

### WD Transport Hub

The exciting news is that WDBC has been successful in winning the bid to the Levelling Up Fund to deliver the WD Transport Hub in Okehampton which will incorporate the new Parkway Station. The principal parties are DCC (as the landowner and transport authority); GWR as the railway operator; NR (the track operator) and WDBC as the Accountable Body plus the Dept for LU. Work has commenced drawing up the necessary paperwork between the principal parties to set things in motion in line with the conditions of the bid. Outside of these parties are all the other stakeholders who will need to be kept informed. We should have a further update in about six weeks' time and the formal reporting on this project will be through the Hub Committee.

### Voter ID

From May 2023, as well as being on the electoral register, people will need to bring an accepted form of photo ID before they will be issued with a ballot paper. For those who don't have one, they can obtain a Voter Authority Certificate for free from the gov.uk website. Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with ballot papers as usual. WD are promoting this via social media and the press, and the information will be circulated to all households with the council tax bills – either by post or electronically, depending on how people have chosen to receive their bills.

### EV Charging in Mill Road Car Park

The Deletti Project, led by Devon County Council, is a partnership between local authorities and a selected energy supplier to facilitate electric vehicle charging point installations in nominated council-owned car parks. Project funding was obtained from the European Development Fund and following a procurement and selection process, Scottish Power were the successful energy supplier selected for the partnership. A ten-year lease has been granted to Scottish Power, who are responsible for the full requirements for the installation, management, and maintenance of EV chargers within our car parks at no cost to the local tax payer. WDBC will continue to receive parking income from the spaces.

All EV charging points must be completed by April 2023 as per the funding agreement and I can confirm that the Electric Meter in Mill Road was installed on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan and the machine is due to be commissioned for use by end February 2023.

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