

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - September 2022

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The shop is concentrating on promoting our value ranges, which are extensive, as well as highlighting instances where they can beat supermarket prices. In addition, the loyalty card scheme is very popular, which can give a discount of £5 for every £80 spent.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book Exchange is flourishing, with dozens of books in and out every week. Any unpopular or surplus books are donated to local charities.

WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial had some very nice flowers left to mark the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, and these were then recycled and composted. The geraniums are just hanging on, but will shortly be replaced by Bellis and Violas, in a similar display to last year, which worked very well.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

This year, Devon County Council is offering 'Free Tree Packs' to landowners across Devon for the forthcoming planting season. Each tree pack will contain 45 native trees and will be funded by Devon County Council's Emergency Tree Fund, granted by The Woodland Trust. Trees planted this season (November 2022 to end of March 2023) can contribute to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, if landowners wish to do so.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

I am still engaged in keeping village drains free of obstructions, and am still trying to get a response from Devon Highways on blocked drains in three areas prone to flash floods.

I attended the East Devon Community Emergency Planning and Flood Warden training this month. There were some really useful topics and valuable information, particularly on the work of Flood Wardens and compiling local Emergency Resilience Plans. I am currently adding to and updating our Parish plan.

I have registered for the virtual Devon Community Resilience Forum next month as well as a webinar on Electric Vehicle structure and planning.

Cllr. John Tresidder.