



# County Council Report

**Speeding in the Freystrop** continues to be an issue with complaints of some people driving at speeds far in excess of what is safe for the local roads in the area.

The Community Speed watch team continue carry out speed surveys in the area supported by the police, who have booked several motorists.

It is a shame that some drivers do seem to feel it acceptable to put at risk not just their safety, but that of other road users.

Any traffic calming measures would need funding, and all requests to Pembrokeshire County Council are prioritised to ensure that cases are dealt with fairly, and that the available resources are targeted.

Bids for funding by PCC go to Welsh Government who look at accident and injury figures.

It is therefore very important that all accidents/ incidents area reported to the Police on 101. This would then provide an evidence base for any future considerations.

If there are any residents interested in the Community Speed watch group, there are some details at:  
<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/your-area/pembrokeshire/haverfordwest-rural/>

**Waste and re-cycling services.** The previously publicised changes came into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. This followed widespread consultation and public information events, including one very well attended morning in Hook Sports Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. The changes are as a result of Welsh Government re-cycling targets for all Local Authorities, and the potential hefty fines if their targets are not met.

There have been some issues of concern raised during the implementation period, and further information can be found on the PCC web-site.

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/waste-changes>

If anyone is continuing to experience difficulties, these can be raised with PCC on 01437 764551, via "MyAccount" or by e-mail to:  
[wasteandrecycling@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteandrecycling@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**The new Local Development Plan** is still under review, and will take a step further when the latest report goes to council for the December meeting. If anyone has an interest in the LDP, or who has input any land for consideration as a candidate site, there is information on the PCC web site.

**Household Enquiry Forms (HEF)** These are sent out annually and have again been sent to every household in Pembrokeshire, asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the Electoral Register for their address is correct. Householders are being urged to respond as soon as possible. There has been a promotional campaign with the aim to encourage householders to return their form, in order to increase the response rates across the county. At last report the highest response rate for an area so far was **76.62%** and the lowest was **45.21%**. The response for the Llangwm Ward was **67.2%**

If anyone has any questions or queries regarding the HEF process, then contact the elections team on 01437 775844 or via:  
[electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**Removal of Council Tax Discount on empty homes.** Owners of properties in Pembrokeshire which have been empty for up to 3 years are being warned that Welsh Government is considering removing its funding for the 50% discount they currently receive. Pembrokeshire CC has written to all owners of properties who currently receive the 50% discount or an exemption, to inform them of the possible changes. In light of WG's likely removal of the subsidy, County Council decided at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October to remove the discount if WG proceed. Not to do so would cost the council an estimated £610,000 per annum.

If you are affected and wish to raise any concerns please contact or write to Revenue Services or email  
[revenue.services@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:revenue.services@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

## **COUNCIL CAR PARKS: 'CASHLESS' SWITCH**

Pembrokeshire County Council will shortly be taking the first steps to install cashless payment machines in its car parks.

Before the end of the year, the Authority will start to replace the current Pay and Display cash machines with Cashless Payment terminals.

The move follows a decision by the Council's Cabinet earlier this year to phase out the traditional cash machines in favour of cashless payments.

Motorists who regularly use car parks can apply for a pre-paid permit via the website or by emailing: [parking@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:parking@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

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**BUS PASS DROP-IN SESSIONS** Transport for Wales recently announced that 'Concessionary Travel Cards' are being introduced to replace the current passes which will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

To renew a bus pass, apply at:  
[tfw.wales/travelcards](http://tfw.wales/travelcards)

For those unable to apply on line, or who do not have anyone to do it on their behalf, Pembrokeshire County Council offered assistance through drop-in sessions at libraries in Pembrokeshire during November. Please contact PCC if you are having any difficulties.

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***I would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and New Year.***  
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If anyone wishes to discuss any issues raised, or any other topics concerning PCC, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I can be contacted on 01437 890175 or  
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If you do have any issues or queries you can also contact PCC direct on 01437 764551 or -  
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/resident>