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ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS 2018

It is always a pleasure to use the Annual Parish Meeting as an opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to you all.

Dunster, Carhampton, Withycombe and Rodhuish, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Roadwater and Old Cleeve, and all the little hamlets in between, you have clearly been hard working and effectively in your respective communities.

It was amazing how resilient you all were during the recent harsh weather we had a few weeks ago. The way you all worked together helping others, checking on the elderly, clearing pathways of snow, driving your 4x4s to support Doctors, Care Workers and all those in need of transport. I was proud to tell officers at County Hall how wonderful you all were.

There is, of course, more to do. The cold weather has played havoc with our roads and pot holes seem to appear by the day. I know that Highways are doing their best to catch up with repairs and I regularly inform them of new problems that you have to deal with as you travel about.

The knowledge gained and the work that has been accomplished regarding flooding has proved invaluable, so my thanks go to the West Somerset Flood Group under the leadership of Theresa Bridgeman.

I am aware that many of you are working on complex and important projects for your communities, such as:

A new "Mugga" in Dunster Marsh.

A Heritage Centre in Carhampton.

A new Car Park in Stogumber.

A Children's Play area in Withycombe.

To name just a few of them.

I am truly proud and supportive of all that you do and will always help and support wherever I can.

You can always contact me on:

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My sincere thanks to you all

Christine