

WSCC J Duncton September 25 Report

It's always difficult to find items of County work but during August it's even more difficult as meetings stop and mostly I get information about items via our News releases and my emails with Officers, plus of course any local issues that I need to look into which happen of course at any given time.

Trading standards have been busy again. They have prosecuted a Crawley business for selling Vapes to children and stocking illegal Mothballs. Please don't ask me what is an illegal Mothball because I don't know and didn't know there was such a thing. Obviously live a sheltered life!!!

In early August OFSTED commended our childrens Services for the quality of the care for children and young people.

They also awarded High Trees in Crawley as outstanding and Blue Cove and Bright Star in Worthing as good so all 3 homes are something to be proud of.

There is a new flood risk Strategy announced. To learn more about it go to WSCC web site and Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Fire and Rescue Service have issued a new warning regarding the use of items that have lithium batteries. You will know there is a fire risk with these.

Their advice is that you always charge items on a flat and stable surface and don't leave them charging over night.. Always unplug when fully charged. They can be a high Fire risk.

SEND is still causing us many headaches not least because it's under funded and the Cabinet member and Leader of Council have written to the Secretary of State for Education asking for them to produce the reforms soon which are in the Governments white paper. Of course we need finance for this Service as well.

2 of our WSCC Social worker team have been shortlisted for the National Social Worker of the year awards. I so hope they get the recognition they deserve.

Not quite in our patch but Millais School in Horsham is now going to be a co-education School. Of course not everyone wanted this but after 2 consultations it was approved.

A milestone has been reached with our Highways lighting. On the 22nd September the final stage will start in Chichester and then all highway lighting will be changed from Halogen to LED technology. This is, I think a good thing.

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