

Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
December 2024



Woodbury Parish Council would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who turned up on Sunday 1st December to see the Parish Council Christmas window and village green Christmas tree switch on. This was part of the "Living Advent Calendar" which is raising money for "Elf" Exeter leukaemia fund. We hope that you enjoyed the switch on, and the refreshments kindly donated by Chris Lear.

Special thanks go to Kate Turner who was instrumental in the design of the window, assisted by her son Harry. Christmas Lights on The Green sponsored by Woodbury Parish Council were kindly put up by Graham Joyce and his team at Dartmoor Trees and Dave Moore and his team at Brooklands Events, thank you to both companies.





Grants Available

Woodbury Parish Council has two grants that you can apply for, closing date 20th January 2025. Please find the information and application form on our website https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-services/community-grants If you would like to have a copy emailed, please contact us or pop into the office to pick up a hard copy.

Exmouth Food Bank

Anyone in food crisis, who lives in Exmouth and its surrounding area (Woodbury Parish) can receive emergency food and guidance to appropriate, professional support and advice.
To get help – Call 07749 322 291 or Email: help@exmouthfoodbank.org.uk
Donations are Welcome – Take items directly to;
Salvation Army Hall, Sheppard's Row, Exmouth EX8 1PW

Exton Flooding

A serious flooding incident occurred in Exton in the aftermath of Storm Bert on the weekend of 23rd/24th November. Station Road was flooded from adjacent to the Church car park down to the junction of Barton Close. In addition, Mill Lane was flooded and water poured from the A376 into Station Road. The lower part of the Gilbrook burst its banks resulting in parts of the playing field and adjoining fields becoming inundated. Several volunteers from the Exton community assisted in managing the situation, including closing Station Road to traffic and warning of the flood risk. Exton Village Hall (which was hosting a children's birthday party) had to be evacuated but everyone involved was kept safe. The emergency equipment purchased by the Parish Council (signage, cones, PPE etc) were used for the first time and worked well. The flooding presented an opportunity to test the new Exton Emergency Plan and to identify any issues in case of future emergencies. The Flood Resilience Group is meeting in Exton Village Hall on 22nd January starting at 2pm. Anyone interested in discussing flooding issues in Exton and who may be willing to assist in the future is welcome to attend".

Devon County Council

Festive fun with our Holiday Activities and Food programme

Children in Devon aged five to 16-years-old who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in Devon County Council action-packed https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/ this festive season. Children can enjoy a wide range of activities free of charge including a hot meal.

Bookings are now open, and details of activities can be https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/haf-providers-map/ . If your child is https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/information-for-parents/ , simply search for a provider in your area, have a look at their listing to see what they're offering, then when you're ready, book a place with them directly.

If you don't have enough money to live on, support is available

With winter well underway and Christmas around the corner, Devon County Council are aware that the financial challenges facing some households in Devon will be intensified over the next few weeks.
These can affect everything from our finances to our feelings, and it can be especially difficult for some people, particularly if they are struggling to pay for things like food and energy.
Support is available and Devon County Council have put together a special 'cost of living' edition of their newsletter as part of a 'winter support and wellbeing' series to share information and advice to help you and your families to stay well, warm, happy and safe this winter.
https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/3ba718b Or go to https://eastdevon.gov.uk/hardship/

Community Support / Loneliness - Westbank

Westbank organise and offers an array of activities and advice for all ages including; Community *Cookery School / Health Walks & Exercise / Kidzone / Day Care – Carers*.
Take a look at their website https://www.westbank.org.uk/Pages/Category/about-westbank especially the "our services" page.

Emergency Contacts

On our Parish Website there is a page of contacts in the event of an emergency, also other helpful resources. **https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-community/emergency-information**

Planning

Woodbury Parish Council are a statutory consultee for all planning applications and appeals. We make our recommendations to East Devon District Council who are the Principal Authority and decide whether an application is approved or not.
We consider applications via our Full Council / Planning Committee meetings or if necessary, under delegation. All our decisions are recorded and minuted.
We have to consider the application against National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the local plan, various policies and with our local knowledge consider things like;

- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Government policy
- Disabled persons' access
- Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)
- Nature conservation
- Overlooking/loss of privacy as well as loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking and highway safety
- Traffic and noise
- Effect on listed buildings and conservation areas

As a resident, you can come to our meetings and forward your planning observations or write to us before our meeting and Parish Councillors will consider them. You can also comment via East Devon District Council's planning portal https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/ and their officers will collate the information for the District Councillors consideration.

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. The outcome has been mixed with some sites being allocated against our wishes.

Our priority is to ensure it 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**
- **Flooding elevation in Exton**

Councillor Vacancy Co-Option

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECOME A COUNCILLOR



Are you interested in the life of your village, your parish and your local environment?

- Get involved with your community
- Have a say about the local issues people care about
- Influence local service delivery
- Decide how local money is spent to improve your community

For more Information, please contact the Parish Clerk 01395 233791
clerk@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or view our website https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

We have Two Parish Councillor Vacancies for Woodbury Salterton Ward.

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. CLOSED from 20th December until 6th January.

The Clerk's email address is clerk@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Our website	**www.woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk**
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084814840341
X (ex-Twitter)	@ParishWoodbury

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