



Highways and Public Transport Committee December Report

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Report

No meetings have been held since the last report.

East Sussex County Council has reorganised its Highways Department and emphasis is now placed more highly on working with communities. The note below is taken from ESCC's recent communication to town and parish councils and outlines the key role now played by the new post of Highways Steward. This appears to be the prime link for us and we should do all that we can to foster a relationship with the steward, to build on the excellent long term relationship which Council had developed.

"Their other key role will be one of fostering good relationships with the local communities, with you as Town and Parish Councils and with Members. Aside from these legislated and well defined functions, the Stewards will also be the eyes and ears, and a key part of the visibility of the County Council in the community. They will achieve this through:

- *Identifying potential minor works programmes and supporting the Asset Management Team in the development of such programmes*
- *Identify and promote minor ad-hoc works which do not fall within the defect or structural maintenance programmes*
- *Supporting District, Parish and community groups in identifying and promoting programmes of work that target specific local benefits*
- *Actively engage and communicate with the Integrated Control Hub in matters of improving efficiency and effectiveness of the Service, suggesting and promoting process improvements, new ways of working, and innovation*
- *Be an Ambassador for the Highways Service and the wider County Council, act as point of contact and liaison between communities, road users and the County Council"*

The steward assigned to a wide area, including Plumpton, is Rob Stevens and I will ensure that a meeting is set up with him.

Paul Nicholson