<u>Craigavon Lakes active travel</u> <u>improvement scheme to commence</u>

A £430k upgrade scheme to improve the shared footway and cycleway around the Craigavon Lakes will commence on Monday 20 September 2021.

Labour market statistics

The labour market statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

<u>Mallon outlines benefits of</u> <u>Concessionary Fares scheme as survey</u> <u>results published</u>

The Concessionary Fares Scheme has a vital role to play in improving connectivity and facilitating access to public transport for members of the community who are most at risk of social exclusion.

Developing Women in the Community Programme is now open for applications

The Department for Communities' Developing Women in the Community Programme is now open.

<u>Ward surgeries return today!</u>

COUNCILLOR ADVICE SURGERY Every Tuesday at 3.30pm sharp Blackness Library

* during school term time

Councillor Macpherson will also be starting surgeries on Tuesdays at Ancrum Road Primary School and Harris Academy once access is possible.



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As residents know, councillors were not able to hold their weekly ward surgeries at schools and libraries since the start of the COVID-19 health emergency, but I am pleased to advise of the one new weekly ward surgery I am now able to start.

From today – Tuesday 14th September – and during school term times, my new surgery time and location is :

Tuesdays at 3.30pm prompt at Blackness Library

All welcome and no need to book. The library has appropriate safety measures in place to ensure a COVID-safe environment, including hand sanitisers and use of face coverings.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-related restrictions and venue availability, my very long-standing surgeries at Blackness Primary School's staff room and at the Mitchell Street Centre will no longer be possible.

However, once access to school premises for councillors' surgeries is again

permitted with COVID restrictions easing, I hope that, later in the autumn, I will be returning to a surgery at Harris Academy. I hope to also run one at Ancrum Road Primary School.

Both will also take place on Tuesdays - with details to follow.