Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
February 2025

SAVE THE DATE **Annual Parish Meeting** – Thursday 24th April 2025 – Woodbury Village Hall, Flower Street, 7pm. All residents welcome.
We will be having a Speaker, Presentations, Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report, along with the opportunity for residents to raise any matter. We are also inviting all Parish Clubs, Societies and Organisations to have a free stall to promote themselves to residents. (Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a stall). There will also be refreshments.
Please come along to this Parish Event and see what is going on in the Parish.

Precept and Budget

The Parish Council has approved the budget and precept for 2025-2026. The budget breakdown can be found on our website https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Budget-2025-2026.pdf
The Parish Council continues to promote "Best Value" for all the services and facilities it manages for the communty. The precept is £146,080 an increase of 4.98% which equates to 8 pence per week for a band D property.

Grants

The Parish Council will be reviewing all applications for both the Community Fund and Coombe Farm Solar Farm. We have been oversubscribed this year; applicants will be advised in March whether they have been successful or not.

Play Parks

We are really pleased that the new Exton Express Train has arrived at Exton Play Park.







The toddler train has been relocated to Woodbury Play Park

We hope that the young people who visit both parks enjoy playing on the trains and have lots of fun.

The Woodbury Salterton play area gates are now fixed with new posts.



Vandalism

Unfortunately, the toilets in Flower Street have been vandalised on a few occasions across the last couple of months; these have been reported to the Police.
A group of youngsters have been causing this vandalism and blocking the toilets so that they are unusable. These toilets are well used and a great facility, one that we would not like to see lost.
We urge parents to please chat to their youngsters, especially as these acts are costing the Parish Council time and money which could be spent on better things. The toilets are being regularly monitored.

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

Devon County Council



Thank you to one of our County Councillors Jeff Trail who spent a very wet morning joining Cllr Ian Hunt and the Parish Clerk visiting Woodbury Salterton.
We looked at various Highway matters, and flooding and field run off issues and where some improvements are required.

The Parish Council thanked both DCC County Councillors Jeff Trail and Richard Scott who gave us **two grants** for an information board of Miss Marianne Pidsley's contribution to Woodbury Salterton village (£800), also for flooding prevention across the Parish (£4k).
Both were also instrumental along with the DCC P3 Officer Sam Jeffcoat in sourcing funding to get the remaining part of **Rydon Lane surfaced.** This lane is a great asset for walkers, horse riders and cyclists, also to link with the Exe Trail.

Family Support Devon County Council provides lots of information and support for families. Please visit https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/
There is also funded holiday activities and food (HAF) programme which supports children over the school holidays. The programme is for children aged between 5-16 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related school meals.

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**

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 and an application form, 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.
CLOSING DATE: Noon 6th March 2025

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 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 .