

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – March 2023

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

At the AGM in February, Members voted to make a donation to the East Budleigh Tennis Club, and to set a sum aside to support the Sir Walter Raleigh Community Pub. The Shop is minimising price rises where possible, and absorbing increases in many basic items. In addition the Loyalty Card redemption value has been raised to £8. A sensible reserve is being kept in case of equipment failure, and to make sure that the Shop is in a position to improve facilities with the Village Hall in future developments.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book and CD Exchange has been really busy again with more books coming in than we can display. Surplus books, or ones that don't get taken out for a long time are donated to local charities. The Seed Exchange is also up and running now ready for spring!

GREEN SPACES

I have continued with sprucing up The Pound, and have seeded the bare and leveled patches of grass – which is getting plenty of water! Ray Marrs has produced a new information notice for The Pound which will shortly be displayed in the refurbished stand.

On the dog front, I have continued to monitor the recreation ground regularly, and was very please to have no incidents to report over the last two months ... but now we have had complaints about dog owners not picking up in Wynards Road (where I have often had to pick up for others) and Middle Street. We need to find the culprits! Dog bags are on sale at the Community Shop and there is a free emergency supply.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

The Devon Climate Emergency website at devonclimateemergency@public.govdelivery.com always has interesting news items covering the whole of Devon and is well worth a look. Research into ways in which we can provide electric vehicle charging points in the village continues, with information on its way from Char.gy, which is being researched by the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group.

EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

Despite all the rain, we have not been called on or had to issue sandbags. Filled sand bags are still available outside the flood store by the Community Shop, and we have a good stock of in-date supplies.

Cllr. John Tresidder.