

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - MAY 2022

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The AGM was held on 1st March 2022. The community shop reported annual sales of £252,938, the best in their 14 years of trading. The profit margin was on target at around 18%. The loyalty card scheme was a great success, returning over £5,000 to customers. The solar panels recently installed have been a great success and are giving a return of over 5% on the investment.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall AGM took place on 3rd May 2022. The charity reported total income from rental of £11,214. New equipment on the Village Green has included Noah's Arbour, a three-way basketball shooter and a junior roundabout. All were funded by grants. Total outgoings were £24,941 – higher than usual due to enhanced cleaning regimes, installation of a new boiler and hedge cutting and replanting.

PHONE BOX

The telephone kiosk has been refurbished and I have fitted it out with a display board. A map and local information have been installed by Ray Marrs. The project will be completed with the painting of the outside when weather permits.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The public consultation on the Devon Carbon Plan ended on April 14th, and the Devon Climate Emergency partnership are currently in the process of collating the results. This will lead to the issue of the final Devon Carbon Plan later this year.

In the Parish, research is ongoing, with the Village Hall and the Community Shop, into the feasibility of providing public electric car charging points in the village.

I have strimmed the Pound where possible around the temporary fencing, while preserving the various wild flowers growing there. Throughout the Parish we are encouraging areas of long grass and wild flowers, creating habitats for pollinating insects.

WAR MEMORIAL

The memorial has now been planted up with red geraniums and multi-coloured begonias – and looking good in the rain!

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

We are very grateful to all those on the Resilience Team list for being ready to help with any emergency situations. We have been fortunate enough to avoid calling anyone into action, but we have helped residents prepare by making sandbags available free of charge, and I have spent some time making sure that various drains are free of obstructions.

Cllr. John Tresidder.