

## **Berrynarbor Parish Council**

### **County Councillor's Report**

**June 2026**

#### **Exmoor National Park**

We have two vacancies on Exmoor National Park Authority for secretary of state members.

The closing date is the 16<sup>th</sup> June.

If you would like to apply the link is;

<https://apply-for-public-appointment.service.gov.uk/roles/9325?page=3&sort=openingAt%3Adesc&titleSearch=&body=&region=&skills=&department=&regulated=&sectors=&appointmentCategory=&bodyJustice=&remunerated=&status=open>

very happy to have a chat about the role 07786 868038

The new members will be appointed by the secretary of state and they do not have to live within the Park. It is essential that you have a passion for Exmoor.

We are looking for people who have the time commitment, can get to the meetings, will be enthusiastic and be an active member.

#### **Coast Path**

I've recently been to meet with the Coast Path team in Plymouth.

The South West Coast Path is a 630-mile National Trail running along the coasts of Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, and Dorset. The trail is managed and supported by the South West Coast Path Association (SWCPA), a registered charity established in 1973.

The Path is internationally recognised for its natural scenery, tourism value, and contribution to local economies. The Association works with partners to maintain access, improve signage, and protect the route for future generations.

Berrynarbor benefits significantly from its position on the South West Coast Path route. The village provides:

- Access points to Exmoor National Park and the North Devon coastline.
- Visitor facilities including accommodation, cafés, shops, and public services.
- A stopping point for walkers undertaking short excursions and long-distance journeys.

The Path contributes positively to:

- Local tourism income.
- Visitor footfall for businesses.

- Promotion of the area's natural environment and heritage.
- Outdoor recreation and wellbeing opportunities.

The South West Coast Path Association advises that maintaining the full route costs approximately £1,700 per mile annually, equating to over £1 million each year to sustain the 630-mile trail.

The organisation also promotes:

- Circular and day walks.
- Visitor information services.
- A "Coast Path Passport" scheme with participating local businesses and stamping locations along the route. [\[Home - Sou...Coast Path\]](#)

This initiative may create additional opportunities for hospitality and tourism businesses within Combe Martin.

## **Highway Defects and road closures**

Road closures can be seen at [Causeway one.network](#)

[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

The DCC website is very useful for reporting problems and the reports go straight to the contractor.

Alternatively the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Please do get in touch if you think I can help with anything; [Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk)

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