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How much do you know about the river Clyst ? Could you be a citizen scientist and find out more?

I have been lucky to live all my life within a few hundred meters of the river, and on a farm with fields alongside.

Since the age of about four I have been “swimming” in the river, although not so much in the last 40 years. I have witnessed some extraordinary events, like the occasion, about 30-40 years ago, when a lorry fire on the M5 caused a pollution event, with Environment Agency personnel down on the farm here fishing dozens of dead trout out of the river.

On other occasions I have watched the Agency do “electro-fishing” when they bring fish to the surface using an electric charge. Once doing some farm work down by the river, my wife and I were lucky enough to see a kingfisher catch a fish and eat it. Another time when we were walking along the bank, we found a dead part-eaten lamprey. When I was small, I used to trap eels regularly, although I would never do that now that they are rare.



We have got used to otter spraint and sometimes see the otters themselves. When I was young I spent what seems like most of the summer with a friend, spuddling about with dams, and a sort of boat. Later a friend moved to Topsham and we used to trespass down onto the Clyst between Topsham and Clyst St Mary.



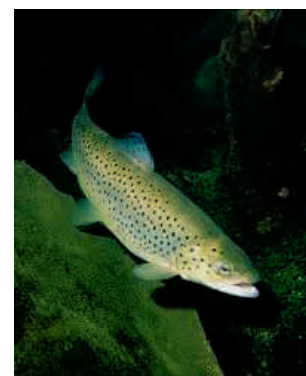
More recently, in the interests of pulling up Himalayan balsam, (which we are managing to control, unlike every other river I know), I have walked the river banks of fellow farmers for most of the middle run of the river. So I think I have seen a bit more of the river than some people.

Yet how much do I really know about the Clyst? Very little really.

Is the plant and animal life improving or deteriorating? Are the levels of nutrients or E.Coli a cause for concern? I sometimes feel that the Environment Agency moves in mysterious ways, with none of the rest of us having any idea of what they are

thinking or doing. So I very much welcome their recent initiative with the Westcountry Rivers Trust to train and equip “citizen scientists” to sample and analyse the river and also provide help in understanding the results. A couple of members of Broadclyst Environment Group have already signed up and you can here: <https://wrt.org.uk/westcountry-csi/>

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Chairman's Corner

Councillor Henry Massey

Spring is finally upon us and it has been a busy few months at the Parish Council. We recently held a consultation for the East Devon Local Plan, which includes a potential allocation of 175 new homes for Broadclyst.

We have also been dealing with the latest planning application for the expansion of Cranbrook towards Station Road. The application includes the re-routing of the lower part of Station Road through the new development. In addition, we are excited to share that East Devon District Council is creating a new Country Park within recently purchased land just off Station Road.

In the midst of all this, we have been keeping busy with our usual planning

applications, funding requests, and ongoing support for the food bank.

We have received some great news as well. Two of the three schools in our Parish had OFSTED inspections in the Autumn, with Broadclyst Community Primary school maintaining its 'Outstanding' rating, and Clyst Vale receiving a 'Good' rating. We are proud to have such high performing schools and extend our congratulations to all those involved.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed by an independent examiner and we have received good feedback. The plan will now be subject to a referendum, in which everyone in our Parish gets

to vote to support it (or not). We are hopeful that East Devon District Council can complete this process in time for the upcoming elections on May 4th. If this date is missed, the referendum will be held in early June.

Regardless, we hope for a good turnout. The Neighbourhood Plan is the most powerful tool we have to help shape our future and deal with the pressures our Parish will almost certainly face.

Lastly, we want to remind everyone that the law has recently changed, and to vote you now need photo ID. Acceptable forms of ID include a passport, photocard driving licence, or an older person's photo bus pass. If you do not



have any of these forms of ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate at <https://www.broadclyst.org/vote>.

We hope you all have a wonderful Spring!

Angie Hurren

Clerk's Report

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is a statutory public body that makes decisions on behalf of the people in its local community. It is the level of government closest to the people, and is often the first place people will go with concerns or ideas.

