

# THE LYPMPSTONE HERALD



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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

Lympstone Parish Council held their monthly public meeting on Monday 6th November in the Meeting Room.

The Chairman announced that sadly a former Cllr, Mrs Margaret Green had passed away. He added that as well as being a Parish Cllr, she had also been an active member of the Parish. He asked for a moment to remember her and sent condolences to her family at this time.

#### **Public session**

Mrs Lyons reported the following regarding the planned Lympstone Garden festival: The event would be held 8th – 16th June 2024. The objectives of the event were to raise money for our local Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare and to put on an inclusive and enjoyable community event for Lympstone village. 11 gardens were confirmed to open for the event. Other attractions planned: Scarecrow Trail (theme of 'The Movies') - open from Sat 8 June to Sunday 16 June. Wild About Lympstone group - potential 'wildlife' garden and other activities during the week. Gulliford Burial Ground - history, wildflowers and wildlife. Open allotments - offered to open one of the two Saturdays. Lympstone Academy Band – would play in one garden on both Sat 8 June and Sat 15 June. Possibility of a miniature steam railway, venue to be confirmed.

Refreshments would be available, a raffle and plant sale. Mrs Lyons kindly asked if the PC would allow car parking in Avenue field for Sat 8th, Sat 15th and Sun 16th June 24 which weather pending, was granted.

#### **Clerk's Report**

The reviewed LPC Child Protection Policy and PC Job description Policy was approved. It was agreed that Cllr Staddon would be representing the PC on Remembrance Sunday to lay a poppy wreath.

#### **Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors**

The Chairman read his report: There have been a number of committee meetings and a considerable amount of emails to consider over the last month. Thanks to all Councillors for their time and commitment over the last weeks, and continuing effort going forward. The last week saw the first flood threat of the winter. Thanks, and gratitude are due to the LFRG and the wardens who were out protecting the village. We are lucky to have such an experienced and committed team. Finally, this is both a personal request, and one that several dog walkers have discussed with me. It is tradition to have fireworks on the 5th November, and I along with everyone

else have enjoyed them over the years. Unfortunately, the event terrifies wildlife, farm animals and pets, including my Labrador, and the worst thing it goes on for several nights (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this last weekend in Lympstone). I would appeal that next year, they are only on one night, the 5th November, and consideration be given to all that live in and share the village. County Cllr Trail thanked LFRG for all their recent efforts. County Cllr Scott asked that any flooding issues were reported to DCC Cllrs and report any gully clearing etc for DCC contractors to investigate. District Cllr Ingham added that it was illegal to let any fireworks off after 11pm. He reminded all present that if a planning application went to EDDC planning committee, then members of the public could still turn up outside the offices to make their voice heard. In the past the Parish had successfully lobbied at public enquiries.

### **Assets and Amenities Committee**

Cllr Atkins reported that the work for the Lime trees along the Avenue would only include 'pollarding of all suitable trees'. He reported on the trees in Candys: Oak tree by the play equipment was bleeding and rotting. The large Lime tree would have the dead wood removed. The Horse Chestnut tree had fencing around the failing limb to keep members of the public safe. The Lime

trees along the footpath would have selective pruning to remove the lower branches from touching pedestrians using the footpath. The Clerk was given permission to purchase two new Oak tree saplings for Candys field to replace the felled Oak and the failed Oak sapling. Cllr Atkins added that quotes for work to modify the kissing gate in Cliff Field were being sought for the PC to consider at the next meeting.

### **Community committee**

Cllr Payne reported on costs to date regarding the rebuild of the Hub building. She explained that there was only a couple more tasks to complete before a planning application could be submitted to EDDC for a rebuild.

The next PC meeting will be held on Monday 4th December in the Meeting Room, Lympstone Village Hall.

*Clerk to the Council:*

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## LYMPSTONE GARDEN FESTIVAL

**8th – 16th June 2024**

Many thanks to all the wonderful garden owners and volunteers that have come forward with offers of support to raise money for Exmouth & Lymington Hospiscare. We now have over 12 gardens ready to open over the Festival dates and it is looking to be a very exciting week for our village.

