

County Councillor Report to Hadlow Down Parish Council April 24

Cats Eyes

I followed up on the enquiry re type of cats' eyes used in Hadlow Down and the problem of steam engines breaking the new style and less flexible style. Reply from ESCC

Bob,

We use a number of different types of cat's eyes to suit the situation, but I don't think any will stand up to the weight of a steam traction engine.

SEN Pressures

I reported last month on the continued pressure on SEN funding. Whilst pressures remain on revenue funding the good news is that last week the Sec of State announced funding of £850m towards capital cost to provide 60K more special needs places. East Sussex will get £6.7m of which 4.7m has already been received and a further £2m for 24/25.

Speed Limits on A272

I contacted Assistant Director re the disappointing response to the request for staggered speed limits. My note referred to the "hidden" footpath across the road which is used by young and old. The reply was similar to earlier responses but, as requested by the AD, I have sent a map of the footpath position and a phot I took when Michael and I made a site visit. This shows how close the footpath is to the 30mph zone.

Potholes

I have also forwarded the photos sent by Damon to highways pointing out that whilst the repairs are probably within the criteria, I understood there was some discretion and the repairs done this way make the county look ridiculous. A point of view supported by the Lead Member.

Bridleway 36B

I have been in contact with ROW. The programme for 24/25 has not been finalised. 36B is on the list for consideration.

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