The work of the Parish Council falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community

- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the Parish

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish Councils have power to make decisions on issues that affect the local community and work with other authorities in matters relating to their community. This influence can be powerful

as the authorities making the final decisions know that a Parish Council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and therefore what we say is taken seriously.

Parish Councils often have responsibility for things right outside your door, those everyday things that get taken for granted, such as play areas, community sports pitches, parks and

open spaces, village halls, allotments, footpaths, and rubbish/dog bins. Parish Councils also get involved with planning matters (as consultees), traffic and highways, crime prevention, and supporting local groups, as well as campaigning for and delivering better public services and facilities.

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Clerk's Report contd.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

If you've never been to a Parish Council meeting before, your preconception is probably of a group of people (predominantly older men) who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. However, here in Broadclyst, most of our Councillors are men and women of working age who have joined the Council to make a difference.

By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance, and support: a community leader and, seeing your community grow and change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped make and projects you have helped deliver, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

How much time does it take up?

Council meets every other month, with committee meetings in between for specific topics such as planning, the environment, finance. Meetings do not last longer than two hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. In addition to the regular meetings, Councillors can volunteer to attend other meetings representing the Council, for example acting as a representative on an

outside body, community activities, or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every day, so it's not going to take over your life.

All meetings are open to the public and there is a forum before the start of the meeting during which members of the public are invited to speak. All meetings are advertised on the Council notice boards and the website. Residents can bring to the attention of the Parish Council anything that concerns them though the Council's Clerk. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the council, the Clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Broadclyst Parish Council has 15 council 'seats'. Once elected, the 15 Parish Councillors sit on the Council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election. Should something happen during their Term of Office and a Councillor becomes unable to continue in their seat, the vacancy is filled through co-option.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

You must be:

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union.

- over 18 years of age, and you have to be one of the following:
- a local government elector for the Council area for which you want to stand.

- have during the whole of the 12 months occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the Council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.

You cannot stand for election if you

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- work for the Council you want to become a Councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

You don't have to be connected to a political party.

Parish Councillors follow a Code of Conduct and abide by the Nolan



principles of Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.

How are Parish Councils funded?

The council has the power to raise money through taxation, known as the 'precept'. This is the Parish Council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, East Devon District Council, which acts as a collection agency for the County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Police, and Fire service.

Don't take our word for it!

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. We are arranging opportunities to come along and speak to one of our Councillors and find out what they think of the job. Please contact the office on **01392 360269** or email office@broadclyst.org for further details and time/date/locations of these informal sessions.

Angie Hyrren

Killerton News

Thirsty for Fashion – a new exhibition exploring circular clothing, past and present

How can we ensure that the textiles and clothing we buy, make and wear is durable, ethical and avoids waste? Can we learn lessons from past practices and reapply forgotten skills to looking after our clothes?

This new exhibition will draw from the fashion and dress collections at Killerton to highlight examples of some of the techniques used by people to repair, remodel, reuse and rewear clothing from the 18th century to the present day.

One approach is to adopt a way of prolonging the wear of clothing and making sure that it is reused and at the end of its useful life can be recycled. This is 'circular' fashion. In the historical past, nothing was simply thrown away. Clothes were altered or passed on to be worn again or recycled and made into something else useful. Our lively exhibition helps to highlight some of the issues and ideas to promote change.

The exhibition will also feature contemporary designers and makers who are introducing exciting ways to rethink our wardrobes and approaches to dressing.

The exhibition is on the first floor of the house and

opens daily 11am-4pm, last entry 3.30pm.

Easter at Killerton

This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Killerton on our Easter trail.

Make your way along the trail and find fun activities for the whole family. The trail takes place between 25 March to 16 April 2023, 10am-5pm, with last entry at 4.30pm, so come along and explore the beautiful garden and chapel grounds of Killerton.

We also have a dog friendly trail available, please see the team in Visitor Reception on arrival.

All trails cost £3 per child and includes a trail map, pencil, and a chocolate egg.



Army blanket and woollen cloth dressing gown



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For all events, normal admission fees apply.

Claire Houghton Ward

Clyston Mill

It will be soon time to throw back the shutters and allow the light to flood into Clyston Mill once again.

From 1st May the mill will be open every Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the end of September. See our website for opening times and admission prices.

