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**REPORT TO KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

Catching up with the Leader of Hertfordshire County Council

I recently caught up with Cllr Richard Roberts, Leader of Hertfordshire County Council. We spoke about how the County Council is delivering for residents with achievements including 90% of schools in Hertfordshire being rated Good or Outstanding, increased investment in Public Transport and planting a million trees and 100km of hedges by 2030, supporting the Councils commitment to go Net Zero. I also spoke to Cllr Roberts about my campaign to extend the HertsLynx Service to Kimpton, Peters Green and Blackmore End.

Hertfordshire Constabulary Surgery in Kimpton

I'm pleased to report that Hertfordshire Constabulary will host a Surgery on Friday 24 February from 10:30 until 12:00 in the Dacre Rooms. Another Surgery will be held on Friday 31 March. These Surgeries are a good opportunity for residents to raise concerns directly with our local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Update from Hertfordshire Highways regarding Winter Road Conditions

Having been contacted by a number of residents regarding the increase in Potholes on our roads find below a statement from the Highways Department at Hertfordshire County Council regarding the current road conditions: *"During the winter months, we tend to have an increase in potholes due to snow and ice. We're encouraging residents to report these potholes. We maintain 3,200 miles of roads. We carry out more than 1,500 maintenance and improvement schemes and fix over 21,000 potholes in an average year. The key reason why potholes form is repeated fluctuations in road surface temperature. Rain water in the road surface expands by almost 10% when frozen, melts when the temperature rises, then re-freezes and expands again. Wet weather causes additional problems by washing away the loose surface material. Our highways team aims to make the most significant potholes safe within 24 hours. The majority of potholes, big enough to need rapid attention, receive a permanent repair within 5 or 20 days, depending on factors like the size of the pothole and how busy the road is. Smaller, less urgent, potholes are repaired as part of planned road resurfacing."*

**CLLR RALPH MUNCER
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