

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – January 2024

## EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

Accounts and reports for the year 2022-2023 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The shop made a loss of around £6,000 due to increased card charges, higher energy costs and inflated costs in general. They are working hard to contain price rises, especially of basic items.

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Sir Walter Raleigh have been offered ten young trees by the Otter Brewery to plant around the village.

As ever, the website at [devonclimateemergency@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:devonclimateemergency@public.govdelivery.com) has good information on local initiatives. This month they are featuring the coastal defence scheme planning in Sidmouth, Beaver releases in Plymouth and a plan to fill in the missing link in the Tarka Trail from Barnstaple to Ilfracombe.

I have been sounding out residents on EV charging in the village. In general visitors are keen, but residents worry about losing parking spaces in a village already under pressure from car parking needs.

I will be attending a meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group next week.

## EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

Work has continued keeping key drains clear of leaves and mud, which has made a difference during our prolonged rainy spells. No flooding incidents have been reported. We are still dispensing sandbags on request if the need arises!

Dave Whelan, the EDDC Community Resilience Network Officer has provided detailed and frequent adverse weather warnings, which has been very useful.

*Cllr. John Tresidder.*