Marker's Cottage is to be let as a private residential property and so will not reopen to the public.



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Broadclyst Victory Hall News

Clare Ratcliffe

The Committee of the BVH are pleased to say that in March this year contractors will be installing solar panels, batteries and three electric meters to the Hall. It is hoped that as a result the hire charges will be kept at the same reasonable rates as they have been for years in spite of constant maintenance and up-grading. It is hoped to install air conditioning at the same time as the

solar panels but planning permission has not been granted at the time that this is being written, so there may be a delay

Various activities take place regularly, so providing a variety of events to suit different ages and interests in pleasant surroundings. Tina McAllister, the helpful manager and booking clerk, would be pleased to discuss amenities and conditions



or show prospective hirers around and take bookings. Contact her on **07917 525228** or email : **bookings@broadclystvictoryhall.co.uk**

Broadclyst Community Café

Danielle Hammond

Broadclyst Community Café first opened its doors in March, 2015. Its aim was to provide tea, coffee, chat, company and a warm inclusive welcome to the whole community.

In September 2021 as Covid restrictions started to lift we re-opened at a new address! The

Broadclyst Social club (next to the Victory Hall) kindly offered us a more spacious venue. The dedicated team of ladies and, of course, gentlemen continue to provide refreshments as well as some delicious locally made cakes (thank you Jo).

We are open weekly on a Thursday morning from 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon and look forward to seeing you all soon. All welcome.

Many thanks for the continued support of this lovely community venture.



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This year Kobe's Corner Dog Grooming will be holding a family dog show in the car parking field, starting at 12 pm. There are 7 classes (£3 per class). Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

1. Most handsome dog 2. Prettiest bitch 3. Fastest Bonio eater
4. Waggiest tail 5. Dog the judge would most like to take home
6. Agility 7. Best in show

Please note we welcome the dogs, they must be kept on a lead near the livestock and will not be allowed into the lambing barn.

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E.ON District Heating problems and Compensation payments

Many properties in the Parish on the Westclyst and Tithebarn developments have their heating and hot water provided by E.ON through the District Heating System.

The aim of District Heating is that it is more environmentally friendly than a gas boiler in every house. This is controversial, as the heat is coming from combustion of gas and a proposed transition to biomass has been cancelled, but we should not lose hope that the network will be low carbon in future. A new proposal to harness waste heat from an incinerator is now favoured, but for the next few years the heat source will continue to be gas, burned at Monkerton power station, or at a local substation if the connection to the Monkerton network is not completed.

As a Parish Council we are aware that residents have reported frequent disruption to their heating

and hot water and the situation seems to have worsened over recent months. Clearly, as a Parish Council, we have no control over the District Heating system and nor can we impose any sanctions on E.ON to improve matters. It seems likely that most of the disruption is not bad enough to trigger compensation under the terms of your contract with E.ON, although it may do, for example in cases where you lose heat for several days. E.ON have been making "goodwill" payments to some residents, but it's not straight forward. To improve your chance of compensation, report all disruption. Contact E.ON either via their online account (<https://heat.eonenergy.com/help/self-diagnostics>) or via the phone number on your Heat Interface Unit so there is a record with E.ON. This makes it easier when contacting E.ON after an outage regarding recouping the

daily service charge. In some cases residents have been offered £10 compensation for an outage, as well as the refund of the daily service charge, because E.ON did not send out a message acknowledging a sitewide fault and then failed to send out a message to say it had been restored. In other words, the £10 goodwill payment was compensation for poor communications. Again, it's easier to ask for the compensation payment if you logged the disruption at the time.

Residents are annoyed because the heat network operator (E.ON) has a monopoly of supply for 80 years and is not yet regulated by OfGem. It feels like they can get away with poor service.

In addition to the sitewide breakdowns, there are problems with temperature levels which are sometimes difficult to resolve when E.ON blames the householder's plumbing, and the householder's plumber blames the heat interface unit. East Devon District Council have been taking up the problem, which affects Cranbrook as well, and it has been agreed that six-monthly meetings will be held with E.ON to review customer service. We understand that Broadclyst Parish Council will be represented at those meetings. Let's hope that E.ON improve their service in response to the pressure from all of us!

