

February 18th I met with the Teignbridge open spaces officer to look at problem areas around the Town which require attention. This was in addition to an advance report which included matters previously brought forward and included those in other parts of the Parish as and when reported.

February 19th I Chaired the monthly meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee which received a report regarding on-going projects and when other potential future matters were brought forward.

February 20th I was pleased to attend a Tree Planting Seminar at Forde House Newton Abbot which was hosted by TDC and the Woodland Trust, of which I am a member. It was a most interesting and informative morning and I later visited the planting site at Sandy Lane and helped to plant a few trees. I was very pleased to see that a contingent of the ATC were hard at work helping and to learn that other volunteers were involved, including people from Dawlish Gardens Trust. There are various sites identified in Teignbridge for future planting in response to Climate Change, which is most encouraging.

February 21st I attended a meeting of the Lawn Working Group which is working on future plans for children's play facilities in Dawlish.

February 24th I attended a meeting of the mental Well-being and Suicide Prevention working group which is investigating the many avenues of help which can be available both locally and Nationally.

February 26th I visited the Strand Centre to support Dawlish Fair Trade and learned a great deal more about how Fairtrade helps in many ways to support cocoa growers and their communities. I was amazed to hear that 4,500 Fairtrade product are sold in the U K and I am pleased to know that Dawlish is a Fairtrade Town, supported by DTC.

February 26th, I also attended a DTC Planning meeting where the committee studied current planning applications in the area.

February 27th I attended a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee when in addition to overseeing finances in general, the committee also made grants to 4 community groups to help with their various projects.

Cllr Val Mawhood