

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - October 2022

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The Community Shop has worked hard to keep prices down, particularly for basic items, despite the inflationary pressures. It has also been challenging to keep all the shelves filled, but the community clearly appreciate being able to walk to the shop, and have some social interaction at the same time.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book Exchange is still very busy, with a surprisingly high turnover. I have tried to sort books into categories, but they seem to get rearranged! Please note that we can only take books, CDs and complete jigsaws.

WAR MEMORIAL

Winter planting is now complete with Pansies, Bellis and Violas, in a similar display to last year, which worked very well. Believe it or not, I have had to water some of the plants. If ever the fencing is cleared on the Pound, then I can do some winter maintenance there as well.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

I attended a very useful zoom meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group. This was a really useful exchange of information and views on topics ranging from cycle paths, and local transport issues, to provision of Electric Vehicle charging in villages.

The Devon Climate Emergency website has some very interesting news items this month and is well worth a detailed look. There is a lot of information about the Devon Carbon plan, and news items about building a hydrogen hub in Devon and the use of e-cargo bikes in Exmouth.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

It's a non-stop job keeping village drains free of leaves and obstructions. Sadly I have still had absolutely no response from Devon Highways on silted drains in three areas prone to flash flooding, which were reported to them in June. I will keep trying!

Cllr. John Tresidder.