We also have support and planned activities with:

Heathfield Allotments

Wild about Lymington

Scarecrows – Theme 'The Movies'

Gulliford Burial Ground

Lymington Academy Band

We will start detailed planning in New Year and will keep you updated through the Herald and village website.

If you as an individual, a garden owner or as a village group would like to be involved in this event, please contact one of the organisers :-

### Gardens

*Linda Lyon*

*malcandlinda@aol.com*

*Liz Griffiths*

*liz@claylane.com*

*Julie Heptonstall*

*Julie.heptonstall@gmail.com*

### Wild about Lymington

*Rebecca Abrahams*

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## **LYMPSTONE MUMMERS SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

Lympstone Mummers will tour the pubs with the Village's traditional Mummers Play two nights before Christmas, on Saturday December 23rd.

The ten minute play is probably about 200 years old and is thought to have originally been performed by Lympstone's fishermen, seeking contributions to their festive funds from the "big houses".

All words in the script, handed down over generations, will be spoken but there might be the odd embellishment as England's old foes are comically cut down and rudely revived by a dubious doctor.

Our troupe of players and musician will burst thirstily into the Saddlers at around 8.30 and fight their way through the Redwing at 9.15. They will then pay homage to The Globe, performing the play outside (unless the ground is too soggy to be slaughtered on), before arriving at the Swan by about 10pm.

A collection will be taken for the Children's Society.

*Old Father Christmas*

## **MONTHLY COMMUNITY HUB LUNCHES**

The December Christmas Community Turkey Dinner – with all the trimmings – will take place at 1pm on Sunday 17 December in the Main Village Hall

Volunteers continue to deliver a hot 2 course Sunday dinner to residents around the village and to host in the Main Hall for diners who enjoy the social experience.

If you would like to have a meal delivered, or know of anyone who would appreciate this, or you would like to join us at the Hall, please get in touch with Linda Lyon. The meals will continue in the New Year.

A small donation of up to £5 is welcome but not essential. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact Linda Lyon at [malcandlinda@aol.com](mailto:malcandlinda@aol.com)

*Many thanks  
Linda Lyon*

## EXETER CITY FC FUNDRAISER

As one of hundreds of patrons of Exeter City Football Club I'm joining the growing team who want to raise funds for the club via recycling.

The club is owned by its fans and, unlike many other teams, is not funded by millionaires. It raises its money via a very successful academy that brings new talent into the game together with charity, a supporters' trust and ticket sales.

Despite the lack of a bottomless purse in the shape of a millionaire benefactor, city is a very successful and forward-thinking club - a model to others in all the leagues. City are currently in League One - the old Third Division.

One very successful fundraiser is recycling aluminium drinks cans. The "Cans for City" scheme has brought in over £17,000 so far.

Please can you help me in this by collecting drinks cans - not metal food cans - and when you have a bin liner full I will come and collect. Remember, If it is attracted by a magnet it isn't aluminium so won't be suitable.

If you can stand on them it will increase the capacity, but don't worry if you can't

crush them, I can do that after I collect. This is a very good way of helping the club and the environment in one.

Please either text, email or phone when you want a collection. Good collecting and thank you.

*Pete Hardy*  
*pete@petehardy.co.uk*  
*07739 626078*

## PARISH CHURCH

### Services leading up to and including Christmas Day:

Advent Sunday 3rd December 9.30  
Journey Service

On Sunday the 10th December 9.30  
Holy Communion.

On Friday 15th December at 3.00pm  
the Tick Tock Crib Service ideal for  
families and children.

Sunday 17th December there will be  
Holy Communion at 9.30 and at 4.00pm  
the Christingle service made popular by  
the Children's Society and originating in  
Moldova. Everyone receives an orange,  
candle, four tooth picks and some small  
sweets and dried fruit. With them we  
construct a Christingle and every part  
holds a meaning. We may also enjoy  
the sweets and fruit!

