

Cllr Dave Jackson – September 2025 report

I have had a quiet period over August due to personal difficulties. On August 3rd I got severe pain in my back and left leg resulting in the use of crutches and an inability to drive. The pain, caused by a disc issue affecting the sciatic nerve, is persisting despite painkillers and some painful physio exercises. Fortunately my son has managed to borrow a mobility scooter, so I am not 100% relying on my wife Jenny to get to local places!!

I have kept in touch with the planning officer dealing with the application on land north of Holliers. I was expecting that it would come to the August, or if not, the September Uplands planning committee, but it has not. I can give an update at the meeting as the September Uplands meeting is on the same day.

Finally, the white lines on the B4030 down from Holt have been done, and I wrote to the OCC highways officer Chris Grain to express my (belated!) gratitude. In his reply he said the deadline for sorting out the loose manhole cover outside 13 Marshall Crescent is September 9th. He is going to come out sometime after that to check it has been done.

I logged on to a Teams meeting with WODC officers on September 4th to do with Emergency Planning (including how to inform the council if there is a sudden emergency in our area), customer complaints, and flooding. I gained some useful insight, particularly that the officer in charge of flooding at WODC, Lawrence King, will send someone out immediately to visit any household affected by flooding to discuss possible means of help.

At the same online meeting I chatted with one of the senior officers, Phil Martin, who has taken over as the person to liase with UBICO for things like replenishing the sandbag pile at the Sports and Social Club. I wrote to him on September 5th to ask again to both have a new bag of sand, and a wheelie bin to put the bags and cable ties in. I had requested this (again!) in June but hadn't realised the previous officer (Bill Oddy) had left.

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