

Marwood Matters Updates February 14th & 17th February 2021

Dear All,

There has been very positive news across the parish and beyond, with so many of us having received the vaccine as well as the number of Covid-19 cases being so low in North Devon. Thank you to everyone helping keeping us all safe and well. Thank you also to those who are regularly picking up litter while out and about, during their daily exercise!

HOWEVER, many of you will already know of the proposed closure of the B3230 for tree felling by EuroForest, in Plaistow Woods, 22nd February – 22nd March. (This is just beyond the Muddiford Inn on the Shirwell side of the road towards Barnstaple) Until now there had been no confirmed information displayed publicly. Today the closure is shown on <http://www.one.network>

This closure has been rushed through as an 'emergency' and would normally take 3 months to be approved. Cllr Andrea Davis and several other members of the community have been arguing robustly against the 'full closure' of the road over the last 10 days or so, once the information came to light. As we all know this will cause significant disruption and traffic will divert onto other roads in our Parish. We have to take the utmost care on the narrow roads and be mindful of the school traffic as there will be a significant number of children continuing to attend as well as the many key workers travelling too. Some of us can cut down on our journeys even more, but this isn't possible for all. The intention is that the B3230 will be closed from Monday 22nd February and we will keep the website updated if this news changes,

Take care and best wishes,

June Tamlyn and the Marwood Matters Team

Dear All,

An excellent update! Please see the email below from Cllr Andrea Davis and the latest news that the B3230 WILL BE OPEN NEXT WEEK. With very best wishes, June Tamlyn and the Marwood Matters Team

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From: Councillor Andrea Davis <Andrea.Davis@devon.gov.uk>

Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 9:34 AM

Subject: Muddiford Road Closure- update- ROAD WILL BE OPEN NEXT WEEK

To: Councillor Andrea Davis <Andrea.Davis@devon.gov.uk>

Dear Residents and Parish Councillors,

Thank you so much for your support, emails and enquiries regarding the closure of the B3230, as we know it the Muddiford Road.

Euroforest this morning have been advised that DCC will not allow the closure next week, I have been copied into the email from the highway manager in North Devon to Euroforest;

I am being inundated every day with contact from the Parish Council, Parish Councillors, local businesses and our County Councillors on this road closure, all not happy and trying to have some contact with your client, it is clear further dialogue is required on this issue and the road closure will not go ahead until meaningful discussions have taken place.

I am sorry it has come to this but all parties are advising your client is not responding to them and released an information Q & A flyer, which has only caused greater upset.

Please be assured, I will be fighting to keep this road open. I did not appreciate the disingenuous Q&A flyer sent out by Euroforest yesterday. The further discussions will be interesting in the light of that, which I will be involved in.

Please get back to me with any questions. And please would you forward to residents you know affected by the closure?

Thank you again, you have all been amazing, it really helps that it wasn't just me fighting this, I really appreciate that you all spent a lot of time emailing and making calls.

Best Wishes,

Andrea

County Councillor

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