**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - JUNE 2021**

**EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP**

The Community Shop is gradually returning to normal service, in line with government advice and regulations. The shop is currently showing monthly sales exceeding £20,000. The management committee is actively reviewing the issue of card payment versus cash. The shop has obtained quotes for installation of solar PV panels to minimise our energy bills and generate an income, and this will be proceeding soon.

**VILLAGE HALL**

I have installed the new bookcase, funded by the Parish Council, in the Village Information Point. This has increased the display space for books and given us enough space to offer CDs and DVDs as well. There will also be enough space for other projects such as a Seed Bank if needed. There has already been a very brisk trade in books and CDs!

## DEVON CLIMATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL SUPPORT NETWORK

The Parish Council has now signed up to the Devon Climate Declaration to show support for action and to encourage people to plan to reduce personal and organisational carbon emissions. The declaration has been signed up to by DCC, EDDC, Budleigh Salterton Town Council, twenty six Parish Councils, and a large number of organisations.

Devon County Council are ahead of their target to achieve a 70% reduction in corporate emissions by 2030 and offset the remainder. Corporate emissions refers to those associated with the buildings, vehicles and street lighting operated by the council. The council's total corporate emissions for 2019/2020 were 21,641 tonnes, 48% smaller than 2012/2013 levels. This is a faster rate of reduction than needed to reach DCC's 2030 target.

Last month 14,000 randomly selected households across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay received an invitation to the Devon Climate Assembly. Those who received an invite and were keen to help shape Devon's future were able to register their interest in taking part. The [Sortition Foundation](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdevonclimateemergency.us19.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D005129324d65610c137f2c5e4%26id%3Df993ae2fcf%26e%3D9c073b18dd&data=04%7C01%7C%7C082a35682e024bcfc58008d9266df64b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637583076001453043%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zBH2kvANtefQBuL%2BC6tifOlCuiXjEmPL0Q%2FzNCC%2F4M0%3D&reserved=0) have now selected the 70 assembly members from the pool of respondents, based on several criteria including age, gender and ethnicity. The assembly will discuss what actions they find acceptable to reduce car use, encourage the retrofit of all buildings and what role they think onshore wind has to play in a net-zero Devon.

On 28th June I will be joining a webinar - Wild in Devon - set up by the new EDDC climate change officer to connect communities with Parish and Town Councils.

**EMERGENCY RESILIENCE PLAN**

I have updated the contact information in Mike Walters’ excellent Emergency Resilience Plan. Having attended a webinar - Be Flood Ready - organised by the Defra funded South West Property Flood Resilience Pathfinder, I have also been able to add a wide range of information about new resources and measures to help reduce flood risks to people and property.

***Cllr. John Tresidder.***