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This month I have held four community action days in Upton speaking to local issues and complaints ranging from highway issues, lighting, litter, speeding and environmental issues.

I have organised, through the Mersey Forest and using part of my members budget, an ambitious scheme to regenerate the grounds of Upton High School with a 2000 tree and hedge planting project to create a better environment for our children. Planting will be undertaken by local primary schools and from Upton High assisted by local conservation volunteers.

I am working on a project to regenerate a sensory garden for the special needs unit at Upton High which has fallen into a state of disrepair due to inadequate school funding.

At the County Sports Club over the weekend in Upton, Chris Matheson MP organised a community football tournament in aid of raising funds for food banks. Well over £1000 was raised and dozens of local teams entered including a local Labour team. It was a great day and most of us had sore legs after!

David Keane Crime Comm has confirmed the 20mph rollout will be enforced in Upton with proper speed guns in the coming months after Cllr Beachem and I raised it with him.

It was great to see a hundred or so Upton residents at the United Against Fracking Rally in Ellesmere Port a few weeks. Local Upton community groups and political parties including Labour, Lib Dems and the Greens held stalls to oppose Government backed plans to frack in our area and was a great day for all.

I was happy to hear from the Parish Clerk that she had arranged contractors to commence work on the drainage issues at Chemistry Pits which few residents had mentioned.

Other incoming casework has been busy.