

## Report for July and August 2019

- On 18<sup>th</sup> July I attended the Devon General Bus centenary excursion to Torre Abbey. This was an exciting day boarding a Devon General bus from 1952 in Dawlish, the original number 2 service, and joining other civic guests on an excursion to Torre Abbey.

As a keen public transport campaigner this was a brilliant day to celebrate 100 years of public bus transport in Devon, including Dawlish, and I will continue to campaign for improvements to public transport services here.

- It was a pleasure to open the Dawlish Art Group's summer exhibition at the Strand Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> July. There were so many different skills and talents on display.

- Dawlish Garden Society's flower, produce and craft show

It was a delight to choose my 'best in show', to be a part of the official opening, and to present the awards. Well done to all the volunteers who made the event happen, and to all who participated.

- Dawlish in Bloom

In the third year since I revitalised the floral display competition, we had more entrants, and with the support of the Dawlish Garden Society and the Dawlish Gardens Trust, and funding help from Cllr John Clatworthy and Cllr Martin Wrigley, it was a success.

- Dawlish Celebrates Carnival week, wow – what a week!

It was a huge honour to be invited to be a part of the opening ceremony, to be a judge for the junior and adult pram races, at the town crier competition, and finally at the carnival parade, and to present awards and prizes.

Being a part of the carnival parade, I found exhilarating and also very humbling. I was honoured to participate and to be escorted in a prestigious vintage car.

It was a fantastic week, I enjoyed every minute of it, and I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the carnival committee and logistics volunteers who made the week happen.

- Teign Estuary Coastal Partnership evening boat trip

This was a really interesting boat trip organised by the TECP that all stakeholders in the TECP collaboration were invited to attend. Leaving the town quay in Newton Abbot, we sailed up the Teign Estuary noticing key points of the TECP's work.

It was really interesting from Teignmouth approaching Dawlish, noticing the cliffs where the work of Network Rail to shore up the cliffs to stop further landslips. I learned that the netting is held in place with metal nails 80 metres in length – that's 80 metres into the cliffs – underneath the houses and roads above. Seeing Coryton Cove beach and the Parson and Clerk rocks from a different angle was amazing.

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