

Statement from County Councillor Jacob Williams

First of all, I would like to pay tribute to Jeffreyston Community Council's clerk, Mrs. Marie Everall. She's made the role her own since taking over, and made herself indispensable, and I hope long may she continue!

I'd also like to say thanks to all former and current councillors, and the former clerk, Mrs. Anne Vincent. As a collective we've always got on well, and conducted business (whether in-person or remotely) in a light-hearted way. There's never been any doubt that it was the public good we were interested in, and I'm sure that will remain so.

Over the past five years, JCC has undertaken projects and activity in the community which I believe people are beginning to realise were initiatives of the community council, rather than the county council or other bodies. Whether this increase in JCC's awareness will translate into more interest in new members joining the council, remains to be seen - I do hope, though, that the current vacancies can be filled and there will be a full complement of members once more, before too long.

I'd like to wish you all personally the very best for the future, and the same for Jeffreyston Community Council as a body. It's been a pleasure to be associated with JCC and its members over the past ten years, and if there is anything you think I can assist with now, or in the future - no matter how small - then please let me know. I'd be delighted to help if I can.

With best wishes, from your friend, Jacob.