The very popular Carol Service takes  
place on Tuesday 19th December at  
7.00pm. Come early for the best seats  
as we do fill the church. Afterwards  
everyone may enjoy mulled wine and  
mince pies.

Come and join us on a tour of the village  
singing carols from 6pm on Thursday  
21st December that is a 6.00pm start  
from and returning to the church. Come  
and sing with members of the Band.

For those who like to welcome in the  
Festive Day there is the Midnight Mass  
beginning on Sunday 24th December at  
11.30pm.

There are a further two opportunities to  
attend church on Christmas Day itself.  
on Monday 25th December, - at 8.00am  
a Christmas Communion and at 9.30am  
the Family Service.

*Brian Mather.*



LYMPSTONE VILLAGE HALL – UPDATE

It was nice to see a number of Lympstone residents attending the September Village Hall AGM. During discussions some excellent topics were raised regarding areas for improvement both in terms of facilities and Hall management.

One point raised by some clubs and societies is that they consider that hire charges are considered expensive. The Trustees are very much aware that the Hall is a community facility, however, equally hire charges need to be balanced against the Hall running costs.

As a reminder to all, LVH is a CIO or charitable incorporated organisation, a form of business designed for charitable organisations. There is no major difference in how the Hall needs to run now compared to days gone by, but of course the Hall must not run at a loss otherwise it will gradually fall into a state of disrepair. The Hall is principally a facility for the community of today as well as for future generations.

So, what does it cost to run and maintain Lympstone Village Hall ?

The charity is required to maintain a cash reserve of £35,000 or 6-months turnover. Should there be another event like Covid and the Government is no

longer able to support us with grants or subsidies then that reserve would quickly disappear.

In the fiscal year 2023/24 we forecast Annual Turnover at £70,000 versus Expenditure of £65,000, a net profit of £5,000.

A summary of our forecast annual expenditure is, (significant items only):

Gas and Electricity	£6,500
Insurance	£2,000
Contract Cleaning	£5,000
General Maintenance	£5,500
Depreciation	£9,000
Project Costs	£15,600
Other Contractor Fees	£10,000
Licences and Subscriptions	£2,000
Other Costs	£9,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£65,000</b>

Any profit the Hall makes is typically re-invested in the Hall by way of Capital Improvement Projects. Examples of these are:

2023/2024 Tennis Clubhouse (£15,600). 50% shared cost with the Lympstone Tennis Club;

2024/2025 Commercial kitchen upgrade (£20,000);

2025/2026 Community Access Project



(£95,000 quoted, grants will be required)

Currently the CIO cash reserves sit at £60,000, but with the kitchen upgrade the reserve will drop back to £40,000.

The above projects clearly demonstrate that LVH is a community-focused organisation.

The need for the new tennis facility speaks for itself since the Lymstone Tennis Club previously had no proper changing facility to accommodate members and casual players or provide suitable facilities for competitive inter-club matches. Membership of the Tennis Club stands at 148; 96 adults, 52 Juniors and Students.

The kitchen upgrade has been driven by the school catering company's need to prepare and cook childrens' lunches at the Hall. The caterer's remote facility cannot handle the sheer volume of meals required for all of the schools they supply. The plan is to complete the upgrade before March 2024. Presently only LVH is contributing funds for this project.

Community Access Project - this project plan aims to significantly improve the access between Candy's Field and the Hall car park, a thoroughfare used by

parents and school children as well as access for the general public moving between the upper and lower village areas. Currently this area is not access-friendly for pedestrians never mind for wheeling pushchairs or disabled access, (particularly at this time of year). Finally, the good news for most Hall users is that our current financial position will allow us to maintain the 2023 pricing into the 2024/25 financial year. The only exception to this will be where there is a need to continue to standardise prices by removing historic discounts.

We hope that the above information provides greater insight into the Hall finances and reassures you that the CIO is focussed on projects that support the community whilst still maintaining an excellent recreational facility for Lymstone.

*Gregor Crum*  
*Chair, LVH*

## **FORGOTTEN LYPSTONE**

Goodbye to John White.

