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Community Resilience Report February 2021

Sandbag Day

During our meeting in January I mentioned the idea of a 'Sandbag Day' to distribute filled bags, enabling them to be close to 'at risk' properties.

I needed support in various ways from several local and national agencies such as The Environment Agency, and from local business including Clinton Devon Estates.

Every single line of enquiry I pursued was either met with a negative response or no feedback at all.

I had to concede that, sadly, such a risk averse attitude to the flood topic meant our Parish Council should, perhaps, also steer clear of potential risk from acceptance of liability if, for example, our sandbags failed to stem the flow of water into a property.

Community Collaboration Group

I have arranged, with grateful thanks to our Clerk for her support, to distribute our remaining Prompt Action Fund monies across the Parish via £10 Community Shop gift vouchers.

The vouchers will be delivered by Church, Shop, Village Hall and Parish Council volunteers to our friends and neighbours who might benefit most from this gesture (up to 40 vouchers in total).

Once again it gives us an opportunity to briefly engage with each recipient to check all is well.

Community Emergency Resilience Plan

I have not received any further suggestions for alteration to Version 4 of our Emergency Plan, available on the Parish Council website.

During our February meeting Councillors will therefore be asked to formally adopt this existing draft version as the East Budleigh with Bickton Parish Council Emergency Resilience Plan.

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