

## **EAST BUDLEIGH COLLABORATION GROUP**

The Group is remaining vigilant for any opportunities to provide support to our residents. We currently have representatives from the Parish Council, All Saints Church, the Village Hall, Community Shop and Drake's School and within the groups are links to many of the other groups in the Parish. Chris Dearsley (Chair, Village Hall) volunteered to join the Budleigh Covid 19 Support Group as part of our desire to be involved with the wider community. At their recent meeting, the Budleigh group received updates from the local surgery on vaccine matters and from the Budleigh Hub on their service to deliver hot meals. 18 households received assistance with food vouchers and others forms of support.

Judith Venning, (Clerk to the Parish Council) attends regular meetings set up by Devon Communities. Members include groups in Otterton, Ottery St. Mary, the Budleigh Hub and others. In these areas there are food banks, support for those with Mental Health issues plus the local ring and ride scheme. The focus is on trying to offer support to all those in need at this time, including those newly in need due to issues caused by the pandemic.

Sandbag Day has been cancelled, as it proved a little impractical to organise in these times, but sandbags are available on request.

If anyone wants information on how to access assistance, both for individuals and businesses, then please contact the Parish Clerk.