John White at the age of 91 has sadly passed from this world. He lived at Backenhayes Farm in 'forgotten Lypstone' as he called it.

John had a heart of gold despite sometimes being an awkward character. He was well known for his ability to turn his hand to a lot of things, especially if it was anything mechanical. He was always keen to tell you how to do something whether you knew or not. Many people got to know that if you wanted anything John would probably

have it in one of his many sheds. He would always support and give you a helping hand. John was very well known in the stationary engine world as he was always able to find and sell many stationary engines often which were very rare. He was employed by a number of local businesses and later in years was self-employed.

I and I am sure many from the village and further afield send their heartfelt sympathy to Polly and all the family for the loss of John.

R.I.P. John.

*Dave Tyrrell*

## **EXE HOME SUPPORT:**

Companionship and support for people who feel lonely and isolated.

As we grow old, there are fewer and fewer familiar faces around us, and making friends becomes harder. We might feel overwhelmed and have nobody to talk to. What if I told you that you are not alone, and I am here for you, curious to hear your story.

**Exe Home Support can provide help you with:**

- getting out and reconnecting to the community;
- shopping, and preparing hearty meals;
- rebuilding self esteem and sense of belonging.



A friendly face on the other side of the table on a rainy day!

If you feel like you or your loved ones would benefit from my support, please give me a ring on **07565 869990** or send me an email to **mamazurek1@gmail.com**

## **MAKE 2024 YOUR BEST YEAR YET!**

There will be an interactive talk by Elaine Paul – Wellbeing & Resilience coach at 7pm on 17th Jan in Lympstone Church for anyone who wants to explore how to make... 2024 YOUR BEST YEAR YET

...no matter what! So many people who have found some degree of outward success in their lives still find themselves with a deep need to discover personal congruency and effectiveness and for a healthy, growing relationship with themselves and other people. Even in the midst of our successes there are deep, painful problems that quick fix approaches can't fix. We need to be brave enough to examine the lens through which we see the world and see how the lens itself could more usefully interpret the world so we are empowered to action – this could involve reassessing...

Our self-image

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...the resulting changes in our perceptions will govern the way we behave. How about asking yourself 'If I knew that making changes to my imbedded perceptions would would change my life for the better, what would I change first?' Is this a question

which interests you? If so then my talk [and seminars to follow in February] will enable you to explore how to maximise your chances of ensuring 2024 becomes your year of opportunity and personal relational achievement.

7 strategies for making the changes you want will be unpacked revealing how you can achieve more than you ever thought possible.

- Understand the Neuroscience principles behind creating lasting change;
- Discover how to deal effectively with your inner critic;
- Powerfully reveal what you really want and how to get it.

Lympstone Church 17th Jan  
refreshments from 6-30pm .... £5 on the door [OAPs and students free].

*[www.elainepaul.co.uk](http://www.elainepaul.co.uk) for further information and contact details.*

## ADDRESSING LONELINESS

Hello, I am Magdalena and I am originally from little village in Poland. I moved to England 10 years ago and made it my home. I am an experienced care worker and successfully run my own home support business for a year now. I am proud of job that I do and would like to take an opportunity to spread the awareness and touch on loneliness and how it affects elderly.

I have many stories of wonderful people I have met through my line of work:

Pamela (88 years old) was a very active and independent person who spent a lot of her time out in the community.

She used to take a bus to town, do her shopping, meet friends and walk her neighbours' dog whenever she could. This all came to the end when she had a stroke. Her short term memory and mobility has been affected. She felt like going out on her own was a challenge and she felt very alone.

Through the hours of conversation and sharing our experiences we connected. The age gap between us dissolved and we became friends. We enjoy spending time together cooking, gardening, sharing a meal, being out in a community and much more. I assist her with getting her groceries and make



sure she doesn't miss on her doctors appointments.

After a year of being present in Pamela's life I asked her, how I made a difference for her and she said "Oh, I look forward seeing you walking through the door and I don't know what I would do without you."

