

County Councillors Report

July/August 2026

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Pembroke Monkton & St Mary South

During July and August 2026, I continued to focus on representing the interests of residents across Pembroke and Monkton, working closely with Pembrokeshire County Council, Dyfed-Powys Police, community organisations, local businesses and other partner agencies.

A significant proportion of my work during this period centred on waste collection and environmental issues in Monkton. I held several meetings and community walkabouts with senior Pembrokeshire County Council officers to address concerns regarding black bag collections, the timing and location of waste being placed for collection, and the wider impact on the local environment. These discussions have focused not only on addressing immediate problems but also on identifying longer-term solutions.

Community safety and policing remained another key priority. I engaged regularly with senior Dyfed-Powys Police officers, the Neighbourhood Policing and Prevention Team and the Multi-Agency Working Group regarding antisocial behaviour and other concerns affecting Pembroke and Pembroke Dock. Issues raised included dangerous driving, e-bikes, drugs and the misuse of catapults. I also participated in community-focused initiatives including “Meet the Street” and “Cuppa with a Copper”.

I continued to undertake my responsibilities as a Pembrokeshire County Councillor, including attendance at Full Council and Overview and Scrutiny meetings, as well as the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel and Strategic Performance Board. This included scrutiny of Council investment in AI technology and consideration of police performance during Quarter 2 of 2026.

Meetings, Engagement and Activities

- 7 July – Meeting with Ifan Charles, Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police; Superintendent Louise Harries, Pembrokeshire Commander; and Dylan Lawrence at Monkton School to discuss policing and community safety in Pembroke.
- 7 July – Evening visit and walkabout in Monkton with Neil McCarthy, Environmental Services Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, to discuss ongoing waste collection issues.
- 8 July – Attended the Pembroke and District Chamber of Trade meeting.
- 14 July – Evening visit and walkabout in Monkton with Neil McCarthy, Environmental Services Manager, Pembrokeshire County Council, ahead of the black bag collection, to discuss waste collection issues.
- 15 July – Walkabout in Monkton with Joan Lilley, Chief Environmental Services Officer, and Neil McCarthy following the black bag collection. The visit focused on the issues arising from the large volume of waste being placed out at inappropriate times and locations, and on identifying possible solutions.

- 16 July – Attended the Pembrokeshire County Council Full Council meeting.
- 16 July – Attended the Multi-Agency Working Group (MAWG) meeting, involving the Pembrokeshire County Council Youth Justice Team, Police Neighbourhood Policing and Prevention Team (NPPT), and other partner agencies. Discussions covered antisocial behaviour and other issues affecting Pembroke and Pembroke Dock.
- 16 July – Attended the Tanyard Youth Project Trustees' Meeting.
- 17 July – Attended the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel meeting at County Hall, Aberaeron, Ceredigion County Council.
- 21 July – Attended an Extraordinary Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the call-in regarding Pembrokeshire County Council's capital investment in AI technology.
- 28 July – Meeting with the Monkton Community Group to discuss summer activities and community engagement.
- 30 July – Attended the Dyfed-Powys Police Strategic Performance Board at Police Headquarters, alongside Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llewelyn, Chief Constable Ifan Charles and the Senior Leadership Team. The meeting focused on police performance for Quarter 2 of 2026.
- 30 July – Attended the Milford Haven Port Authority Stakeholder Meeting.
- 5 August – Attended Pembroke Country Show, meeting with local businesses, community groups and organisations.
- 19–20 August – Attended Pembrokeshire County Show, meeting with local businesses, community groups and organisations.
- 24 August – Meeting with Henry Tufnell MP, senior Pembrokeshire County Council officers and representatives of Dyfed-Powys Police to discuss fly-grazing issues in South Pembrokeshire.
- 3 September – Scheduled "Meet the Street" event in Monkton with Dyfed-Powys Police and ATEB, primarily to discuss concerns regarding the killing of birds with catapults.
- 3 September – Tanyard Youth Project Trustees' Meeting.

Other Issues and Casework

Alongside the meetings and events above, a number of local issues and individual casework matters have been raised and followed up during July and August, including:

- **Traffic and roadworks:** Ongoing engagement with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding traffic management and roadworks. An email was sent to the Council's Senior Leadership Team outlining concerns about the way Pembroke as a whole is being affected and treated.
- **Housing:** Dealing with a range of housing-related issues, including matters arising from the introduction of the new housing allocation system.
- **Waste and bin collections:** Responding to various concerns regarding bin collections, waste collection arrangements and the ongoing issues affecting Monkton.
- **Monkton paving:** Raising concerns regarding damage to paving in Monkton and seeking appropriate action.
- **Policing and community safety:** Regular engagement with the Police Neighbourhood Policing and Prevention Team regarding a range of local concerns, including e-bikes, catapults, dangerous driving and drugs. This has also included supporting and attending community engagement initiatives such as "Meet the Street" and "Cuppa with a Copper" events during July and August.

Summary

The period has involved continued engagement with residents, community organisations, local businesses, Pembrokeshire County Council, Dyfed-Powys Police and other partner agencies. Particular focus has been placed on waste collection, community safety and antisocial behaviour, housing, traffic and roadworks, and supporting local community initiatives in Pembroke and Monkton.