

## Mary Tavy Parish Council

MTPC has received a considerable number of enquiries and complaints concerning the prolonged closure of Brentor Road due to the partial collapse of the cattle grid at Blackdown. Equally the positioning of warning notices identifying the road closure have also caused adverse comment. This issue has of course been repeatedly raised by our Clerk, Mrs. Higham, with DCC Highways Department and the latest briefing we have received is that the repair work is scheduled to start on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 and will last for 3 days. The successful completion of this repair work will undoubtedly be greeted with great relief by parishioners and those drivers from other local communities who regularly use this route. We can all only hope that the Highways Department can keep to the schedule set for these repairs as the road closure at that point will have lasted for the best part of 9 weeks. For those who believe that the length of this road closure has been excessive we recommend that parishioners register their comments on the “interactive and easy to use website page” for reporting road problems at

[www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem](http://www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem).

Don't forget that Mary Tavy is part of the Okehampton Rural division of DCC and your County Councillor for this area is Mr. Kevin Ball and he may wish to hear parishioners' comments on this contentious matter. He can be contacted by e-mail at

[kevin.ball@devon.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.ball@devon.gov.uk)

It seems that, particularly during the summer months, our village is full of the sound of major building repairs and home improvements being carried out. While Councillors are pleased to note such improvement work taking place I have been asked to remind parishioners that some works may require a Grant of Planning Consent. Therefore, we firmly recommend that anyone contemplating such work takes advantage of the Planning Advice Service provided by the DNPA Authority. Such advice is provided free of charge to householders “where development is within the curtilage of a dwelling.” Particular restrictions also apply to those parts of Mary Tavy village designated as a Conservation Area which includes work to trees and hedges. It is of course essential for homeowners to have the necessary development consents properly recorded as failure to do so can create difficulties when a property has to be sold. Full information on planning matters can be found on the DNPA website

[www.dartmoor.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk)

Councillor Peter Jarvis ~ Chairman, Mary Tavy Parish Council