District Councillor Report June 2023

By way of a brief report, I have been busy assuming various responsibilities at the District Council, notably assuming the role of Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, member of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel, and member of the Scrutiny Committee.

I feel this puts me in a good place to raise many concerns across the ward and encourage action. With that, I would urge the Parish Council and parishioners to contact me if they have any issues or concerns they wish to highlight.

Recently Vince and I were able to help Easton PC with a matter related to payment of speed calming measures. We managed to push County Council to cover an increase in costs resulting from very slow delivery from the contractors.

We've also intervened on behalf of residents concerned at recent proposed events and licensing proposals in the area, ensuring they are listened to and that their community remains safe and undisturbed from dangerous levels of traffic, drinking, and revelry. Safe to say we are not shy in sticking up for constituents!

I also wanted to mention my locality budget. I'm sure you know that Councillors have a modest budget to support projects in the parishes. Please do let me know if there is anything I can do to help e.g. repair of village hall, defibrillators etc. There is a set criteria but I'm happy to explore for the good of Badingham.

I'll also be hosting a Women's Community Forum event on 18th July, 7pm-8.30pm, at the Castle Community Rooms in Framlingham, to encourage women from across the ward to share their views on how we can improve our community but also better represent them in local government.

With best wishes and apologies once again,

Owen Grey
District Councillor