on this.

Parish Forum will now be held on Wednesday 5th November at 6.30pm in the Barum Rm, Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple. The following items are due for discussion at the Parish Forum.

- : Local Government Reorganisation – Update by CEO Ken Miles
- : Planning Enforcement Update – Service Manager Tracey Blackmore
- : Members Code of Conduct & good practice – Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer Simon Fuller
- : Parish/Town Clustering – to receive an update on initial discussion regarding political clustering arrangements between local towns and their neighbouring parishes – report by Clerk to Ilfracombe Town Council Laura Donovan.

Please contact member services at NDC and advise if you will be attending or virtually. This will then allow for the co-ordinating arrangements for those attending virtually.

Consultations:

The consultation on **Local Government Reorganisation**, and the **Community Government Review** (ie changes within Pilton West, Ilfracombe, Fremington, North Molton, Tawstock, & Barnstaple) have now closed.

The results of each will now be collated.

Next Steps

Following this consultation, the draft proposals will be considered by the Governance Committee on 11 November 2025.

There will then be a further public consultation on the draft proposals which will take place between 18 November 2025 to 30 January 2026. The final recommendations will be considered by the Governance Committee on 10 March 2026, with the final decision being taken by Council on 22 April 2026. The Reorganisation of Community Governance Order will then take effect on 1 April 2027 and electoral arrangements for an existing town and/or parish council will come into force at the first elections following the Reorganisation Order, which will be May 2027.

