

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Governance

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Car Parking

This year's festive parking concession applicable in Hambleton off-street pay and display car parks is set to operate from Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023 inclusive. Our pay and display machines will be covered over to prevent use and our parking application disabled.

Markets

Power supplies consisting of 4 bollards, each with 2 hook-up points, are now live in the High Street Northallerton and proving popular with traders. An adaption to the supplies is now being implanted to allow traders with high power requirements to use the supplies.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Works to install electric vehicle charging points in our remaining large communities of Bedale, Easingwold, Great Ayton and Stokesley in addition to our existing chargers at Northallerton and Thirsk are nearing completion. Main power supplies have now been provided in all the car parks with the groundworks to provide sockets and cable ducting in progress. The bollard installations are also in progress with surface marking and signage all being scheduled for completion during October with the "Go live " to follow.

A joint bid which includes Hambleton District Council as part of North Yorkshire County group of authorities has been successful as one of the eight pilot schemes in gaining £2million pounds of local electric Vehicle Infrastructure funding from Government. The pilot schemes are aimed at providing EV's in rural areas. Each district and Borough has identified two communities to install infrastructure and has to devise imaginative ways to generate power and involve the local community.

In Hambleton the two communities initially identified are Swainby and Osmotherley. The scheme aims to complete by the end of 2023 and is seen as key to the wider installation of EV's in rural areas.

Elections

The annual canvas of households is underway to ensure all those entitled to vote are registered and should be completed shortly.

Communications

Work is continuing to promote "Discover Hambleton " as a place to come and visit. It is hoped that the new authority will continue to support this brand which it is now accepted as recognisable to visitors and helps in attracting tourists to our area.

As always the department are pleased to share any good news that Councillors may have in their wards, to the wider community, so please contact Anna Wilkes with any news.

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