WSCC Janet Duncton November 2026 Report

My goodness this year has whizzed by. My notes for the Parish magazines this week will be for December and there we are it's almost 2027. Still these notes are for the November Parish meetings.

First of all the sad pieces of news

Last week an Officer who looked after Emergency and Resilience through the Fire Service at County died suddenly. Martin Funnel was one of these Officers who were knowledgeable, likeable and always helpful. He and his daughter Lucy were ardent Season ticket holders at Brighton and Hove Albion and often on Facebook at a match with a pint in one hand and cheery smiles. Lucy and the family will be devastated I am sure and I send them my very best of wishes.

The next one was Anthea Martin-Jenkins who was Chairman of Lurgashall right up until her death. She was a true community person involved in many of the Parish activities. She will be sadly missed I am sure for all the community issues she took part in and a lovely person.

Now for better news. You may remember that I told you some of our Social Workers had been nominated for national awards, well they did pretty well. One got the Gold for Practice, Leadership and Management and a second one received the Silver in the newly qualified Social Worker category.

We also had Social Workers in Childrens Services and Adult Service teams nominated so all in all pretty good.

I will have to send a separate email when I have the OFSTED decision but I am hoping for good news. We've done so well in improving our

Childrens Services.

Apart from that it's life as normal. I am continually notifying Highways on road issues and although some residents don't think action is quick enough I can assure you that I have to make a case for action in a very long que. I would guess most of a County Councillor post bag is something to do with Highways and unless it's an emergency we have to wait our turn. I do keep trying and of course most of you know that residents can send in their own queries on road issues via the website.

It is some years now since introducing the booking system at our Waste sites and I am pleased to report that it has and is working well. I am pretty sure the system will continue.

As ever my ple for Fire Fighters especially in our area retained Fire and Rescue personnel . Full training will be given.

There has been lots of talk about Fostering and yes we always need more Foster Parents. If you know any that would like to consider it please ask them to contact the Service via the website.

I am as ever available if needed and if items of interest arise I will do my best to let the Clerks know.

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