

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - June 2022

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The community shop is promoting their local suppliers with an emphasis on saving food miles. The loyalty card scheme, which offers a £5 discount for a full card, is flourishing. There are occasional gaps in shelves, but no serious shortages, and they are working hard to contain price rises.

VILLAGE HALL

No meetings to report since the AGM on 3rd May 2022.

PHONE BOX and VIP

The telephone kiosk has now been cleaned and repainted. The fitted board has a local map and excellent displays about Roger Conan and Sir Walter Raleigh installed by Ray Marrs. There will be a QR code for more local information in due course, as well as information leaflets. Ray has also arranged displays about the history of East Budleigh and Lace-making in the Village Information Point. After a number of issues, we have discontinued DVDs in the book exchange, but have lots of extra books and quite a few good jigsaw puzzles.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Devon Climate Emergency website has a great deal of useful advice on how to save energy at www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk. There is advice on draught-proofing, insulation – with free advice sheets – and an Energy Efficiency Calculator. Well worth a look.

In the Parish, research is continuing with the Village Hall and the Community Shop, into the feasibility of providing public electric car charging points in the village.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

It's good to know that we have so many reliable volunteers on our Resilience Team ready to help with any emergency situations, and the necessary safety equipment in place. I have continued keeping some of the village drains free of obstructions. I reported two drains that are solidly blocked with silt to Devon Highways. They took a month to respond that 'as the gully is not causing a safety issue i.e. flooding it will be cleared out the next time the gully wagon is in the area'. Not a satisfactory reply given that we have had flash floods in the village in the past, and the scheduled maintenance is every three years. I will chase this up again.

Cllr. John Tresidder.