

Councillor Report

January 2024

EDDC Flood Warnings

If you aren't receiving these flood warnings already, I highly recommend that your Emergency Plan Coordinator gets in touch with David Whelan to receive these emails. Here is an example -

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

A Flood Warning has been issued by the Environment Agency.

Flood Warning in force: River Clyst from Broadclyst to Clyst St. Mary.

Flooding is expected for: riverside locations and roads between Broadclyst and Clyst St. Mary, including Broadclyst, Ashclyst, Clyston Mill, Sowton Barton, Newcourt Barton, the A3052 at Clyst Honiton, and the B3181 at Broadclyst.

Immediate action required.

Flooding is expected.

Heavy rain has fallen and is likely to continue throughout the evening (Thursday 04/01/24) and will continue until early Friday morning. This is causing the River Clyst to rise and the river is forecast to continue rising.

Properties and low lying areas around Ashclyst Farm, Burrow Bridge, there is likely to be deep road flooding in the Burrow area, Broadclyst Bridge, Clyston Mill, Dymond's Farm, Sowton Barton and properties and farms between Clyst St. Mary and Topsham including Newcourt Barton and Cotts Farm.

Flood waters may be deep and fast flowing in these areas. Residents are strongly urged to take action now. Remain safe and be aware of your local surroundings.

We will continue to monitor the situation, this message will be updated on Friday or earlier as the situation changes.

David Whelan Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer.

Local Land Charges Register

EDDC have worked with HM Land Registry to transfer all local charges to their national register. You can now search for information such as restrictions, prohibitions on the use of land or property, listed status etc making the buying of property easier. You can download a personal search free of charge or have an official search done for £15, which will give you unlimited repeat searches for six months.

Decarbonisation Support Grants

EDDC has set aside 207,000 for grants to help with decarbonisation support.

Organisations will be able to benefit from free training, carbon surveys and carbon action plans to help them save money and increase profitability by reducing waste and carbon emissions. Firms which take part will be able to apply for grant funding later this year to help deliver their decarbonisation plans.

You can contact Anne Mountjoy, Marketing and Communications Officer for details.

Beach Management Plan Steering Group

On Thursday 7th December , the funding of the Budleigh Salterton Beach Management Plan study was provisionally agreed at capital budget setting, to be signed off in January with funding available from April to develop a beach management plan.

This will bring together all interested parties in a invited but public meeting for everyone to discuss the issues and look at management of the beach and beyond into the future given environmental and funding constraints. The aim is to produce a single one stop shop document outlining what natural processes are occurring, estimating their future pattern and what we can and can't do (given constraints) to manage the risk going forward.

The Beach Management Plan Steering group will be the best forum for all interested parties to discuss the cliff and beach management and prior to setting up, we will need representatives from the Town Council, Ward Members, and other interest groups such as beach users and residents. In due course EDDC will be in contact to help identify people to invite.
Tom Buxton Smith, Engineering Projects Manager.

New 358 Bus Service Otterton to Exeter via Budleigh and Woodbury

Operated by Stagecoach, this will commence on January 8th. See Travel Devon website for details.

Seachange

We have begun work on the Sensory Garden, if anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.