

Reporting back

with

Richard John

County Councillor for Mitchel Troy



WAR ON LITTER

This year your local councillor Richard John has been working with residents to tackle the scourge of litter.

Numerous litter picks have been held in the Mitchel Troy ward this year including in and around Dingestow in August, organised by Richard John.

The amount of drinks bottles, cans, crisp packets, coffee cups and even alcohol bottles found in the hedgerows was depressing, particularly along the old Raglan to Monmouth road.

Flytipping on the Arm in Wonastow has also been a recurrent problem, as has littering on and around the Raglan services site.



Richard John said, "When I had a meeting with the area manager of EuroGarages, she promised that staff would start proactively litterpicking their own site and the immediate surrounding roads. I'm very disappointed this promise has been broken.

"I'd like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to pick litter and help keep our community clean. We'll try to make them a regular occurrence to prevent litter building up.

"Picking litter is great exercise but also helps prevent further littering and fly-tipping.

"All volunteers welcome!"



NEW COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL OPENED

In June this year, Monmouth's new £45million comprehensive school was officially opened. It includes state of the art technology, new facilities and flexible learning spaces.

Richard John said, "It was a great privilege to attend such an impressive opening ceremony. On top of it's excellent results, this new home will help the school go from strength to strength."



CRACKING DOWN ON SPEEDING

■ Excessive speed has been a contributory factor in numerous accidents on the Raglan to Mitchel Troy road in the past 18 months, between the A40 bridge and the junction for Dingestow.

At the time of writing, council officers are analysing data from speed loops on the road.

Richard John said, "Irresponsible drivers are putting others at risk. We need to crack down on speeding on this road and consider reducing the limit to 50mph."



Community action in and around the **MITCHEL TROY** ward



30mph signs in Mitchel Troy



Tree safety inspection in Lydart



Blocked drains cleaned in Mitchel Troy Common



Potholes in Wonastow filled



Removing offensive graffiti



Welcome to Dingestow!



Fly-tipping removed



B4293 fully resurfaced



'No HGV' signs in Craig-y-Dorth to be fixed and repositioned



Supporting Friends of 65 Bus



EuroGarages berated over litter



White lines repainted on junction



GRIT BINS STOCKED UP

With winter fast approaching, grit bins like this one in Cwmcarn have been checked for grit. Several new grit bins around the ward have been installed. If your nearest grit bin is broken or needs filling, please let Richard know.



CLEAN CHEVRON SIGNS

These chevron signs by the skew bridge under the A40 between Raglan and Dingestow were dirty and unclear. The road is an accident blackspot, but now the signs warn of the sharp bends in the road are a little clearer, which hopefully will help.



UNSUITABLE FOR HGVS

Following a number of incidents with heavy goods vehicles getting stuck on the sharp right hand bend, 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs have been installed at both ends of Pig Street in Tregare. Hopefully they will deter HGVs from using this narrow lane.