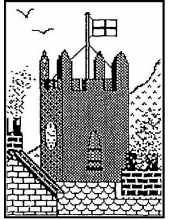


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Season's Greetings from the Parish Council and good wishes for 2025.

Councillors contact details: Simon Phillips 580240; Deborah and Ed Phillips 580424; Ben Farlam 07950 344024; David Ives email ives5296@gmail.com; Kara Pincombe 580900; Grant & Shelley Sherman 580086; Ann & Chris Stanton 581473; Jean Trehitt 580049; Ed Tyldesley, email edtyldesley@gmail.com

Next Police Surgery in the Town Hall – Monday, 16 December. 10am to 12 noon.

2025/26 Budget and Precept. Councillors voted not to increase the Precept, which will stay at £32,000.00 to run the Council for 2025/26.

Councillors agreed to give grants to organisations who requested one: Town Hall; Parish Church, Cheldon Parish Church, Chulmleigh Playing Field Association, Jubilee Committee, Brownies, Youth Football Club, Tennis Club, Citizens Advice and the North Devon Record Office.

January Meeting. Meetings are usually held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, which in January is the 1st – New Year's Day, so for January 2025, the meeting will be on Monday, 6th at 7pm in the Town Hall.

All Parish Councillors do meet once a month in the Town Hall and chat.

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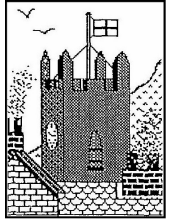
The picture shows Councillors Farlam, Sherman and Stanton spreading chippings on Davy Park paths and in addition, they repaired some of the play area surface which had been damaged.



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Councillors Sherman, Stanton and Ives have also been busy refurbishing the dilapidated telephone box in Leigh Road – you can't have failed to notice the improvement.

After that, they are going to turn their attention to the Davy Park railings which will then allow Councillor Farlam to fix the Davy Park sign back again.

Councillor Ed Phillips checks the defibrillators leased by the Parish Council and sends a monthly report to The Circuit. It also involves checking the batteries and making sure other equipment is in place.

Councillor Stanton liaises with the Police at the monthly surgery.

Councillor Mrs S Sherman checks the Davy Park play equipment on a monthly basis and reports at Parish Council meetings.

Councillor Farlam liaises with the Parish Council's gardener about the places requiring attention.

Councillor G Sherman attends regular meetings on behalf of the Parish Council in connection with the Tarka Railway Line campaign, is on the Eggesford Monitoring Group and DRIP.

Councillors G and Mrs S Sherman are the co-ordinators for Public Rights of Way and regularly walk the footpaths to ensure they are passable.

Councillor S Phillips is currently liaising with a contractor regarding CCTV and the Fire Brigade about a suitable location for a new grit bin.

Councillors Mrs D Phillips, E Phillips, Mrs A Stanton and C Stanton are responsible for displaying posters, this Newsletter and Notices around the town.

Councillor Ms Trehwitt posts information on Facebook.

Councillor Tyldesley is the link with the Town Hall and Allotments and facilitates the smooth liaison between the organisations.

So no, it isn't just a cosy get together once a month, Vicar of Dibley style. Meetings are open to the public and anyone can come and observe the Parish Council at work and see for themselves just how much effort is put in on a voluntary basis.

The Parish Council is revisiting it's Emergency Plan and as a follow up to the piece in the November Newsletter, here is some more advice:

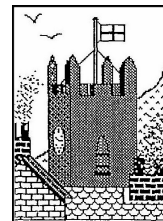
Move important documents and possessions and store them in a location where they won't be damaged by flood water. Protect them in a waterproof container and keep them in a place that is easy to get to in an emergency. These might include:

- ⇒ Passport
- ⇒ Driving licence
- ⇒ Medical, debit and credit cards
- ⇒ Insurance documents
- ⇒ Computers or laptops / mobile phones and chargers
- ⇒ Important photos and papers including details of repeat prescriptions
- ⇒ Items of sentimental value

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Contact details you might need: home, contents and vehicle insurance.

Utilities: electricity, gas, water, telephone, broadband, mobile phone, social media providers

Finance: bank accounts

Pets: kennels, carers, vets,

Council: District and / or Parish Council

Medical: Doctors, hospitals

Prepare a flood kit such as important documents and contact information; warm waterproof and dry clothing and footwear; a torch; drinking water; medicine; toys for children; baby care items; mobile phone or device charger or spare batteries

Think about what to do with pets if a flood happens, where they might go, their food, carriers, medicines.

Consider a winter car survival kit in case you get stuck somewhere in poor weather:

- ❖ Warm clothes
 - ❖ Waterproofs
 - ❖ High vis jackets
 - ❖ Sturdy footwear
 - ❖ Hot drinks and snacks
 - ❖ Shovel and warning triangles
 - ❖ Jump leads
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CrimeStoppers is not the Police. It is an organisation where members of the public can report, anonymously, various issues to be followed up.

The most important issue in Chulmleigh it seems at the moment, is anti social behaviour. This can be reported via CrimeStoppers if people don't want to contact the Police, and importantly, you can name the people involved, without any comeback to you.

Contact details are: 0800 555 111 or online: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>

Using hot water bottles safely. People are advised to check their hot water bottles and follow safety guidelines before use.

Hot water bottles can cause serious burns if not used safely and they can also degrade over time. If you have older hot water bottles you might consider replacing these with new ones.

You can check the manufacturing date: look for the number in the middle of the flower symbol found on the bottle, which indicates the year of manufacturer.

Before use, it is important to visually check your hot water bottle for splits or cracks in the body and make sure the stopper can be screwed on tightly by hand.

Farm Watch – Horse Watch. Farm Watch look after property through the sharing of intelligence between the community and the Police.

They provide a ring-round service, encourage neighbours to look out for each other and give officers an opportunity to get to know their local community.

They also provide property marking and crime prevention advice.

Horse watch members work together to reduce theft of horses, ponies and equestrian equipment.

If you would like to join visit www.devonandconrwall.police.uk

8 May 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the ending of World War II. There will be celebrations to mark this occasion – please look out for further details. Offers of help will be very welcome – please contact one of the Parish Councillors if you would like to be involved.

Christmas Recycling. The usual dates may change.

Check on <https://www.northdevon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/christmas-collection-dates>