Henry Gent and Paul Whitmarsh, with help from Matthew Lehnert

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News from Broadclyst Youth Club

Becky Merriman

Hello from the Broadclyst youth club!

2022 was a very busy year for us at the Youth Club and involved a lot of activities and trips. We have gone from a club of around five or six young people to a regular group of twenty.

They have enjoyed activities such as making pizza, playing Mario kart and just dance, playing football outside with our new football goal, craft activities such as wood burning and junk

modelling, easter egg hunts and Christmas parties. We have also been bowling and played laser tag.

If your young person would like to join Youth Club we are open for school years 6-9 from 4.30pm to 6.00pm on a Thursday night at the Broadclyst Sports Pavillion.

We are also seeking some enthusiastic people to volunteer with us at the Youth Club. We really love being able to

run the club and that so many young people want to attend. However in order to increase capacity we need more adult help. We would love anyone that wants to get involved to email

youthservice@ymcaexeter.org.uk or call Becky on 01392 410530 ext 314.



Wishford Farm Boardwalk Remedial Work

We are pleased to announce that the Wishford Farm Boardwalk Remedial Works project has a planned start date of 20th March 2023.

The plans are to replace the existing timber boardwalk with a GRP (glass reinforced plastic) deck that will match the existing structure like for like including the single parapet.

The proposed boardwalk has been designed to ensure that the structure has a long-life span that requires minimal maintenance work, and that the boardwalk can be used during flooding events to help stranded motorists.

The works are due to begin onsite on the 20th of March and last for four weeks. A single-lane closure will be required for the duration of the works, however full

pedestrian access will be maintained during this time and emergency vehicles will be prioritised.

We had tried to time the works to coincide with the February half-term but owing to delays with material supplies this hasn't been possible. The BMW drivers thank you for your patience as these long-awaited and necessary works are undertaken.



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Broadclyst Gardening Club

Chris Morley - Secretary

2022 was another busy and interesting year for the Gardening Club. We were delighted that things in the village were finally returning to "normal" after the pandemic, and that we were able to make a contribution to Fun Day and to the celebrations for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were particularly proud, though, of our efforts for the Church's Flower Festival in the autumn, when our display centred around the Yellow Brick Road was very successful.

We also had some interesting and informative club meetings. Among the most memorable were a presentation by Jake Chant of the Devon Wildlife Trust on the River Otter beaver project (our interests extend far beyond our own back gardens!) and a talk by one of our own members, Clive, on the growing and care of orchids. Clive is something of an expert on these exotics, and brought along some spectacular

specimens of his own to show us. We all determined to make more of an effort next time we are given one as a gift!

In June Clive also invited us to visit his own garden to see his gigantic agave, which was in flower for the first time after 25 years! I don't think any of us will ever forget this magnificent plant, and we were all very sad to think that it would probably die after flowering.



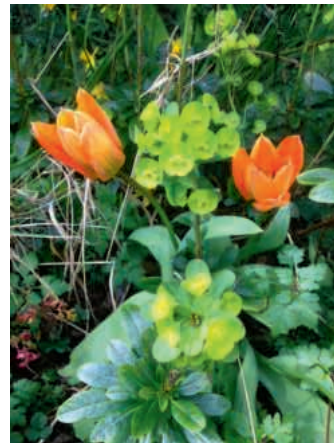
We have some exciting meetings planned for 2023, too. In March, Becky Searle, who spoke to us in 2021 about no-dig gardening, will be returning with her talk on

Sustainable Gardening. In April Saul Walker, who is head gardener of Stonelands House and Gardens in Dawlish, will tell us about his work via a Zoom link, and in May David Carver will talk to us about growing alpines. Later in the year Clive is going to address us again, this time about Italian gardens on the Amalfi Coast.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Wiltshier Room at the Victory Hall, and non-members are always welcome. Membership currently costs £15 per year, and non

-members are asked to pay £2.50 per meeting. Please join us!

*Chris Morley
Secretary*



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News From Cornerstone Academy Trust

Great news from Ofsted



Broadclyst Community Primary School (BCPS) has retained its Outstanding status in all areas.

