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**Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.**

**Niton:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange  
**Chale Pantry:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 12.30-1.30pm, tbc

**SWAY opening**

I attended the official opening of the SWAY hub.  
It is not quite fully operational at this time but should be by the beginning of November.  
I look forward to it having the shop provision and café for residents to use.

**Quiet Lanes**

I have brought the Quiet Lanes details to the parish council due to concerns from residents of Southdown Lane.  
I will meet with the Highways Team to discuss how this can be implemented and there is a National Landscapes funding bid that will include it in their proposal.

**Proposed West Wight Quiet Roads Network**

A c.22km network of 'backlanes' within the National Landscape, with a proposed lower recommended speed limit of 20mph, and priority given to walkers, runners, cyclists, and horse riders. Similar to the Adgestone Quiet Road already in existence on the Island.

**Benefits**

- ◆ Separation of motor vehicles and more vulnerable leisure users by encouraging motor vehicles to use 'main' roads, and leisure users to use the sheltered lanes on the network. The WWQRN only covers roads where obvious alternative 'main' routes are available.
- ◆ Encourages community access and inclusion in the rural landscape by creating a safe all access route for more vulnerable road users to use and enjoy the National Landscape.
- ◆ Less congestion on single track roads with no passing places, which are unsuitable to be used as through routes.
- ◆ Improves safety on main routes by encouraging cyclists, runners, etc onto more suitable roads.
- ◆ Encourages 'active travel' by making quieter roads available for cyclists, walkers, and runners.
- ◆ Adds to the Island's tourism offer with tranquil and picturesque lanes within an AONB available for leisure users over motor vehicles. With the Island's Walking and Running festivals and many cycling events this Network could be extensively promoted to encourage visitors to the Island, and specifically to our Parish's.
- ◆ Discourages the use of these narrow and winding lanes as 'rat runs'. Sat navs will no longer wrongly send traffic this way as a quicker route to reach the villages.