


**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Community Committee</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Congleton Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Cathy Dean, Communities Manager</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Updates Paper</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p>This paper has been written to update members on the progress of actions from items discussed at the previous Community Committee. These items do not need a full paper and are either ongoing issues or confirmation of completion, or resolution.</p>		
<b>Updates</b>	<p><b>CO/18/2425 - High St Awards</b></p> <p>These awards, celebrating businesses' long service to Congleton, have been very well-received. Councillors and members of the public are welcome to nominate any business with a 'shop front' that has been trading in Congleton for at least 5 years. <a href="#">There is a page and a nominations form on the Town Council Website.</a></p> <p>A further 2 businesses have been recognised, congratulations to Brown's Furniture and League of Friends Charity Shop for receiving the award and a visit from the Town Mayor, Cllr Robert Brittain.</p> <p><b>CO/10/2425 – Disability Welcome Awards</b></p> <p>After a discussion with the Equal Access Group, the Disability Welcome Scheme leaflet is to be reorganised into new sections: Legal Requirements, Silver, and Gold. This is in response to businesses asking what makes gold vs silver, and businesses must meet legal requirements.</p> <p>Businesses can apply for the awards via <a href="http://www.bit.ly/disabilitywelcome">www.bit.ly/disabilitywelcome</a></p> <p><b>CO/03/2526 - Speed Indication Device</b></p> <p>CTC/38/2526 – Council 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 agreed to purchase a SID for £3052.74, which includes a 24-month 4G contract from Ear Marked Reserve 324 Crime Prevention/Traffic Calming.</p> <p>SID was installed on Manchester Road on an existing pole via Streetscape on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Once the poles have been installed on Newcastle Road, we will rotate the device.</p> 		

	<p><b>GP Same Day Access Service (SDAS) commenced on Wednesday, 05<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</b></p> <p>Previously discussed at length via the Health &amp; Wellbeing working group, SDAS provides urgent same-day care for acute illnesses that need prompt attention but are not serious enough for A&amp;E, delivered by a skilled team of Paramedics.</p> <p>Practitioners and Advanced Nurse Practitioners based at Readesmoor GP Practice in Congleton and Holmes Chapel Health Centre. Following usual triage at each GP practice, patients suitable for SDAS are booked in and seen by clinicians who have full access to medical records, can assess, treat, and in some cases prescribe, with all notes added to the patient's own GP record to maintain continuity of care.</p> <p>The service works alongside existing options such as Pharmacy First, which supports several minor conditions, and aims to manage rising NHS demand by ensuring patients receive the right care at the right time through a consistent, pooled clinical team.</p> <p>Appointments run from 10 am to 6:30 pm and must be booked via the patient's usual practice—this is not a walk-in service—and while the model is a significant change for some Congleton practices, it is a pilot agreed by local GP Partners and will be reviewed, with normal GP services continuing for patients whose needs or circumstances make SDAS unsuitable.</p> <p><b>Congleton Town Council is supporting the NSPCC Congleton Toy Appeal</b></p> <p>The NSPCC Congleton Toy Appeal is inviting local residents to donate new toys to support children in need across the community. Boots on Barn Road, Congleton Chronicle, Congleton Town Council, and Plus Dane Housing are partnering once again to run the appeal, with donations accepted at collection points until Friday 5 December 2025.</p> <p>In addition to acting as a Drop-off point, the town council is supporting the initiative by issuing press releases and social media posts to raise awareness, displaying promotional posters on town noticeboards, and coordinating deliveries of donated toys to Plus Dane.</p> <p>Last year, residents donated around 500 toys, and this year the appeal seeks gifts suitable for children from infancy through the teenage years. The long-running appeal is coordinated by Plus Dane Housing, which works with a trusted network of local schools, housing officers, churches, and social prescribers to ensure toys reach children who have been formally referred and are most in need.</p> <p>Residents are asked not to wrap gifts so they can be matched appropriately to each child. Distribution will begin from 11 December 2025, with thanks extended to Congleton Rotary for its £1,000 contribution.</p>
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	To Note this Report