The school has held this status since 2008 under previous inspection regimes, and has now retained the award, in spite of a more rigorous, new Ofsted framework in which approximately only 3% of schools nationally achieve the outstanding judgement. This news followed the announcement that only 20% of previously outstanding schools have been able to retain the award since the current approach began.

The founding school of the Trust, BCPS provides opportunities to meet the needs of every child and it offers a challenging learning environment that inspires children to achieve high standards and become lifelong independent learners. The Trust ethos is fully inclusive with unlimited aspirations for all pupils. In the Ofsted report, published on 30 November, inspectors noted that: "Leaders' focus on ensuring that every pupil receives an outstanding education is relentless. Their high expectations and aspirations for pupils ensure that they excel in all areas of the curriculum."

In terms of the curriculum, they stated that: "Leaders have constructed an exceptional curriculum.

From Nursery to key stage 2, pupils are enthused by their learning. The curriculum enables pupils to learn complex concepts progressively. Teachers plan exciting learning, enriched by digital technology. Learning is adapted so that all pupils learn the curriculum well, with appropriate support provided where required. This ensures that all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), learn successfully". The school's reputation for the innovative use of digital technologies was also highlighted.

With regard to children's behaviour, they said: "Pupils, in all year groups, behave exceptionally well. They are highly engaged, enthusiastic learners. Pupils state that bullying is very rare and that, if it occurs, staff resolve it immediately. Pupils' emotional well-being is a priority. Pupils feel safe and very well cared for."

Inspectors were also impressed with the safeguarding measures in place: "Leaders are vigilant about the physical and emotional safety of pupils. Staff receive robust training so that they can recognise potential risks to pupils. Staff record any concerns in a timely manner so that pupils and families receive the help required... The curriculum helps pupils to know how to keep themselves safe. They learn about online safety and the importance of keeping physically healthy."

Jonathan Bishop, the Trust's CEO and Executive Headteacher, said: "We are

delighted that Ofsted has recognised the hard work of teachers and support staff and awarded the school 'outstanding' again. All our schools function on a trust-wide basis, with the curriculum and events planned and implemented across all four of them, so this is great news for the whole Trust."

Trust-wide school trips

Educational visits can have an impact that is difficult to achieve in the classroom, increasing children's confidence, motivation and appetite for learning. Every term each year group has at least one school trip matched to the curriculum. Year 1 learned about explorers at Torquay Museum, year 2 found out about World War II at Tiverton Museum, and year 3 enjoyed a Chocolate Workshop as part of a Mayan-themed day.

As part of their geography curriculum, 150 year 4 children went to the Farmwise Schools Day at Westpoint. The event is all about farming in Devon and the children discovered where our food comes from – and they could touch, feel and even smell how farms work, coming home with goody bags too!

Year 5 visited the replica of the Golden Hind in Brixham to enhance their history studies and Year 6 will shortly be going on a residential trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and all the sights of the capital city.



A very special recent highlight was a trip by a quarter of all year 5 and 6 from Broadclyst and Westclyst – the 72 members of the schools' chamber choirs - to perform in Young Voices at the O2 Arena. This was one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world, with a total of 9,000 participants. The children travelled entirely on public transport and enjoyed many other cultural experiences during their time away, including time at the Tate Modern. The performance on 20 January was very exciting for all, and around 40 family members were there to support and applaud this amazing achievement.

Residential stays will happen for children in year 3 upwards until the end of the summer term. Destinations will include Heatree on Dartmoor, Farms for City Children, Escot Wildwood and Rock and Rapids.



Walk With a Womble

Liz Straw, Broadclyst Parish Councillor

Walking to your local school with a Womble or a Viking is one of the initiatives in a safer travel scheme starting this spring.

Broadclyst and Westclyst primary schools are working with Sustrans, an active safety travel charity, to make school travel safer and more sustainable. This is thanks to grants from Devon County Council and Broadclyst Parish Council.

There will be competitions, fun incentives, school travel celebration days and amazing Womble and Viking walks!

After many years of work this is a great opportunity to embed active travel into these schools and I'm delighted that our two County Councillors, Henry Gent and Sara Randall-Johnson, and the Parish Council have awarded this grant at my request. My hope is that we will reduce the number of cars causing

significant congestion and danger around local schools by encouraging more families to walk, cycle, scoot and lift share.



