

County Councillor Report to Great Wilbraham Parish Council

1. You should have been notified that the Whittlesford Highways depot is once again holding an open day this time on 27 June 2016 and you will be invited to book a slot in one of three sessions during the day.
2. I am now on the Highway and Infrastructure committee of the county council and one of the first things I've done is to have the Director confirm that the number of potholes that can be repaired in this financial year will be increased by at least 50%. However it is completely unsatisfactory that a third of the county's unclassified roads need repair and as a result of my intervention the county's maintaining assets policy which has no target for unclassified roads will be considered by councillors later this year.
3. The county council will shortly be launching its Community Highways Volunteering scheme enabling communities to work on the highway to carry out routine maintenance which can no longer be afforded by the county council. Initially four areas of work are being offered:
 - Siding out footpaths, footways and bridlepaths
 - Cutting back vegetation
 - Sign cleaning
 - Litter picking

Volunteers signing up to the scheme will not only be covered by the council's public liability insurance but also its personal liability insurance. Suitable high visibility clothing and equipment will be provided as appropriate.

Of course this is in addition to volunteering for gritting footpaths.

Registering to volunteer and training will be available on line.

John Williams
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