

Rodney's Action Roundup

Getting Results - Making a Difference

Giving a helping hand to the Community on Show Days



Rodney has used his Locality budget to support the Westleigh, Instow and West Yelland Community on Show days on a number of occasions. He is pictured handing over a mini generator to provide power for the event.

Working with Nature to Control the drifting sand at Instow

Rodney helped secure Devon County Council funding for the scheme to help stabilising the sand on Instow beach. The scheme was designed to extend the dunes and trap the sand. It will encourage the sand to build up on the front face of the dunes, extending them seawards and reducing the amount of sand collecting on the beach. Rodney said: "We recognise that if we work with nature not against it, we are more likely to achieve long term success. This scheme, designed with community consultation, will reduce the ongoing problem of sand building up on the footpaths and highway and regularly blocking drainage systems."



Young volunteers from Bristol University who gave up their weekend help with the scheme

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Yelland's Lagoon View gets a Makeover

Following a detailed Residents Survey Rodney used his Locality Budget to fund an enhancement scheme to improve this well used Lagoon View amenity area. A path was constructed and safety barriers put up to improve the well used track to Pottery Lane. Seats were provided to allow residents to enjoy the lovely views at the top of the field in comfort. A small community orchard was planted with the help of a group of school children.



Out and about, working with our local community

Learn about Fremington's past as you take a walk to the historic Quay

Visitors to Fremington Quay can now enjoy a walk along the scenic river side and at the same time learn about our rich local history. Following a request from local residents Rodney arranged installation of the information board at Fremington Pill. This informs visitors about the Area's historic pottery industry which dates back to the 17th Century. The board describes how Fremington clay was used since medieval times and also illustrates the work of the famous Fishley Pottery, which once exported its products from the nearby derelict Quay to the New World.



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Rodney Reports

Your County Councillor's Mid-Term Report

Traffic Lights Improve Safety at Westleigh Accident Black Spot



Most drivers inform me they feel confident when using the junction and the predicted long delays are minimal in practice. The small army of critics who said traffic lights would be disastrous and criticised me personally for fighting for the scheme have remained strangely silent now they have proven to be wrong.

Fremington Quay Celebrates Ten years of success



Young winners of a Colouring Competition held as part of the Ten year celebrations

The Fremington Quay restoration project recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. Rodney said "When I first proposed a restoration project with a Heritage Centre I could never have dreamed that that it would have turned out to be such a great success. We are currently attracting over 100,000 visitors a year and have ambitious plans for the future".

Its Full Speed Ahead for Ferry



The Ferry on its first trial run. Rodney is sharing the trip with a group of Appledore ladies on a Hen Party outing to Instow

The closing of the historic Instow /Appledore Ferry saw the end of a service that had been running for over 200 years. Rodney was saddened but determined to reinstate the service. He organised a public meeting calling for volunteers to help set up a new ferry service. A number of residents stepped forward to set up a Ferry Action Group. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the group and supported by a grant from Rodney's DCC Locality Budget to provide the boat, the service became a reality. The first year has proved to have been a great success, attracting many thousands of passengers and providing a useful boost for local traders and saving many visitors and local residents a five mile journey.

Instow Car Park Handed over to Parish

Thanks to a move by Rodney, Instow car park is to be handed over to the Parish Council on a 99 year lease together with £64k for maintenance. Rodney said "I am delighted to have secured this agreement from the District Council. This secures the long term financial future of the Parish Council enabling it to continue the excellent work it undertakes for the local community."

Rodney Cann - your local Councillor working for you

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Rodney Reports Back

Bickington grows its own

The allotments that Rodney set up with his Devon County Locality funds have been very popular with local garden lovers who want to 'grow their own'. Rodney said, "We initially planned to turn the site into 18 plots. However, demand has been so great, that many have been halved, meaning even more people can benefit from the area." As well as gardening space, the new allotments have resulted in creating a strong community among its users. Local gardener, Emma Migliari, said: "Before the allotments were here, no-one really spoke to anyone. However, now people come down here, not just for the gardening, but also for the social aspect. It's a great little community, bringing together different generations, from retired people to young families. We all help each other out and it's given the local people a real sense of ownership."



