

Woodbury Parish Council Newsletter December 2025

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

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who braved the wet weather this past Monday, December 1st, to join us for the "Living Advent Calendar" events: the Parish Council Christmas window reveal and the Village Green Christmas tree switch-on.

We hope you enjoyed the festivities and the refreshments, generously donated by Chris Lear.

Special thanks are due to Kate Turner, who was instrumental in designing the beautiful window display. We are also very grateful to Graham Joyce of Dartmoor Trees and Dave Moore of Brooklands Events and their teams, who kindly put up the Christmas lights on The Green, sponsored by Woodbury Parish Council.

Your combined efforts truly lit up our village!

The message of Christmas;
One kind word, can warm three winter months,
One act of kindness, can give warmth for centuries.





Grants Available

Woodbury Parish Council has three grants that you can apply for, closing date 19th January 2026. Please find the information and application form on our website.

- Community Grant
- Solar Farm Grant
- Environment Grant

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.

Christmas Waste & Recycling Collections

Collections will be affected by the Christmas bank holidays and dates have been adjusted. Please follow the below link to find out your collection dates.
https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/christmas-waste-and-recycling-collections

Real Christmas Tree Disposal.

You can recycle your real Christmas tree in your green waste bin (no branches thicker than 100mm) or you can take them here:

Axminster	West Street car park	Mon 5 Jan, 12:30pm to 3.30pm
Broadclyst	Sports Pavilion car park	Thur 8 Jan, 12:30pm to 3.30pm
Budleigh Salterton	Lime Kiln car park	Wed 7 Jan, 12:30pm to 3.30pm
Cranbrook	Rush Meadow Road	Thur 8 Jan, 08:30am to 12.00 pm
Exmouth	Imperial Road car park	Wed 7 Jan, 8.30am to 12.00 pm
Honiton	Lace Walk car park	Tue 6 Jan, 8.30am to 12.00am
Ottery St Mary	Land of Canaan car park	Tue 6 Jan, 12:30pm to 3.30pm
Seaton	Jurassic car park	Mon 5 Jan, 8.30am to 12.00pm
Sidmouth	Manor Road car park	Fri 9 Jan, 8.30am to 12.00 pm

Local Government Reorganisation

The Parish Council is actively engaged with East Devon District Council, Devon County Council, and Exeter City Council to ensure our community's views are represented in the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process and that we will have a voice.

We have received varying levels of detail and engagement on the main proposals, which include models from:

- The seven Devon district councils (the "4-5-1" model).
- Devon County Council (the "9-1-1" model).
- Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, and Exeter City Council including a proposed new Devon coastal / rural authority.

The Parish Council has not endorsed any specific proposal. All formal submissions have now been made to the government, and a minister is expected to select a preferred option for public consultation early next year.

We will submit a formal response during that public consultation period. Our priority is to ensure Woodbury has a strong voice, regardless of the final model chosen.

More detailed information on the proposals can be found on the individual council's websites.

Opportunity for an Allotment Plot in Woodbury

A plot at the Woodbury allotment site will become available at the start of the New Year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council to express your interest.

We are also maintaining a waiting list for future vacancies at this site.

For the Woodbury Salterton site, while there are no immediate vacancies, plots do become available periodically. To be considered for the future, please contact us to add your name to their separate waiting list.

Honey Lane Bridge
Devon County Council have now replaced the footbridge adjacent to Honey Lane Ford; good timing especially now we are in the wetter months of the year.

Exmouth Food Bank
Anyone in food crisis, who live in Exmouth and its surrounding area (Woodbury Parish) can receive emergency food and guidance to find appropriate, professional support & 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 (gas, electric etc.) , also other helpful resources.
https://woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-community/emergency-information

Carbon monoxide / Fire Alarms
Please check your alarms to make sure they are working properly. If you have not got these alarms, please purchase them as soon as possible as they could save your life!

There are many sources of carbon monoxide, and it is known as the "silent killer". The sources include fires, furnaces, engines, generators, space heaters, and appliances powered by wood, propane, gas, and charcoal.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms include headache, nausea, dizziness, and fatigue.
- Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless gas, making it hard to detect before symptoms develop.
- If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, move to fresh air immediately and call 999.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from 22nd December 2025 – 5th January 2026

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

Telephone No. 01395 233791

Website **www.woodburyparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084814840341

X (ex-Twitter) @ParishWoodbury