

Local Community Network – Highways Pilot

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The Highways Pilot is designed to focus on how local communities can drive and contribute to highway service delivery to support the development of Local Community Networks (LCN).

At the same time, the Pilot is designed to strengthen service delivery now, as well as, in the new authority.

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In September / October 2021, members of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Programme Team spent three days visiting parishes in the Exmoor County electoral division to listen to each of the communities on highway and traffic matters.



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The themes (resulting from Parish feedback)

- Two-way communication – to include an information and coordination role
- Programmes of planned and reactive works (highways and utilities)
- Local tasking of 'low tech, high value' minor maintenance works (through the Highway Steward)
- Discretionary budget for local commissioning of works
- Asset information exchange

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- **Communication**

- A 'broker' role is being trialled as a communication link between the council and the Exmoor communities (focussing on highways at present)
- Regular attendance by Officers at the Exmoor Panel and Exmoor Panel Sub-Group (and scheme specific activities)

- **Programmes of planned and reactive works**

- Detailed programmes of highway and utility works for the area shared, reviewed and developed through the financial year.

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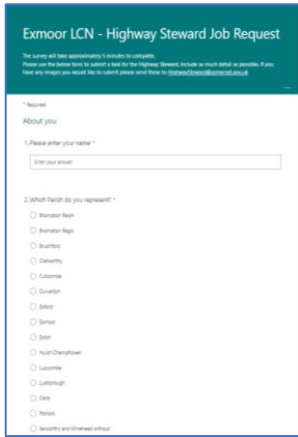
- **Discretionary budget for local commissioning of works**
 - £30,000 secured for highway and traffic works to be identified and commissioned by Parish Councils based on their own priorities.
- **Asset information exchange**
 - Parish Online has now been provided to Exmoor Parishes
- **Local tasking**
 - 'low tech, high value' minor maintenance works (through the Highway Steward)

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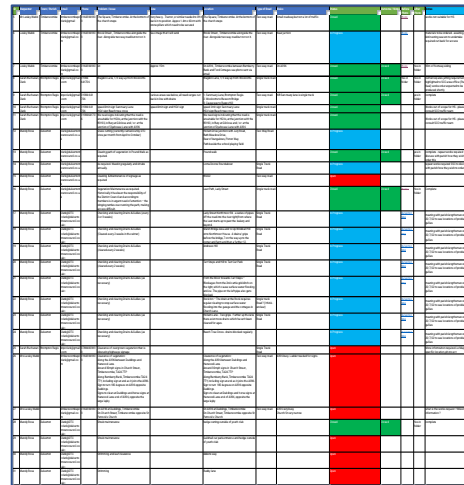
Process for capturing and managing requests now in place



Microsoft Form completed by each PC requesting works



Photos of area concerned sent to HighwaySteward@somerset.gov.uk



Information automatically populated onto SCC Sharepoint site

Request assessed to ensure in scope, PC contacted in advance as/when appropriate

Highway Steward reviews works request



Works get underway

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Brompton Regis – cut back verges to expose drains

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Blangdon Lane, Brompton Regis – Drainage Improvements

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Pound Walk, Dulverton– vegetation management

