This Year has been a hard slog for all, from continuing the constant issues around Planning, My thanks go out to the Parish Councillors and clerks, and the massive support from the residents in all areas of my ward. We have had some wins a few losses, and some still ongoing, It won’t stop and we have to constantly be ready, That leads me on to GESP (Greater Exeter Strategic Plan) this has been delayed as by now the first draft should have been out, we now expect that to be this summer or even autumn, We have to be ready for the challenges this will bring to us all.  
  
The changes brought in on refuse and recycling have needed in well and the results have been fantastic, and now we are launching a added optional paid for service of garden waste, as that has been asked for from many people.  
  
East Devon District Council,s move to Honiton is progressing quite fast now as the building is progressing, The now refurbished Exmouth Town hall is now fully operational and working well.  
  
Like every Council we have been challenged on finance and we strive to get the beast value, all these moves are part of making the council fit for the future.  
  
The constant work with Streetscene, Enviromental Health, Planning Enforcment and even building control, have all kept me busy, but like you all hopefully know I love this ward and will always continue to do all I can for anyone that asks.  
  
  
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