

# John Tresidder

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021

### EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

Annual accounts have been completed and are now being audited. The financial position is on target despite the challenging times we have had. The trial of cash payments is going well, with the majority of customers preferring to continue with contactless card payments and newspaper tokens. The investment in solar panels came at just the right time, and should help to contain our energy costs next year.

The Book Exchange in the Village Information Point has received a huge number of new books and DVDs and all the new bookcases are now full! It has been really good to see such a high turnover.

### VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall committee has commissioned some work on the boundary hedging which is nearing completion. The hedge has been reduced to an overall height of 2.5m. New whips have been planted where appropriate, and much of the undergrowth and bramble etc has been removed. Together with that a new contract has been awarded for grass cutting on the green.

A new Three-way Shooter has been installed in the playground and is already very popular. A new roundabout will follow early next year. The Parish Council were thanked for their help in securing a grant for these additions.

The hall is getting back to normal as regards to bookings and are actually up on pre-Covid levels. Costings are currently being sought to improve the sound system and projection etc in the hall.

### CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Devon Climate Emergency website has published a new map online showing the location of all electric vehicle charging points in Devon, including those planned for future development, which will take the number up to 400 in Devon. Rapid Devon Charging are installing 150 charging bays throughout Devon and I have contacted them to see if we are eligible for their scheme, and the likely costs.

Devon County Council has revealed a £3.3 million retrofit scheme, to improve the energy efficiency of council buildings in Devon. The budget will be spent on insulating buildings, installing heat pumps and solar panels, fitting LED lighting and installing a mechanical ventilation system that recovers heat. Combined, these measures will drastically reduce the building's carbon emissions. in order to reduce the buildings' carbon emissions.

### EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

No emergency incidents to report. I have uncovered a drain in Tidwell Lane that was completely overgrown, and may have allowed silt to flood onto the main road.

There is now a stock of ready filled sandbags available from our emergency store at the Community Shop on request.

***Cllr. John Tresidder.***