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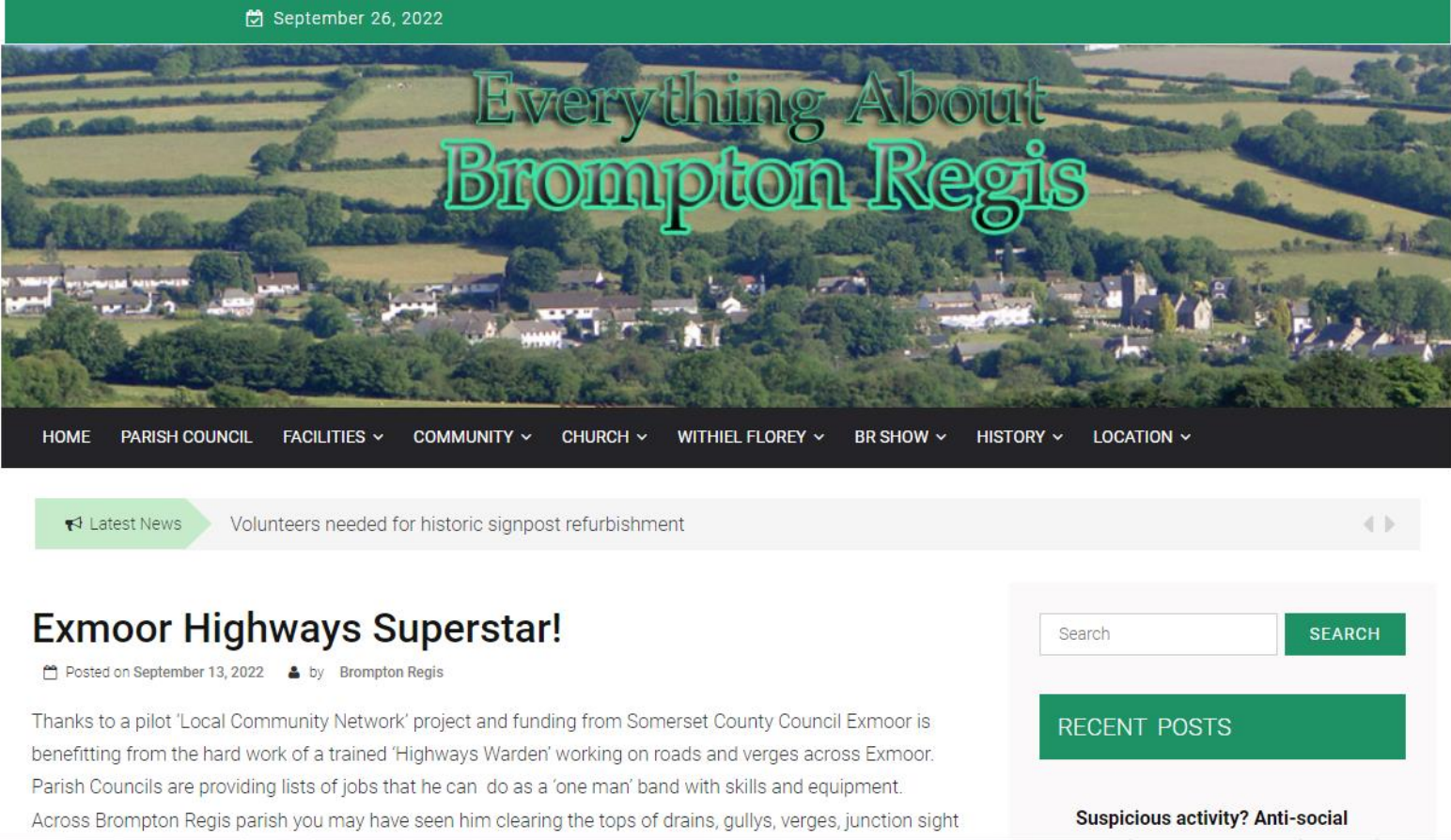
Recent works in Clatworthy

Signage works at Winsford

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Some early feedback from Brompton Regis Parish Council

Other Exmoor Parishes have described the service as "*excellent*" and "*fantastic*"



The screenshot shows the website for Brompton Regis Parish Council. At the top, there is a green header with the date "September 26, 2022". Below this is a large banner image of a rural landscape with the text "Everything About Brompton Regis" overlaid in a stylized font. A navigation menu is visible below the banner, including links for HOME, PARISH COUNCIL, FACILITIES, COMMUNITY, CHURCH, WITHIEL FLOREY, BR SHOW, HISTORY, and LOCATION. A "Latest News" section highlights a post titled "Volunteers needed for historic signpost refurbishment". The main content area features a news article titled "Exmoor Highways Superstar!" posted on September 13, 2022, by Brompton Regis. The article text reads: "Thanks to a pilot 'Local Community Network' project and funding from Somerset County Council Exmoor is benefitting from the hard work of a trained 'Highways Warden' working on roads and verges across Exmoor. Parish Councils are providing lists of jobs that he can do as a 'one man' band with skills and equipment. Across Brompton Regis parish you may have seen him clearing the tops of drains, gullies, verges, junction sight". To the right of the article is a search bar and a "RECENT POSTS" section with a link to "Suspicious activity? Anti-social".

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Thank You

Any questions?