Cllr Henry Riddell January 2023 Report

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to say that I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

Blackdown House is now fully open again after the Christmas break and all services have resumed.

Just a couple of things to note this month;

Budleigh Salterton Public Toilets:

In the EDDC toilet review, both toilets on the seafront were identified as Category A. The Lime Kiln end will be knocked down and a new modular building will take its place. The planning permission has been submitted for this and it is hoped that work will be completed by the 1st June at the latest. If the work is delayed by any further than this then temporary toilets will be provided for the summer season. The toilets at the West End of the seafront will be hopefully refurbished over the Winter of 2024/2025. The toilets are currently in a bad state so myself and Cllr Martin have requested that there is clear signage on the beach so that residents and visitors see that this work is being carried out imminently. I will attach a photo of the proposed plans below. It is a welcomed, overdue and positive upgrade for the seafront and with the LORP now being complete, along with the new playpark in Lime Kiln we hope that the beach can be a fantastic place for visitors, and I look forward to it being enjoyed. It is great to see our Ward getting its fair share of funding.

Budleigh Salterton Youth Project:

I have spoken before about the new youth project that we have set up in Budleigh Salterton. It is proving to be more popular than ever and is open to children from Budleigh, East Budleigh, Yettington, Otterton and Coloton Raleigh. However, uptake is still not great from the surrounding villages. If anyone has any ideas on how to boost this, please get in touch.

We are holding an open morning for young people and parents at the Venture Hall in Budleigh on Saturday 27th January from 10am-11am. This will be an opportunity for everyone to find out more and tell the committee what they would like to get out of the project. Things like: Trips, Ice Skating, DJ lessons, Cooking Classes and Swimming are all things that have been mentioned. If anyone knows anyone who would benefit from the project, please send them along of ask me for more information.

