

Litter

We wish to thank all who have carried out litter picks in our area this year. An incident of dumped magazines in the layby near common moor has resulted in disciplinary action being taken against the person responsible. We have received commitment for a litter bin in this area from Torridge District Council

Devon Air Ambulance DAA

The Parish Council have agreed to lead a jointly funded project to establish a night landing site for DAA in the Parish close to Common Moor. Thanks to Nigel and Ali Moulder the landowners for their voluntary agreement and support of this.

Holsworthy Area Group

At the last meeting of this group the following issues were discussed –

- 1- Major concerns of potholes with the County Council
- 2- Loss of recycled materials from recycling vehicles traveling with doors open with the District Council

Please report any incidents you witness directly to them for immediate action and your parish councillor so we can follow up and monitor response.

Hedge Cutting- We would ask anyone responsible for trimming hedges in the parish to take care. We have a number badly damaged or missing road signs that will have to be replaced over the coming year

Putford Parish Council

Dear Parishioner

As you are all aware the current Coronavirus or Covid-19 outbreak is having major impacts on all of our lives. The Parish Council wish to ensure that all in the Parishes of East and West Putford are kept as safe and well as we can.

We would therefore ask in the first instance that you look after yourself and reach out to, neighbours, friends and relatives locally for help and to support them where possible.

Please follow the latest Government and Public Health England guidance which is constantly being updated to minimise spread of the virus and impact of the virus on yourself and others. (follow Coronavirus links on www.putford.co.uk)

It is important that we pull together as a community during a period that will be difficult for all, please keep in contact with your relatives/neighbours safely and regularly.

Ensure you know their telephone numbers or can use social media to allow you to maintain contact during any necessary period of quarantine or self-isolation and make sure they are well and know you are too.

It is important that we maintain distance from people we meet to prevent spread, so if you are in self isolation, please let people know ideally put a note on your door so that postal staff and other deliverers can knock and stand back when making a delivery.

If you are assisting an elderly person, or isolated neighbour please advise the assistance co-ordination contacts below to let them know or advise them if you need further assistance. Also if you have any concerns for a member of the parish or have no one to support you and wish someone to contact you or them please let us know.

We would also be happy to hear from you if you feel you could offer assistance in some way if the situation demands

Assistance Co-ordination

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Nicky Williams Tel 01409 240168 e-mail dversdevon@gmail.com

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At the last meeting of the Parish Council our Business continuity plan was approved and will be available on www.putford.co.uk and reviewed routinely. Two pages of the Plan that provide parish council contacts and emergency contacts have been included as they may be useful to you to have immediately available in this current situation.

Lizzy's Larder at Milton Damerei

Lizzy is establishing a basic list of food she can supply she will take orders and payment over the phone and is offering a drive through collection for people in self isolation, we are looking to establish distribution in Putford on a twice weekly basis if you cannot collect. Contact Lizzy 07792858622 or shop 01409261440 e-mail lizzy@lizzyslarder.co.uk or Facebook lizzy s larder or @blackberryfarmshop

Common Moor

Common Moor has now been in a Countryside Stewardship High Tier since 1st January 2019, when the moor was still in an 'unfavourable declining' SSSI status. Following hard work from Devon Wildlife Trust, Natural England and the Parish Council, the status has now been upgraded to 'unfavourable recovering' which is a great result.

Hen and Marsh Harriers (threatened birds of prey) have both been recorded using Common Moor to roost, and evidence has been found to show that the rare Marsh Fritillary butterfly has been thriving on the moor.

This is largely due to the cutting of firebreaks twice yearly and swaling blocks of the moor in rotation to allow regeneration of the culm grassland. The new stewardship agreement supports this work, and a ten year management plan has been drawn up to ensure the condition of the moor continues to improve.

Going forward, Devon Wildlife Trust have been appointed as the contractor for cutting firebreaks and swaling for the next four years as per the management plan, and a contractor has been appointed to undertake scrub clearance in Autumn 2020.

During 2019, all the firebreaks were cut with the exception of the long firebreak along the Forestry Commission land as the flail broke down. As this break is a 'minor' break and the east block is not due to be swaled in 2020, it has been agreed that it can be cut later. The firebreaks were again cut in February this year.

The recent wet weather has delayed this year's swaling, but it is hoped that it can happen soon.

Planning

The Parish Council are establishing a subcommittee to allow greater flexibility in the review of planning applications, which do not always fit the established pattern of full council meetings. This will allow us to more quickly respond to your applications.

Please check with the District Council Planners if planning permission is required before you do make any changes to your property.

If changes are made without planning permission, you are likely to be asked to apply for retrospective planning permission, if the retrospective planning permission is refused, you can be issued with an enforcement notice which requires you to put things back as they were.

Torridge River Restoration Project

This project aims to support landowners and farmers within the project area (East and West Putford are in the project area) by providing focused advice and financial support that helps reduce soil erosion, trap sediment and nutrients and improve habitat and water quality in the River Torridge catchment

This support may include

Soil aeration	Watercourse Fencing
Alternative Livestock drinking sources	Sediment ponds/traps, swales and earth bunds
Riverbank protection and riverside tree coppicing	Livestock and machinery hardcore tracks and cross drains
Gateway relocation	Tree planting and other habitat creation/ restoration
Woody Debris dams	

If you are interested in support/funding on any of the above or for further information contact Torridge River Restoration Project at Devon Wildlife Trust

Call 01409 221823 or E mail TRRP@devonwildlifetrust.org Website www.bit.ly/rivertorridge

Parish Council Contacts

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Emergency Contacts

Contact for	Name	Company / Location	Contact Details
Torridge District Council	Customer Services	Bideford	01237 428700 customerservices@torridge.gov.uk
Devon County Council	Customer Services	Exeter	0345 155 1015 customerservices@devon.gov.uk
Trees: Fallen/Dangerous	Highways	Exeter	0345 155 1004 devon.gov.uk Report a problem
Street Furniture: Broken / dangerous	Parish Council		01598 710526 (Parish Clerk)
Roads, pavements, street signs etc	Highways	Exeter	0345 155 1004 devon.gov.uk Report a problem
Street lights	Highways	Exeter	0345 155 1004 devon.gov.uk Report a problem
Waste disposal/fly tipping/dead animals	Torridge District Council	Bideford	01237 428700 customerservices@torridge.gov.uk
Death of an Employee whilst on Council business	Health and Safety Executive		0345 300 9923
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary		Exeter	101 or 999 in an emergency
Electrical Emergencies	Western Power Distribution	Bristol	0800 6783 105
Gas Emergencies	Wales and West Utilities	Bridgwater	0800 912 2999
Water supply and sewerage service emergencies	South West Water	Exeter	0344 346 1010