During my work in a community I have also helped Joyce (90yearsold) who appeared to be Pamela's friend from the dancing days. I have managed to bring them together and they reconnected. Joyce is a Londoner and enjoys telling

me the stories from her youth and days at Crystal Palace grounds. She moved to Exmouth after the war and lived here with her family ever since. Socialising was a big part of Joyce's life and I am pleased I could help her meet up with some of her long lost friends.

I now work as 'Exe Home Support'. I can provide companionship and support for people who feel lonely and isolated. If you feel like you or your loved ones would benefit from my services please get in touch.

*Magdalena Mazurek*  
*07565 869990*  
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## TWO FILMS FOR CHRISTMAS

Lympstone Film Society is showing two films in December, one on a Friday evening and one as a Monday Matinee. *The Shop on the Corner* is often nominated as the best Christmas film ever made, and *White Christmas*, with the help of Irving Berlin's song, is surely the most famous.



### THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER

Friday, 8th December 7.30pm

Lympstone Village Hall

James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan star in this romantic comedy, as two employees in a shop in Budapest who can barely stand each other. As Christmas approaches the tension rises...

There were three remakes and a stage musical, but Ernst Lubitsch's original film of 1940 remains the best. If you want the cockles of your hearts warming for the festive season (and who doesn't?), this brilliant comedy is the one to see.

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

Monday, 18th December 2.30pm

Community Room, Village Hall

Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and the songs of Irving Berlin are the stars of this film. If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, the best place to look is in the village hall, exactly a week before the day itself. You won't be able to resist the tunes, and the seasonal story of a post-war song-and-dance team who fall in love with a sister act and help a failing inn owner.

*May your days be merry and bright. Especially the matinees.*

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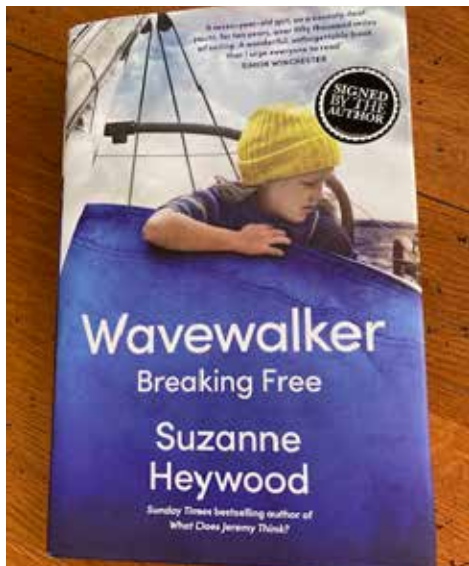
I picked this up at the recent 'Bud Salt Lit Fest.' although was sorry to miss Suzanne Heywood speaking about it.

It's an autobiographical account of a girl who's family set out to sea, loosely following in the footsteps of Capt. Cook. There's enough for the nautically-minded to enjoy but, for me, the reflection on the complexity of family dynamics was the key. How the lives of two children are impacted by those who make the decisions until gradually the balance tilts.

The unsentimental style of the author led to deepening my sense of shock at the behaviours of those around her but I found myself inspired by her determination and pursuit of knowledge.

*Sophie Minter*

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## LYMPSTONE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Almost 40 home and businesses in the village have been inspired to decorate and light up their windows this December, ensuring that everywhere will look extremely festive in the lead up to Christmas.

There are a couple of new things happening this year linked to the advent calendar that I hope you will take part in and let your family and friends know about too:

There will be a very special post box at Shenfield, Greenhill Avenue, from Saturday 9th December until Wednesday 20th December, where you can post a letter to Father Christmas. Please remember to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like a reply.

Tinned food donations will be welcomed at Estuary Cottage on the Strand from Sunday 10th December in support of Exmouth Food Bank, please support this important initiative if you can. The decorated window at Estuary Cottage will demonstrate support for the work of the food bank and its ongoing need.

As before, remember to visit the churchyard and also look out for nativity figures making their way through the village.

Free advent maps and guides are available from:

Seaglass Gallery, Susannah's Tearoom, Redwing Bar & Dining, The Swan Inn and the porch of the Parish Church.

