

Report to Chulmleigh PC Meeting 03.12.25

Please find set out below my report as follows:

Local Information:

Many of you will have noticed the loss of a magnificent tree in Langley Lane. The tree has unfortunately been felled. I have raised an Enforcement Case to establish if the felling was unauthorised or not. In any event I am very saddened that even after the recent Sycamore Gap news anyone could choose to remove such a magnificent species.

On a positive I am delighted to confirm that the Town Hall has received important funding from both County Council and District Council to enable a new photographic exhibition. This is part of the Winter's Flourishing Culture Awards and will showcase a number of local, and distinguished, photographers work. More news to follow when dates are set. The exhibition will be in the ground floor hall and run for three months.

Urgent / Important Information:

[Planning Committee Site Visit](#) – Wed 10th December 2025 - Mortehoe

Christmas waste and recycling schedule changes confirmed

North Devon Council is reminding residents to prepare for changes to waste and recycling collections over the festive period. Adjusted schedules will be in place from Wednesday 24 December through to Saturday 3 January, with normal services resuming on Monday 5 January 2026.

Residents are advised to check the [council's website](#) for their revised collection days to ensure bins are not missed. To help crews manage the busy holiday period efficiently, all bins, boxes and bags should be placed out by 6am on the day of collection. There will be no garden waste collections during the two-week period starting Monday 22 December, with services resuming in early January.

District councils submit proposal for reimagined local government in Devon

A business case for reshaped and reimagined local services has been jointly submitted to the Government by seven of Devon's 11 councils.

East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge and West Devon district councils have jointly submitted *Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better* to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government following approval from each council's respective members earlier this week.

The proposal is the districts' answer to local government reorganisation - the UK Government's plan to simplify the structure of local services in England.

- Torbay and Southern Devon – a unitary authority with South Hams, Teignbridge, Torbay and West Devon
- Exeter and Northern Devon – a unitary authority with East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon and Torridge
- Plymouth City Council remaining a standalone unitary authority.

The proposal, along with the other submissions for Devon, will be the subject of a government-led public consultation which is expected to take place in early 2026.

The full proposal, *Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better*, is available to view at <https://www.reimaginingdevon.org>.

Decisions of note:

[ADOPTION OF AIR QUALITY STRATEGY](#) – at Strategy and Resources 3rd November 2025.

[APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2025/26](#) – at Full Council 19th November 2025

Consultations:

Update on public consultations:

Residents have second chance to have their say on town and parish proposals

North Devon Council is continuing its Community Governance Review in which it reviews the boundaries and electoral arrangements for towns and parishes to ensure they are effective, fair and reflect the needs of their communities.

A number of town and parish councils put forward initial proposals, which were consulted on between July and September. Having considered the feedback received, a further consultation is now taking place until the end of January 2026.

Residents in the affected parishes are encouraged to take part in the consultation, which is open until 30 January 2026.

Residents can view the detailed proposals and take part in the consultation by visiting northdevon.gov.uk/lets-talk and completing the survey that affects them.

Port marine Safety Code – Surveys for users of the ports.

[Port Marine Safety Code | Let's Talk North Devon](#)

Self-Service Feedback Survey - closes 21 December

[Self-Service Feedback Survey | Let's Talk North Devon](#)

The following press releases have been issued:

Press releases are available on the NDC website at: [News | North Devon Council](#)

Wishing you all the best, health & happiness over the festive period.

Please stay safe & well.

Kind Regards

Kevin

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