

Councillors appointed to outside bodies - Cllr Ray Bloxham

Clyst Valley Regional Park Delivery Board.

There has been one meeting of the Board since the previous report to Council in August 2024. This was on 3rd October 2024.

Station Road SANG

A planning application has been submitted (24/2049/MFUL) for the construction of a new 16 space car park with access from Station Road and a network of footpaths and the change of use of surrounding land to Country Park (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space - SANG) on land to the south of Shercroft Close, Station Road Broadclyst. (The Station Road SANG). The application remains undetermined.

One item of interest from the application is the proposed treatment of the principal area which is predominantly wet. The proposals include the creation of a drainage water course along the central axis with drainage created on either side to direct surface water into this central water course. The delivery of paths will then come forward around the perimeter of the site which should be drier as a result. This may be an option to be considered if the Council wishes to make the current nature reserve in Great Meadow more accessible.

Crystal Clear Clyst project

Funding opportunities from Westcountry Rivers Trust and the EA are still being sought to progress the Crystal Clear Clyst project on land just west of the Lidl warehouse. Liaison with Exeter Airport is taking place to ensure that the project does not result in an increased risk of bird strike. The project is awaiting a sewer report from SWW which is outstanding.

National Heritage Lottery Fund Bid

As previously reported the Town Council hosted a Board workshop at the Younghayes Centre in Cranbrook on 30th May to develop a National Heritage Lottery Fund bid focussing on engagement with nature in the Tithebarn / Mosshayne / Cranbrook area and connections to the wider Clyst Valley. Officers have continued to hold positive talks with NHLF and an expression of interest has been prepared.

Clyst Valley Regional Park - Boundary and Local Plan

A revised wider boundary of the Clyst Valley Regional Park has been drawn up and consulted on in conjunction with the Local Plan consultation. The revised boundary is particularly relevant within the context of the anticipated

second new community south of the A30. Evaluation of the consultation responses is expected to take place during December.

Clyst Valley Trail

Work continues to deliver the link from Sowton Village via Clyst St Mary to the Exe Trail at Darts Farm. This has been ongoing for some time and has not been easy to deliver.

Potential links between Cranbrook and Broadclyst were discussed. EDDC to set up Officer working group including Clerks to progress options.

National Trust are undertaking an Active Transport study to inform access and potential connectivity to Killerton House, Ashclyst Forest from West Clyst, Broadclyst and Cranbrook.

A potential bridge over the railway (providing access to Cranbrook Station) was discussed by the Board – Lodge Trading Estate was a potential location, but this has not been recommended for inclusion as a development site in the emerging Local Plan.

Local walking and cycling infrastructure plan (LCWIP).

DCC has consulted on the Countywide LCWIP which seeks to deliver ten new routes across the County. None are in the immediate vicinity of Cranbrook. There are three new routes in East Devon - The Otter Trail, Sidbury to Sidford and Beer to Axminster and Uplyme.

DCC has three existing local LCWIPs adopted and two in development.

- [Heart of Teignbridge LCWIP](#)
- [Exeter LCWIP](#)
- [Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam LCWIP](#)
- [Cullompton and Tiverton LCWIP](#) *(in development)*
- [Clyst Valley and New Communities LCWIP](#) *(in development)*

As indicated the LCWIP local to Cranbrook remains “in development”.

Three Rivers Landscape Recovery project

As reported to Council in the previous report to the August Council meeting, this project is ongoing to positively create and manage wetland areas within the Killerton Estate.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is on 17th January 2025 at Poltimore House when the Board will receive a briefing from the Chair of the Poltimore Trust.