So wrap up warmly, pick up a free advent map from one of the collection points and enjoy the show!

*Doreen Murray*

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*With thanks to everyone for their help in support of this event.*



# DRUMMING UP AN AUDIENCE

It's been a good autumn for Lypstone Entertainments. The village is still keen to assemble in its hall to be entertained together. Three professional events brought in the audiences for the new season.

The first was Duck Variations, whose title and poster were the subject of much curiosity. It turned out to be an American play, perfectly performed by two mature Exeter actors, sitting on a bench by the lake in Chicago, and sure enough discussing ducks. And other matters, of course. But always coming back to ducks. About which they

know nothing. The audience, sitting around the bench on three sides, was entranced. This was intimate, comic, engaging theatre, beautifully directed by Alistair Ganley (known to us from his work with Cygnet Theatre, appropriately enough). But this small company was Benchmark Theatre, and we have asked them to keep us informed of their next production.

At the end of October we presented another small Devon theatre company, Scratchwork Theatre, and this was very different. Whereas Duck Variations had been still and verbal, HAGS, subtitled



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A Magical Extravaganza, employed a variety of theatrical techniques – physical comedy, song and dance, magic tricks. Its subject was the Bideford Witches, three women who were the last in England to be hanged for witchcraft, in 1674 in Exeter. The show was performed by three hugely talented young women, supported by a musician who played an integral part (and a variety of instruments). They also brought a lighting technician, and the lighting effects contributed much to the drama. They attacked their subject with comic relish, and members of the audience sometimes found themselves on stage, contributing to the mayhem. It was a brilliant and entertaining way of exploring a grim subject, but the superbly-staged finale, when the three stood backlit in a dramatic tableau representing their execution, stilled the audience and moved us at the end.

In between these two wonderful dramas, we had a return visit (the fourth) from Lympstone's favourite band, The Budapest Cafe Orchestra (all the way from Haringey). A full house just loved their stirring mix of Gypsy-flavoured folk music and their own unique arrangements of famous classical tunes, that left the audience with grins on their faces and rhythm in their feet.

You'll have to wait until Christmas is over and the new year under way before the next offering, the Village Concert itself.

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## WILD ABOUT LYMPSTONE

‘The trees are about to show us how beautiful it is to let go’.

We hope you’re enjoying the magic of autumn. The abundance of sensory delights - the red rose hips, the peeking pink cyclamen, the nodding seed heads, the tumbling red, yellow, orange leaves unmasking the magnificent leafless architecture of the trees.

WAL is full of autumn buzz. We’re enjoying lots of exciting conversations across the village which are leading to a growing feast of exciting wildlife-positive community activities ...

We’re delighted to be working with the Garden Festival organisers for June 2024, contributing a variety of wildlife-positive garden activities in conjunction with DWT. We’re also collaborating with the Heathfield Allotment Trust who have kindly offered to run a 1000 Wildflower Plant Giveaway event next spring, helping to fill Lympstone’s gardens with native plants for pollinators.

WAL is excited to be supporting a passionate local lady keen to develop a small plot of land she has into a natural sensory space for reflection and wellbeing, benefiting both wildlife and the local community.

WAL supported an inaugural meeting of village folk passionate about the water quality of Wotton Brook. Bringing together a great depth of knowledge and expertise, the group will work closely with the PC, Lympstone Flood Defence Group, local community and relevant external bodies, to create a robust baseline for confidently understanding current, and changing, water quality.

Wildlife Walks are being planned by some of our enthusiastic and knowledgeable local residents. New Year dates coming soon!

Mary Turner tells us about WAL’s presence at the ‘Come and Remember’ festival at the church on 11th November...

We asked people to ‘Leaf’ a memory about local nature and wildlife on our tree – a special place in the village, a memorable moment of contact with local wildlife or a favourite view.

