

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - JANUARY 2021

EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

As in my last report, the Community Shop is operating under strict rules and open throughout the lockdown from 9-5 on weekdays, 8-4 on Saturday and 8-12 on Sunday. (Open until 7 pm on Tuesdays to coincide with the Wandering Pig pizza van). To better manage risks to staff and volunteers inside the shop we are asking for one customer at a time. The FREE collection/delivery service is still operating, and can be arranged by phoning any weekday morning. This service is ideal for anyone isolating or unable to wear a mask.

VILLAGE HALL

The hall is obviously still closed during the lockdown, although the excellent playground is permitted to open – with safe distancing. Work has been carried out on hedge and ground maintenance. Behind the scenes, a sub-committee is actively working on the plans for the future development of the hall.

INTERIM DEVON CARBON PLAN

Devon County Council have launched their detailed Interim Devon Carbon Plan, and there is very good information on this on their website, and webinars. There is a consultation period until 15th February, after which the revised plan will be launched in the spring. I have responded to the consultation, and once the full plan is launched can prepare a summary of the numerous issues that will affect our community.

There are initiatives to improve the environment, reduce carbon emissions, preparing communities for climate change, as well as ideas about public transport and cycle and footpaths.

With the help of the Clerk, I am following through a number of avenues to provide electric car charging in the community.

COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)

Enforcing coronavirus regulations is taking up a significant proportion of Police time. Under a new scheme funded by the government, Special Constables who can work for more than eight shifts will now be paid an allowance. The PCC website has a link where members of the public can report possible breaches of the regulations.

RECREATION GROUND

I have continued to make made daily checks around the recreation ground. Just one dog and two fox incidents to report. I have been pleased to see so many families using it for different recreations, all at a safe distance!

TELEPHONE BOX PROJECT

Work continues with this project, with the help and support of the Clerk. A site meeting is planned to discuss details after the lockdown. Ray Marrs has been working on the poster material, and we will be looking at signage, displays and possible shelving.

Cllr. John Tresidder.