Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
May 2025

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 24th April 2025 at Woodbury Village Hall.

Firstly, thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting, over 80 residents were in attendance.
Clare James of Clinton Devon Estates gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Clinton Devon Estates and their business strategy especially for within East Devon.
We were lucky to have over 25 stalls of local groups, societies as well as organisations that provide services to residents of Woodbury Parish.
This event also saw a number of these groups and societies receive a grant from the Woodbury Parish Council via our Community Grant or Coombes Solar Farm Fund. It was very interesting to learn how these grants were going to help.

The Chairman Cllr Chery McGauley gave her Annual Report, the full version can be found on our website Annual Report 2024-2025, copies are also available from the Parish Office.

Everyone enjoyed the Cheese & Wine and refreshments, and we felt it was a very successful event.

Community Fund – summary of applications and awards for 2024-2025

Organisation	Outline of scheme	Council approved award
Woodbury Community Playing Fields	2 x Football goals (Has also applied for the same amount to Solar Farm Community Fund)	£825
Woodbury Scouts & Guides	Assistance with ongoing rising costs (e.g. utility bills, cleaning)	£600
Woodbury History Society	Towards the housing of Parish Archives and cost of making records accessible online.	£275
Woodbury Community Orchard	Maintaining the orchard.	£100
Woodbury School PFTA	Development of a 'loose-parts' play station.	£200
	Total	**£2000**

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Coombe Solar Farm Community Benefit – summary of applications and awards for 2024-2025

Organisation	Outline of scheme	Grant request	Council approved award
Woodbury Community Playing Fields	2 x Football goals	£3,450	£993.43
Woodbury Community Orchard	Ongoing help with maintenance of the orchard and runni in the village.	£100	£100
Woodbury Salterton Village Hall	Refurbishment of Kitchen	£5,000	£5,000
Woodbury Village Hall	Refurbishment of the main hall floor	£2,500	£2,500
Woodbury Salterton Cof Primary School	Repair of the clock	£550	£550
Woodbury Community Allotment	To develop the plot's infrastructure in the 1st year includi bed materials.	£4,000	£4,000
	Total		**13,143.43**

Photos from the Annual Parish Meeting



















Presentation of grants to local groups and societies from the Parish Council community Grant as well as the Coombe Farm Sola Fund









Speeding

At our Annual Parish Meeting the increasing issue of speeding traffic in the village was raised.

Last year, we did apply to Devon County Council for a 20mph Zone across Woodbury, but unfortunately, we were not selected for the scheme for that financial year. We will continue to apply for future years.

With the proposed development in Woodbury, we are in continuous conversations with the landowners, developers, and Devon County Council to establish road calming measures and a controlled pedestrian crossing along Broadway. Funding for any scheme will derive from the development (s) and part of any approved planning permission.

20 is Plenty.

20's Plenty for Us
...making your place a better place to be

We have signed up to the "20 is Plenty Campaign" for the three villages within the Parish and will be seeking to put up some posters across the Parish.

National 80th VE DAY Celebrations



On Mondy 5th May 2025 over 300 people enjoyed afternoon tea and live music on The Green. Woodbury Parish Council would like to give particular thanks to those that made the day so special.

Chris Shepard
Tim Green
Brian Phaby
Will Thornton
Peter Broadbent
Peter Grist
Gordon Davis
John Fisher
Alan Quantick
Chris Lear
Julia Thornton
Fran Perry
Chris Grist
Elspeth Fisher
Jenny Champion
Chris Quantick
Fiona Cochran
Liz Davenport
Ruth Brown
Ann Shell
Judy Green
Those who helped clear up

(Grateful to Chris Wakefield and John Redwood for loaning the large gazebo's)

Thursday 8th May 2025

"Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, love and peace."

At 11am the Royal British Legion Service and raising the 80th Commemorative VE Day Flag took place on The Green. Thank you to Sandra Huish for organising the service and to Woodbury Primary school children who made presentations.





From 6.30pm the Church bells rang, and many enjoyed the Second World War staple of Fish & Chips.
At 7.30pm the Lighting of the Flames of Peace, and together around the War Memorial the great British hymn "I Vow to Thee My Country" was sung.

Special thanks to Chris Lear, Chris Shepard and Julia Thornton and everyone else who helped organise these VE Celebrations for the Parish, so they could come together and remember.

Help to shape better places across South East Devon

South East Devon Wildlife wants to hear from visitors to the area on how they use and enjoy the spaces they help to care for. Your experiences and perspectives are vital in helping enhance how these areas are managed and protected.

If you have recently visited the Pebblebed Heaths National Nature Reserve, explored the Exe Estuary, enjoyed Dawlish Warren, visited Dawlish Countryside Park, or ventured to Ridgetop Park, please take the time to share details of your visit.

South East Devon Wildlife works to protect internationally important nature reserves for future generations. You can find out more and complete the survey at https://bit.ly/SEDW-survey.

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

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 **Have you thought about becoming a Councillor?**

We have one Woodbury Salterton Ward 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

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

Admin Assistant email address is admin@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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