Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
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WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL RECEIVES QUALITY AWARD IN NATIONAL SCHEME

Woodbury Parish Council has received the prestigious award of 'Quality Council' as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Woodbury Parish Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Award Scheme report highlighted the council's particular areas of strength, including its community engagement through planning Ward Councillor surgeries, community consultations as well as Governance.

Woodbury Parish Council's own Chairman, Cllr. Cheryl McGauley, was quoted as saying "We were thrilled to receive accreditation for this award as it reflects the hard work and collaborative efforts of all the Councillors and parish staff who strive to run a smooth, efficient and best value council."

Cllr Cheryl McGauley, thanked the other Councillors and the Clerk Anne-Marie Bates for their hard work. County Councillor Jeff Trail and District Councillor Geoff Jung also congratulated the Parish Council of their achievements.

Councillor Vacancy

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We have One Parish Councillor Vacancy



County and District Councillor reports

Cllr J Trail: The A376 / Dinan Way link road surveys are currently being conducted. Also in the near future, the improvements and schedule of work will be discussed. The Parish Council will be involved in the meeting. The road works around this area had caused traffic issues and Highway works had been stopped until the emergency works had been completed.

Cllr G Jung advised that unfortunately the summer saw “no bathing” on many of our beaches, especially Exmouth, because of pollution incidents caused by South West Water. EDDC are doing everything possible to persuade SWW to bring their £38m investment forward.
To protect the Exmouth sewage works area (which includes Lympstone and Budleigh) any planning application that may increase the capacity for sewage will have an attachment to their planning permission restricting the start of construction or occupation of the property until SWW have provided assurances that the infrastructure is sufficiently improved for the projected increased capacity. These are known as “Grampian Orders.” Woodbury sewage works also requires improvements and again Grampian orders will be applied in Woodbury. However, the downside is this could reduce the housebuilding numbers.
The new Government’s proposed changes to the NPPF and the so-called ‘standard method’ for calculating housing numbers, will be uplifted by an extra 28% in East Devon. There is a short window of opportunity for East Devon to move forward with its current draft plan using the ‘old’ housing numbers – provided EDDC can publish a completed draft within one month of the new NPPF being published.
They plan to publish the new NPPF policy before the end of the year, but it could be anytime from late October. EDDC intend to publish the plan in early December, which will be a challenge.

Devon County Council Transport Consultation

Consultation launched on transport plan for Devon and Torbay

Have your say on future plans for transport in the county.

A public consultation has been launched this week on the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) which sets out the transport priorities across the county between 2025 and 2040.

The full draft document of the plan is available to view on the Have Your Say webpage. The deadline for completing the online questionnaire is 11:59pm on Saturday 30 November 2024.

The plan’s vision is for well-integrated and accessible transport to facilitate sustainable growth, support net zero carbon targets by 2050 at the latest, improve travel choices and benefit people’s health and wellbeing.

You can read more about the consultation in the story on our news page.

Update of our play parks

Woodbury The Green play park



Great news! The Parish Council has installed a new fence around the Woodbury Play Park. This replaces the old, wooden fence that had seen better days and makes the whole area look a lot smarter, whilst giving increased protection for the users of the park. Subcontractors have also been hard at work resurrecting the Devon Bank which runs along one side of the park. Both the new fence and bank refurbishment have increased the attractiveness of our lovely village green.

Exton Play Park







After a huge amount of planning and hard work, the Exton Play Park is now up and running. It features a new zip-wire, and trampoline amongst other new exciting pieces of equipment. If you haven't visited already, make sure you make a visit with your children a top priority!

New Exton Pétanque Court

The new park at Exton also features a 15m by 4m regional competition size Pétanque pitch. This very exciting addition will soon feature instructions on how to play the game as well as benches to sit and watch from. The course is only for use by children and adults playing Pétanque.



EDDC Emerging Local Plan

Woodbury Parish Council has been diligently advocating for our community in discussions with the East Devon District Council's Strategic and Planning Committees regarding the potential development sites currently under review.

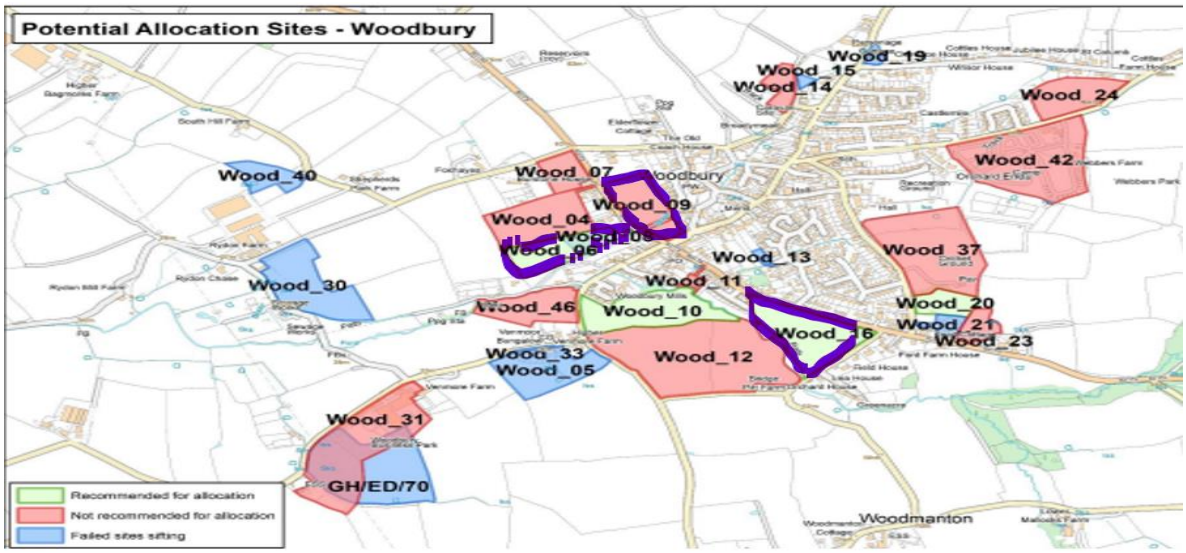
While some development is inevitable, our priority is to ensure it occurs in suitable locations and provides benefits to our community and preserves the villages unique character and identity.

We are advocating for key improvements, including:

- **Traffic calming measures**
- **Enhancements to The Arch**
- **Implementation of a 20mph speed limit**
- **Additional facilities for community use**

East Devon District Council is evaluating all proposed sites, regardless of whether they have been recommended for allocation by their officers. Some sites have already been allocated, while others are under consideration for future allocation. We can confirm that the sites marked in purple have been approved for development.

The process is ongoing, and the Parish Council will continue to represent your interests at upcoming meetings. We remain a strong voice for our community, emphasising the importance of a comprehensive landscape proposal. This includes the protection of Coastal Preservation Areas, maintaining green wedges to prevent coalescence, and ensuring the provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGS), nature corridors, and potentially a Country Park.



Parish Office

Normally the Parish Office is open to residents Monday to Thursday 9.30-12.30 to raise your ideas, concerns or seek advice or information.

The **Woodbury Village Walking maps** (4 walks) can be purchased at the Office for £2.
Queen's Jubilee Mugs – last few available at a special price of £3.50 each.

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Our meetings schedule can be found: **https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/council-business/council-meetings/schedule-of-meetings**
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