

Report of North Devon Councillor June 2025

The Citizens' Advice Bureau's recently released annual report shows that they are busier than ever. Much of their work supports NDC activities, which is why they are given an annual grant to help cover some of their running costs. The people seeking their help include quite a few from our area. The most frequent types of problem are to do with welfare and benefits; the second most common are related to energy costs and dealing with utilities companies. However, they also cover many other areas including debt, housing, and consumer issues. If you would like their help you can find them on the internet, or there is a free telephone advice line on 0808 2787 999.

One of the problems I am frequently asked about is plastics being blown from recycling boxes on windy days. NDC has a few thousand nets to go over the top of the boxes that are being trialed in some parts of North Devon, including some of our area. There aren't yet enough for them to be issued to everyone that wants them. I hope they work and we all get them because I'm sick of seeing plastic rubbish in our hedges.

When you visit Barnstaple you might want to talk to NDC. This will be easier in future as in mid-June a new customer hub opened in Green Lanes shopping centre. Please pop in as you pass.

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