

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – October 2023

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The community shop is promoting the Loyalty Card scheme, which is a great way to ease the pressure of price increases. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to source products at reasonable prices, and to support local suppliers where possible.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Pound has had its last (hopefully) mow and strim.

The War Memorial hedges have been trimmed and I am ready to put out the winter bedding and tubs so that the plants look well established in November.

The Devon Climate Emergency website at devonclimateemergency@public.govdelivery.com has good information on local initiatives. With autumn / winter on the horizon, it's time to start thinking about how to keep homes cosy and warm and Energy Saving Devon is a portal for information to help Devon residents get ready for winter and make homes more energy efficient. There is a free online tool to find out the upgrade options available to make your home more energy efficient. Alongside this is an advice line that Devon residents can use to get help navigating the various stages including information on available grants and loans, guidance on selecting contractors, or recommendations for energy-efficient technologies.

I have registered for a webinar on 18th October on **EV Charging Infrastructure Site Selection and Delivery**, looking at funding options and EV infrastructure for local authorities.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

The Westcountry Rivers Trust are holding a drop in session at the Village Hall from 4 pm to 6 pm on Monday 16th October. They want to promote working with communities to build flooding resilience in Rapidly Responding Catchments – like the Budleigh Brook.

I will be attending the East Devon Community Resilience Meeting in Newton Poppleford on 23rd October. The meeting will be covering Environment Agency Community Emergency Plans and their importance around flooding and about developing links between different Parish/Town Councils and the even greater need for Community Resilience as a result of the impacts of Climate Change. There will be an input from Lympstone's Flood team which covers flooding potential from Rivers, roads and the sea and an input from Martin Rich of Devon Communities Together around opportunities for funding.

Jon Sandford in Yettington has done sterling work getting Clinton Devon Estates to help keep ditches clear, and he has a supply of filled sandbags available for emergencies.

Filled sand bags are available outside the flood store by the Community Shop in East Budleigh if needed, and we have a good stock of in-date supplies.

Cllr. John Tresidder.