

Chulmleigh Parish Council – May Newsletter

If you would like to have this Newsletter by email, please contact Sue Squire .

Email: chulmleighparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

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

The next Police Surgery will be on Tuesday, 2 June 2025 in the Town Hall between 10am and 12 noon, subject to operational duties.

Chulmleigh has a new County Councillor. Following the County Council Elections on 1 May, when the sitting County Councillor, Paul Henderson, did not stand, electors had the choice to vote for 6 candidates.

The elected person to be the County Councillor for the Chulmleigh and Landkey Ward is Ed Tyldesley, one of Chulmleigh's Parish Councillors and congratulations are extended to him.

Annual Parish Council Meeting. This will take place on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 in the Town Hall at 7pm.

It is the first meeting of the Parish Council in the new municipal year which starts on 1 May.

The first item on the Agenda must always be the Election of the Chairman.

After that, there then follows the Election of the Vice Chairman, Parish Representatives, acceptance by Parish Councillors to receive communications from the Parish Council by email, review and adoption of compliance and policies, approval of the year end accounts and the Annual Return relating to the 2024/25 audit, where the paperwork will be taken to Westcotts, Accountants of Barnstaple for them to carry out the internal audit. Once that has been completed, the Annual Return and other paperwork has to be sent to the external auditor, appointed by the government, P K F Littlejohn LLP of London.

Don't fall foul of the Fatal 5. Devon and Cornwall Police is supporting a national campaign highlighting the most common causes of fatal and serious road traffic collisions.

The Fatal Five road safety campaign ran throughout April, seeking to raise awareness of the top five issues which cause road traffic collisions and death or serious injury on the roads.

The five main reasons why people are killed and seriously injured on the roads are:

- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Impairment (e.g. drink/drug driving)
- Speeding
- Distraction (e.g. mobile phones)
- Careless driving (e.g. middle lane hogging, poor observation and hazard awareness)

The campaign targets drivers with a focus on educating the youngest and oldest drivers – two of the most at risk groups.

Data shows older drivers as being involved in a quarter of fatalities. The most common factors attributed to older car driver collisions were 'fail to look properly' and 'fail to judge another person's path or speed.'

With young people the issues are related to speeding and distraction (such as using a mobile phone.)

Chulmleigh Parish Council – May Newsletter

If you would like to have this Newsletter by email, please contact Sue Squire .

Email: chulmleighparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

The campaign also focusses on the importance of fitness to drive. Things such as age, experience, physical fitness and eyesight are critical factors for a person to be able to drive safely – both for their own safety and that of others.

Defibrillator Awareness and First Aid Course. This is being held on Thursday, 26 June in the Town Hall at 7pm.

The course offers quality training over a wide range of issues and those present can be involved in a practical way, having the chance to take part in using equipment if they wish.

It is for this reason that the course is limited to 20 people, so that all can get the most from it. At the time of preparing this Newsletter, 16 people have signed up, so if you or someone you know are thinking of attending, don't leave it too late to be booked in.

Message from North Devon Council Waste and Recycling Department.

Please remember to separate your recycling into the correct bins:

Black / Green box:

- ⇒ Mixed plastics, which includes yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic bottles and food trays, except for black plastic
- ⇒ Food tins and drink cans
- ⇒ Aluminium foil
- ⇒ Aerosol cans

Blue Box = Glass bottles and jars only

It might seem like a small thing, but getting it right really helps protect our equipment and keeps everything running smoothly.

Unsure? Visit: northdevon.gov.uk/what-goes-where

Forthcoming Road Closures:

14/4/25 – 8/10/25 (Extension). Church Street, Chulmleigh. Closure required due to scaffolding being required to keep property safe after gable wall fell out.

3/6/25 – 4/6/25. Road from Kersham Bridge Cross to Leigh Cross, Chulmleigh to replace pole and pole test.

11/8/25. Road from Cheldon Cross to Cheldon Barton Cross, Chawleigh for safe access of pole replacement and pole testing.

Sometime between 28/4/25 and 30/9/25. Surface dressing and associated works at Langley Lane.

31/07/25. Cheldon Cross to Affeton Castle Cross, Cheldon. Road closure required to provide safety for engineers to work on overhead structure for replacement of telegraph pole to restore customer service. Excavation is required to provide safe working area throughout.