

**Claire Wright DCC Cllr. Report to Newton Poppleford Parish Meeting 22/5/17**

I was absolutely over the moon to be re-elected to Devon County Council with 3,638 votes on 4 May and am really looking forward to representing Newton Poppleford and Harpford on the new ward of Otter Valley in the coming months and years.

The key issue that is hanging over us at the moment is what will happen to the CCG's decision to close 72 more hospital beds in Eastern Devon, taking the number from 244 in 2012 to just 71.

You may remember that I proposed at the April health and wellbeing scrutiny committee meeting that 14 assurances must be given by the CCG on this or the committee will refer the decision to the secretary of state for health. The CCG response has now been received by the DCC scrutiny officer but is confidential until after 8 June due to purdah rules.

I am pleased that I am once again a member of this committee and will resume my place on it later in June when it meets for the first time after the DCC elections. I look forward to continuing my work then.

You may also be aware that I am an Independent candidate in the General Election for East Devon so I am a bit busy at the moment! However, please do drop me a line with anything urgent and I will be more than pleased to help!

Kind regards  
Claire