Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
August 2025

Annual Meeting of the Council

At our Annual Meeting in May, Councillor Richard Ball was formally elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Upon taking his seat, he expressed his thanks to outgoing Chairman Councillor Cheryl McGauley for her many years of dedicated service. He shared his enthusiasm for working alongside her and the rest of the Council to continue serving the residents of our parish.
We're also pleased to announce that Councillor Sam Knighton was elected as Vice Chairman.
The Parish Council operates through several committees in addition to the Full Council.
These include:

- Asset & Estates
- Staffing
- Finance & Policy
- Planning
- Gulliford Joint Committee

The Full Council meeting and all committee meetings are open to residents, and we warmly encourage attendance. Agendas are available on our website and displayed on parish our noticeboards.

We welcome Cllr Helen Brown and Cllr Jeff Trail who were both elected as your Devon County Council Councillors in May. Cllr Richard Scott was not re-elected, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his work and assistance he gave to the Parish Council and residents.

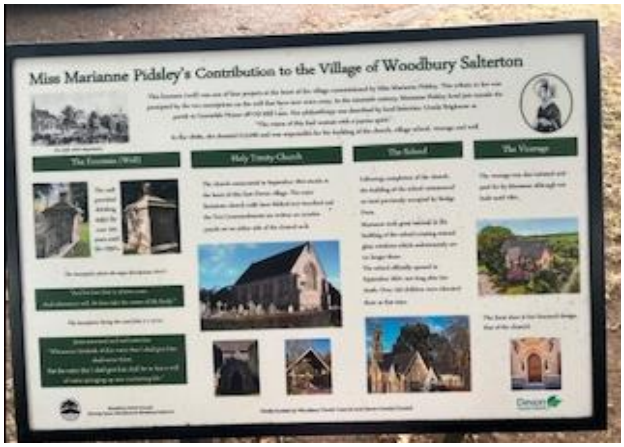
Woodbury Salterton – Old Plantation Update

We hope you've had a chance to enjoy the newly enhanced area of the Old Plantation. We're delighted to report that the new bus shelter is now installed and fully operational. It has been designed to meet Disability Regulations, and the widened footpath offers improved access for all.
Additional improvements include:

- Vegetation clearance to open the space
- Relocation of the bench to provide scenic seating overlooking the stream
- Repair work to part of the fence.
- Installation of Mrs Pidley's information board
- Refurbishment of the historic Old Well

These updates aim to make the Old Plantation a more welcoming and accessible space for everyone in the community.









Pictures of the Old Well

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Have Your Say!

Woodbury Parish Council in partnership with Woodbury Community Playing Fields Committee are seeking your views on potential future facilities in Woodbury village.



We want the facilities to reflect the interests of the village, so we are asking you to complete this survey between 21st August and 2nd October 2025.



To complete this survey, either:

- Use your phone to follow the QR code
- Click this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHF93KF
- Pick up a paper copy from Woodbury Parish Council offices
- Use this form, which can be found on our parish council's website. Please return to admin@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Memorial Trees at Woodbury Play Park



We've been advised by our tree surgeon that, sadly, both trees adjacent to the Play Park appear to have died. These trees were planted as memorials, one in loving memory of Joan Ware, and the other—while clearly significant—we're currently unsure who it was dedicated to.

If anyone has information about the second tree's dedication, or if a member of Joan Ware's family is able to get in touch, we would be very grateful. We want to ensure both trees are respectfully acknowledged and any next steps are taken in consultation with those connected to their memory.

Thank you for helping us honour these important tributes within our community.

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



Woodbury Parish Council extends sincere thanks to Holly Lawrence for her wonderful contribution in creating and installing the new community library at Exton Park. We hope it brings enjoyment to many residents and encourages everyone to take part in the book swap and share the love of reading.

Flooding Level Gauge, Station Road, Exton



A new flood gauge has been installed on Station Road in Exton—an area known to be vulnerable to flooding. While we appreciate that some residents may have concerns about its presence, these markers play a vital role in public safety. They help drivers assess whether it is safe to proceed through floodwater and provide valuable information to emergency services during severe weather events.
The signage complies with current Department for Transport (DfT) guidelines and falls under the responsibility of Devon County Council. It is consistent with flood warning signage used across the country to ensure a standardised approach to road safety.
We thank residents for their understanding and continued commitment to keeping our community safe.

Keep Footways Clear and Wildlife Safe

As summer growth accelerates, we kindly remind all residents to check that vegetation on their property is not obstructing public footways, roads, or paths. Overhanging hedges, trees, shrubs, and bushes can pose hazards to both drivers and pedestrians, especially those with mobility or visual impairments.
Property owners and occupiers are legally responsible for ensuring that vegetation does not encroach onto public highways—including pavements, bridleways, and footpaths. Please ensure all growth is cut back to your boundary and disposed of responsibly. Cuttings must not be dumped in open spaces or watercourses, as this can cause environmental damage and block drainage.

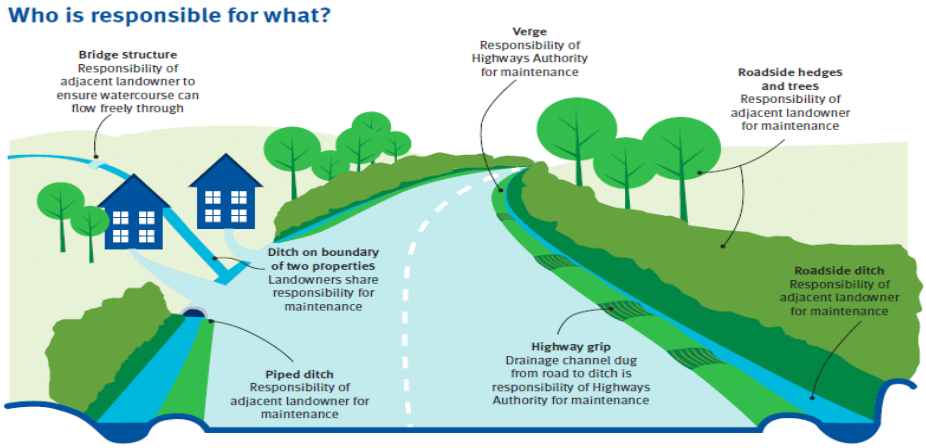
During the bird nesting season (1 March to 31 August), please take extra care when trimming hedges and vegetation. It is an offence to disturb nesting birds, and hedgerows on or adjacent to agricultural land must not be cut during this period unless a specific exemption applies.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe, accessible, and wildlife friendly.

To ensure safe access for pedestrians and vehicles, the following clearances are recommended:

Area Type	Minimum Clearance Height
Footways (pavements)	**2.3 metres** (7 ft 6 in)
Carriageways (roads)	**5.2 metres** (17 ft)
Around street furniture	**1 metre** (3 ft) radius

Area Type	Minimum Clearance Height
Above street furniture	**2 metres** (6 ft)



For residents that reside next to a ditch, we hope this diagram explains who is responsible for what.

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

We have one Woodbury Salterton Ward vacancy

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 see our website or contact the Parish Clerk.

Maintenance / Repairs – If anyone is interested in ad hoc jobs within the Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk to discuss.

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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