We are now on the lookout for a similar allotment site at Roundswell. Your suggestions are welcome!

Picnic time for Heather



Heather Fieldsend and her daughters Bracken and Holly enjoying a quiet moment making good use of a picnic table that Rodney provided from his Locality Budget

Rodney Making a Difference North Devon's Green Agenda

Rodney is Making a Difference!

Changes bring Recycling Savings

Rodney's leading role in modernising North Devon's waste and recycling service has produced big savings of over £800,000 a year. This is as a result of bringing the service in-house. In addition to the significant savings achieved, we believe we are providing a better service now. Customer complaints about missed collections and spilled items are down by almost half. We are not complacent about this improvement and are looking to reduce complaints as far as possible.



Helping Slow Down Traffic Speeding Instow Traffic

As part of an ongoing initiative to persuade motorists to slow down when driving through Instow, Rodney has used his Locality Fund to extend the 30mph speed limit from the Bideford direction and install a distinctive Gateway at each end of the village. This heightens drivers awareness that they are in a busy built up area with pedestrians, including children and many elderly residents. This followed from the reactive sign he funded in a previous year to encourage motorists to slow down.



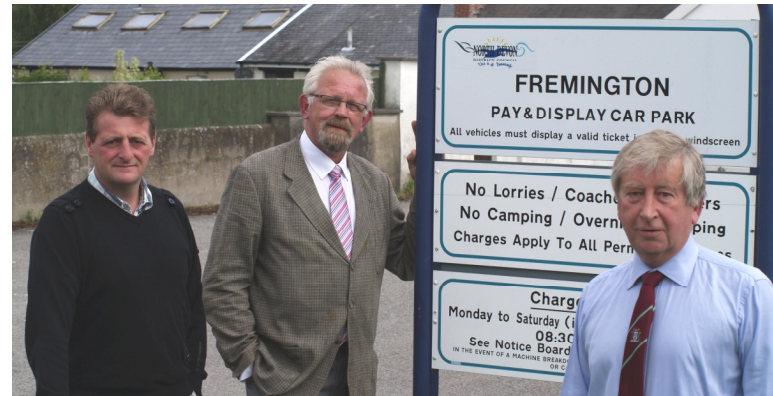
Play Park is a big success with Local Children



Children from Bickington & Roundswell are making good use of the play park at Fremington and it has been a great success.

Rodney said, "It has been very popular with local children who are making really good use of the facilities. I was delighted to help Frank and his Community Group by winning £69,000 from Devon County and North Devon Council to help fund the park."

Fremington Car Park charges scrapped for first hour



Your local Councillor team of Rodney, Frank Biederman and Chris Turner have won the fight to restore free parking in the village. Visitors to the village and the medical Centre will no longer have to pay for the first hour of their stay.

Outdoor Gym a chance to get fit

Rodney helped fund the provision of the outdoor gym equipment at Fremington from his Locality Budget. He has now provided a similar gym at Roundswell's Cedar Grove Amenity area



Rodney says: "The outdoor gym is an excellent way of allowing residents of all ages to keep fit. For many local people, using the equipment has become a social event. They have formed themselves into informal groups who meet regularly to make getting fit together a fun event".

Westleigh Cricket Pavilion rises from the Ashes



Club Chairman, James Morris and Rodney at the rebuilt Clubhouse

Following a disastrous fire Westleigh Cricket Clubhouse was completely destroyed. Rodney stepped in to help fund a new clubhouse with a grant of £5k from his DDC Locality Budget

As your County Councillor I have been actively involved with many local issues and problems. I have a Ward Fund to help activities in our local community. The pictures on this page show how I have been able to use my Budget to fund and help a number of projects in our area. Although it is not always possible to find a solution to every problem I believe I have been able to help with local issues on many occasions and will be pleased to hear from you if you think I may be of help.

Rodney Cann Devon County Councillor

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