The responses gave an indication of what is special to people including memories of growing up in the village and playing around the harbour, swimming in the estuary, or enjoying the views from Cliff Field. Some comments were about enjoying the tranquillity and solace that nature provides, and some about noticing wildlife – buzzards

soaring above our heads, the rookery at the bottom of Wotton Lane, and fireflies once seen in Sowden Lane.

Mary Truell reports on the highlights from Devon Wildlife Trust's AGM last week... I was lucky, with much help, to be able to join by zoom, the first DWT AGM led by their new chairman, Nick Bruce- White. They have had an

extremely busy year. A few members have had to sign off due to difficult times but others have joined as the universal anxiety for wildlife's decline has spread with the knowledge of Climate Change increasing. On the good side is the coffers are still in good shape and volunteers are happily at the ready for more and more help where needed.



Nick spoke well for the second half of the meeting. Of course a highlight is the enormous success of the Beavers in the Otter River now legally fully permitted to spread through the whole country which they are starting to do. Another plus is the tremendous success of the increase of the puffins on Lundy Island with the cleansing of rats. This of course has welcomed the return of many other small species and birds who so greatly depend on the puffins return.

Much interest in the county is now focussed on the protection of ancient woodlands and the miracle of tree communication. Similarly much interest is afoot for the return of two almost extinct mammals in Devon, the pine marten and the wild cat. Nick is most grateful for the contribution from volunteers whose help is invaluable such as restoration of hedge management vital for farmland creatures, little dormice seriously declining, butterflies and all tiny insects as a vital part of the chain derived from loss of birds and bigger mammals.

However, as the Chairman said, despite improvements in some places the State Of Nature Report is still a very sad story on land, air, sea and rivers. We have GOT to convince Government in every way and in every place to enforce and fund protection of the natural environment, fund wildlife friendly farming, increase

children's outdoor learning, penalise river pollution, insist on tackling polluted air and halve the use of pesticides for farming and horticulture.

Initiative and action and pressure on our elected Governors to commit to these priorities is absolutely essential without excuse. Nick ended apologising for overstepping his timing but I think we all felt that his splendidly positive and convincing words were a most inspiring and encouraging message to end the evening.

*Rebecca Abrahams and Mary Truell*  
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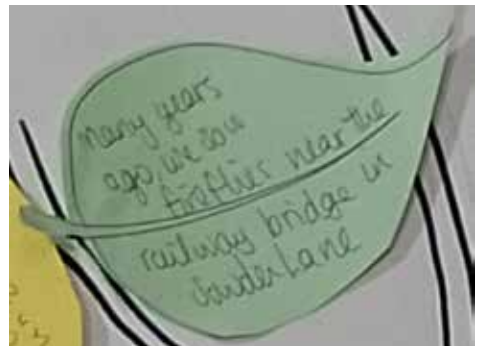
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## EXE ESTUARY TRAIL CLOSURE

### *Reminder:*

I am writing to advise that Devon County Council have appointed a contractor to carry out works to Courtlands Boardwalk – the raised timber boardwalk on the Exe Estuary Trail between Lymptone and Exmouth.

After a routine inspection, the timber elements of the boardwalk were found to have deteriorated and rotted. Minor repairs have been ongoing for a couple of years to replace individual deck planks etc, but it is now time to carry out major works to completely replace all the timber elements with fibre-reinforced polymer (FRP) elements. FRP is a durable material that will not deteriorate in the damp environment that the boardwalk is situated in.

Unfortunately due to the extensive nature of the work, there is no alternative but to close this section of the Exe Estuary Trail for the duration of the work. A diversion route will be in place as shown in the attached plan.

The works are scheduled to start towards the end of September (after the school summer holidays) and is expected to last for about 3 months.

Information boards are going to be put up along the trail soon to advise users of the upcoming closure, closure dates, and more information about the works and why we are doing it. We would like to try and reach as many interested parties as possible (local residents, businesses and other stakeholders) so please do forward this email on as necessary.

