

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – May 2023

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The shop is seeing some very nice home grown plants and veg coming in, which are always welcome. The managers are working hard to maintain supply lines, which is quite a challenge at the moment. Free home deliveries are still on offer.

The Book Exchange – with books, CDs and jigsaw puzzles – is thriving. Upwards of 60 books are coming and going every week!

VILLAGE HALL

At the AGM on 3rd May, the trustees were re-elected. Paul Hartnell is stepping down as Hall Manager. It was reported that the revenue had increased which helped to offset the rising energy charges. The hall floor had been refurbished, the sound system upgraded and free Wi-Fi had been provided by Airband for 18 months. There will now be a focus on planned improvements and an exhibition will be held to consult the community. At the request of the shop, the yellow hatching (currently marked with cones) will be renewed to try to keep the disabled access from the bus stop clear of parked cars.

GREEN SPACES

I have mowed and strimmed The Pound, while preserving the patches of bluebells and many other wild flowers. The poster outlining the history of The Pound has been reinstalled in the refurbished stand.

The War Memorial has been replanted with the traditional mix of geraniums and begonias, funded by the Parish Council - it just needs lots of watering now! Wild flowers have been left untouched around the margins and the tree.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Devon Climate Emergency website at devonclimateemergency@public.govdelivery.com again has a number of local news as well as some very useful links to various energy saving initiatives.

The Saving Devon's Treescapes project, led by Devon Wildlife Trust, has opened a new tree nursery in Broadclyst, East Devon. Within two years, the nursery will be producing 10,000 young trees to be distributed for free to local landowners and community projects. The trees will then be planted across Devon's countryside to boost the county's wildlife.

I have registered to attend a webinar in June organised by the Public Sector Executive to promote initiatives on Electric Vehicle infrastructure.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

East Budleigh managed to escape all the local flash floods recently, although there were quite a few drains to unblock. The Brook coped well with all the rainfall once a blockage of cut vegetation (not from the NRA) had been cleared in lower Budleigh there was no danger of flooding. Filled sand bags are still always available outside the flood store by the Community Shop, and we have a good stock of in-date supplies.

Cllr. John Tresidder.