

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – MAY 2013

PICK IT UP!

The latest in the series of Litter Picks took place last week. We started along the Ash Path from the Tesco Car Park finishing at the second field. Next event is on Thursday, 9th May.

CROSS COMMON BRIDGE

There has been an independent investigation into the state of Cross Common Bridge. Basically the condition is worse than has been admitted with a safe working 'life' of two years - from February 2013. The recommendation is a replacement of the deck and associated works. We now face the prospect of the closure of the bridge within 22 months. Even the replacement will not address the issue of flooding and the dangerous junction.

FORMER ST. CYRES SITE, DINAS POWYS

Discussion have not yet commenced with interested local groups regarding the use of the site. However, a report proposing the establishment of a Medical Centre at the site has been agreed and further negotiations are under way.

WHITE LINES

The Vale has focused on refreshing double yellow lines in readiness for the introduction of Civil Enforcement Officers on 1st April which has resulted in a back log of while line work. We asked that Cardiff Road was given priority and work is underway. However, there are many other road junctions in need of attention. Also we are concerned about the lack of general maintenance along the A4055.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

We have received a reply from Carl Sargeant, the relevant Minister, in response to our concerns about the population projections. In response to our call for a reduction in the targets for new houses in the Vale he stated that the responsibility was in the hands of the Vale. This is being raised with the County Council. It would be helpful if the Community Council would also ask the Vale Council to reduce the target for new housing and, if the County Council is not willing, to request an explanation.