*Kind regards,*  
*James Leigh*  
*Engineer (Bridges & Structures)*  
*Engineering Design Group*  
*Devon County Council*

## PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS.

### Lympstone Flood Resilience Group

At the drop in sessions in September we set out our flood risk and how we can respond to it. The panels from the exhibition can be viewed on the village website: [www.lympstone.org](http://www.lympstone.org)

We have already had 4 named storms this autumn and can expect more over the winter. We need your support to make sure that we are as best prepared for flooding as we can be.

We have two teams of flood wardens, an estuary and an inland team. The inland team this year invites everyone to 'grab a stick and clear a drain'. Just spend a few seconds when you are out and about clearing leaves or debris from drain covers that are clogged. In the next couple of months in particular, your help will make a big difference!

If your land boundary is next to Wotton Brook, or one of the other watercourses in the village, you are a Riparian Owner. Please keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase the flood risk, either on your land or downstream if it is washed away. A useful reference document for Riparian Owners is the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) Owning a Watercourse

If you see any activity that could cause blockages which increase the risk of flooding, please report them immediately to Environment Agency's incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60 (freephone, 24 hour response)

We encourage you to look into ways in which you can protect your own property. There is a lot of useful advice in: [www.befloodready.uk](http://www.befloodready.uk)

Measures you may wish to consider include:

- Flood boards: usually placed in vulnerable doorways, in pre-fitted channels;
- Sandbags or water filled bags. Put in place before a flood event;
- Non return valves: can be installed to drains around the home to stop floodwater backing up. Also for installation in toilet pans to prevent sewage backing up;
- Airbrick covers or self closing air bricks to prevent flood water entering.

A comprehensive list of flood protection products and specialist fitting companies can be found in the Blue Pages ([www.bluepages.org.uk](http://www.bluepages.org.uk))

If your property is particularly vulnerable to flooding you may be able to apply for a Property Flood Resilience Grant from Devon County Council to help with the costs of making your property more resilient. Details of the scheme, and the application process can be found on the Devon County Council website (search for Property Flood Resilience Grant).

Finally, members of the Lymptstone Flood Resilience Group, and our floodwarden team are here to help. If you have any flooding concerns, or feel vulnerable or at risk from flooding, please get in touch with us.

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*07715 454726*

*Helen Dimond LFRG*

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# Devon Resilience Innovation Project DRIP

The aim of the Devon Resilience Innovation Project (DRIP) is to help communities at risk of flooding become more resilient and recover quicker in the event of flooding.

One way of making a community more resilient is to ensure that vital community assets and services such as community buildings, local food shops and health services are protected and still available during a flood event.

Providing a free PFR survey and possibly funding recommended PFR measures to community assets is one of the grant in aid projects available to selected communities as part of DRIP.

As part of the Devon Resilience Innovation Project (DRIP), Devon County Council's Flood Risk Management team is offering a free survey to identify what "Property Flood Resilience" (PFR) measures can be installed to selected businesses and community buildings.

Installing PFR measures can help reduce the impact and damage caused in the event of a flood. They include fitting flood proof doors, flood proof airbricks and non return valves on drainage systems. The primary purpose is to keep flood waters out of the property. More information on PFR and how it works can be found at: [www.befloodready.uk](http://www.befloodready.uk).



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If your business/organisation is a community asset as defined above, within the location of Lymptstone and you are interested in a free survey, please email Holly Cavill at JBA (Holly.Cavill@jbaconsulting.com) – Devon County Councils agents, who are acting on our behalf with:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your contact details (email and telephone) and
- Your response to the following 2 questions:

1. Have you flooded previously?  
Please specify any known flood routes, e.g., front or back door, sewerage backing up etc.

2. If no, do you consider yourself to be at risk – and if you do, how? For example, you have a watercourse backing your property, or the road or your back yard was flooded in the past or water lapped close to your property threshold (ponding or flowing near the entrances to your property), or the property next door has flooded.

Surveys and funded PFR will be given on a first come, first served basis until funding runs out. When we receive your email confirming you are interested, our contracted specialist surveyor (JBA Consulting Ltd.) will arrange a date to survey your property and assess the flood risk. The surveyor will then produce a report for your property recommending appropriate measures.

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