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Community Resilience Report December 2020 & January 2021

December

At the beginning of the month we held a village group collaboration meeting, mentioned as an idea in my November report. Attended by 2 representatives from each group; Community Shop, All Saints Church, Parish Council, and Village Hall this meeting served to shine a light on the fantastic work undertaken across all areas of our parish community.

Church and Parish Council volunteers delivered 32 Christmas puddings, donated by Waitrose Sidmouth, to residents living alone. As well as providing a small gesture at this important time of year the exercise gave us an opportunity to chat to recipients.

On 22nd three of Santa's elves descended on East Budleigh to reassure youngsters that Father Christmas was on schedule to visit as planned on Christmas Eve. 50 bags of chocolate coins (thank you again Waitrose) were gently 'tossed' to outstretched little hands in a thoroughly COVID compliant way.

New Year New Challenges

East Devon was subject to flood risk warnings on several occasions in December although, thankfully, Budleigh Brook kept within its usual boundaries. I am considering a 'Sandbag Day' encouraging those worried about the risk of their property flooding to collect filled bags from our store on a specific day. Whilst we cannot prevent the possibility of flooding we can help everyone take greater personal responsibility to minimise their risk. I would love to hear Councillors thoughts on this idea please.

Community Emergency Resilience Plan

Drafts version 4 of our Plan is available on the Parish Council website.

I intend to bring a motion to our February meeting to gain acceptance of our Plan as a 'final version' rather than draft. This action will enable authorities to adopt our Plan and make it available to emergency services.