Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter
September 2025

Neighbourhood Plan

At the September Full Council meeting members agreed for the revised Neighbourhood Plan to be submitted to East Devon District Council for the next stage, Regulation 16. Residents will have an opportunity to comment when East Devon District Council carries out their consultation.

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 17th 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 Office
- Use this form, which can be found on our parish council's website. Please return to admin@woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Please "Pick Up After Your Dog"



Signs have been installed at The Green, Cricket Field Dog Field, and Footpath 6 (near the Woodbury Car Breakers) to remind owners of their responsibility to clean up dog waste. This reminder extends to all footpaths and open spaces in our Parish and further afield.

Dog fouling is a significant hazard to public health, particularly for children, and has a detrimental effect on the environment and local wildlife. We also specifically request that waste is not discarded in water courses (e.g. the stream) and bags are placed in designated bins and not hung from trees.

Bin



Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a clean and safe environment for everyone. Thank you.

Local Government ReOrganisation (LGR) / DEVOLUTION

The UK government's aim is to reduce the number of councils across the country which they hope will empower, simplify and produce resilient and sustainable Unitary Authorities and Combined Authorities which can then deliver services. This will mean in Devon that the established two-tier structure Devon County Council and City /District Councils will be replaced. Town and Parish Councils will remain but will probably find some services and responsibilities devolved to them from the current County / District Councils.
All County, City and District Councils are having to submit their proposals to government, and for Devon it will mean a major transformation in how local government works.

What does this mean:

Devolution is the **transfer of political power and decision-making** from a central government to a regional / local body

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Local Government Regeneration is the **process of reversing decline** in a specific area, led by local councils. It's a holistic approach to improve the **economic, physical, social, and environmental** health of a place.

Devon is a complex county which has many challenges including diverse communities and landscapes. There is criterion which must be met and will address economic, physical, social and environmental matters. The government would ideally like new Unitary or Combined Councils to be responsible for a population of around 300k-400k, but this is not statutory.
(i.e. Somerset: Population ~565,000 (formed from 5 districts) or can be under based on a clear functional geography).

Devon (Figures from 2021 Census)

Area	Population
East Devon	150,828
Exeter	130,709
Mid Devon	82,852
North Devon	98,611
South Hams	88,627
Teignbridge	134,803
Torridge	68,114
West Devon	57,096
Plymouth (Unitary)	264,695
Torbay (Unitary)	139,324
Devon (County Council)	*811,640*
Devon (Ceremonial)	*1,215,659*

The County, City and District Councils are conducting their own consultations to get residents views so they have evidence and can make their submission to government on how and if Devon should be split to more than one Unitary Council.

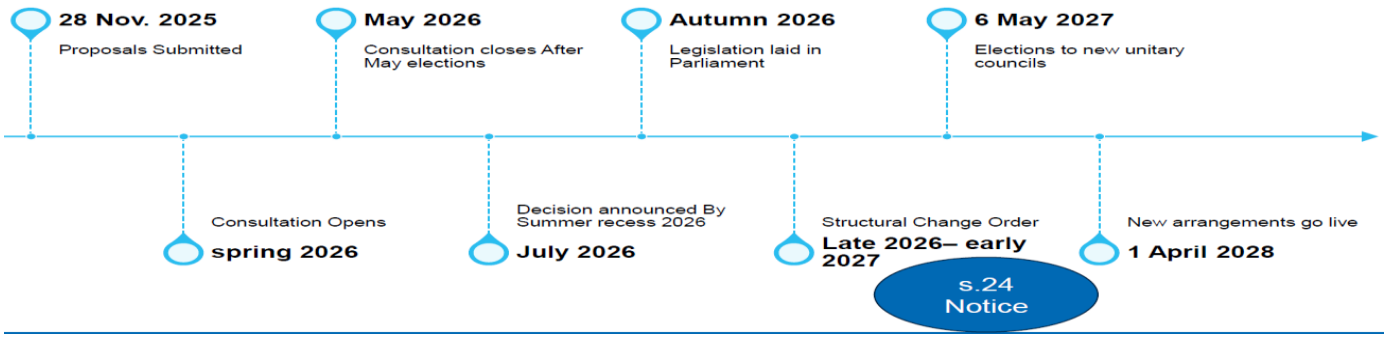
Woodbury Parish Council will be participating in various discussions with East Devon District Council and Exeter City Council and being a voice for our residents; we will keep residents fully informed.

Councils have been carrying out public consultations and welcoming residents' views.

Devon County Council HAVE YOUR SAY closes 14th October 2025

Exeter City Council HAVE YOUR SAY closes 26th September 2025

TIMELINE of Local Government ReOrganisation



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

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 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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