

WSSC Janet Duncton October 2026 Report

So sorry I'm so late with these notes. Will try and do better but I have been busy, honestly.

It's been a strange few months with the Governments dismal delays and mind changes on the subject of LGR (Local Government Reorganisation).

You will remember last month it was all cancelled except for Surrey and one other I think, well don't get too excited but apparently we are waiting in the next couple of weeks for Angela Rayner to say more about our future. We don't have a clue what it may be, is she going to say right, cancel the District and Borough elections next May which they said last month would take the place of Unitary elections OR is she going to say it's all back on and this is how it will be done. Your guess is as good as mine but I hope you understand what I'm saying. It's watch this space again.

In the meantime nothing stops at County. The Fire and Rescue Service is getting ready to join the Strategic Authority next year along with the Police of course and there may well be other Services but I will update you when I have details.

I can't give you a result as yet but OFSTED have been in to our Childrens Services and we expect and hope that their findings will be available to everyone by about the 4<sup>th</sup> November so here's hoping. Personally I think our Childrens Services have come a long way but of course it's them that will make the decision.

Highways departments are getting ready for the winter and some are again talking about a hard winter. As you know we never quite get on top of every Pothole or road condition but we've done many thousand over the year. The worst thing for us is lots of rain and then freezing. If that happens I think my emails will be plentiful on this subject. The best I can say is that I do report all highway faults and will continue to do so.

I feel I just need to check that you all know that as your County Councillor among other items I also cooperate and work with Highways over any Highway and Pavement issue and of course drains.

I mention this as there have been some slightly unfortunate incidents on my division when I wasn't contacted and things went awry. I hope sorted now though. Please feel free to contact me on any County issue.

Summer is over and what a summer it's been and now well in to Autumn. We often get quite a few blocked drains etc when the leaves fall from the trees. Please let me know if there are drains in our roads that need clearing.

A quick reminder that any who have children ready for Secondary education they need to get their registrations and hopeful School choices in now.

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Look forward to seeing you soon.

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