

## Parish Council Report

There is increased resident concern with the Upgrade to the M3 and Junction 9 improvements. A meeting has finally been arranged with Hampshire County Cllr Humby, Portfolio holder for Roads. In light of the recent accidents on this route we will be asking for additional improvements to be made as well as the mitigation that we have suggested. Each parish council has been asked to nominate a representative.

Since the City Council announced the Climate Emergency we have been working hard to ensure that solving the environmental issues and reducing our Carbon Footprint is our main priority. Last month the City Council installed the first water fountain in the Abbey Gardens and this will allow residents and tourists alike to have access to free water and reduce the need for single use plastic bottles. We have been working on introducing wildflower verges and have a pilot in Water Lane that has been very successful. This is hoping to be extended around the District and we will be working closely with Parish and Town Councils to achieve this. There are a number of big projects in the pipeline and as soon as they are confirmed you will be the first to know.

The Winchester Sports and Leisure Centre is progressing well and since taking charge we have worked on making the centre more sustainable and in line with our environmental aims. We look forward to giving you more reports as it progresses.

A car free day is planned on Sunday 22nd September the City will be closing Middle Brook Street car park and using it as a space for environmental groups to have stalls. There will park and ride buses every 10 mins.

We have also been meeting with HCC about a number of Sustainability projects that will benefit the residents of Winchester District and these include buses and bus routes.

Cllr Williams, Laming and Bell.