Sustrans aims to make it easier for everyone to walk and cycle; one of its officers will work with the Cornerstone Trust to create a tailor made package of activities.

The first event starts during March 20th to 31st with Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week which is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in

their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Cornerstone Trust has been working hard helping children understand the benefits of active travel and appointing Junior Road Safety Officers. This new grant will give the Trust an extra boost to provide a legacy package of resources for the schools to run themselves, such as a proposed calendar of activity for the year. We don't want a quick hit of activities and then everything stops when the officer leaves.

National figures show the number of children being driven to school has more than trebled in the last forty-five years, yet the average primary school journey is just 1.6 miles. One in four cars on the road during the morning peak times are doing the school run so even a small change will make a massive difference.

School travel run creates pollution, congestion and danger around schools and on the wider road network. Schools around the country are tackling school traffic congestion by setting up School Streets, closing off the road to traffic either temporarily or permanently, while others are improving ways to walk and cycle to school, there are school walking buses and drivers are encouraged not to idle their cars creating particularly harmful toxins for young lungs. Let's keep working to make school travel safer and healthier.


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At the Council Table

Cllr. Henry Gent

Langaton Lane

At the December meeting of the East Devon HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee), it was agreed that the closure to through traffic for vehicles would be made permanent.

The Lane is now a traffic-free green lane, for cyclists and pedestrians, and this is ideal for access to the scout hut, for Tithebarn residents walking or cycling into Pinhoe, and for Pinhoe residents getting out into the countryside. This follows the current experimental closure, which has been judged a success by (the majority of) local residents. We also had the support of the County Councillor for Pinhoe, Tracy Adams.

Cranbrook to Exeter cycleway

At the same meeting the plan for this new off-road cycleway was approved. The route will go from Station Road to Tithebarn, on the south side of the railway, passing through the newly acquired public open space land off Station Road (see below), between Lidl's and the railway, and crossing the Clyst on a new bridge, across to Mosshayne Lane, and then through Tithebarn. This route will benefit the whole area, and in particular our residents at Tithebarn.

New public green space at Station Road, Broadclyst

Wenty-five acres of land has been acquired by East Devon District Council to create a new public open space, <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2023/02/have-your-say-on-new-public-green-space-at-station-road-broadclyst/>. This is an important milestone in the creation of the Clyst Valley Regional Park. It's in our Parish, and the consultation is open until 20th March. The draft proposals include habitat creation, a multi-use trail, network of circular paths, and a small car park.

Deficiencies in the active travel routes within Westclyst

Progress is slow. The first phase of the public park and cycleway by the motorway should be opened later this year. The lack of a footway between Hanniford Gardens and Mosshayne Lane is still a problem for residents of Bloor Homes and Poltimore Way, with residents having to step over a new fence and traipse through the mud. We have recently found out that the footpath from Park Lane to Old Park Avenue, which was shown on the original planning application, never got into the final agreement for Consent, sadly. More

recently, a resident brought to my attention that incredibly the plan for the Reserved Matters development by Sovereign Homes of "Land North of Moonhill Copse" does not include a pavement footway for the obvious route to the bus stop at Poltimore Way. I hope that we can build up some public pressure on the issue of gaps and lack of connection for people trying to move around on foot or bike rather than in a car.

Footway along the B3181 to Budlake, Beare, and beyond

DCC are considering whether or not it is good use of their maintenance budget to clear the vegetation from this tarmac footway. A saving could be obtained by allowing it to grass over. On the other hand, if it is allowed to grass over, the deterioration of the tarmac will possibly be accelerated. How much is the footway used at present? Are there any residents for whom the footway is an important access route?

Recent traffic chaos

Through January we have had traffic chaos on routes to Exeter. We asked Highways to do their best to mitigate the delays caused by the roadworks outside Lidl, and I think some improvements were made. At the same time the flooding on Station Road Broadclyst was blocking or hindering that route, and it took some time to be sorted, despite all our efforts.

Just how much more of this traffic chaos and upheaval do we have to put up with?



Please Note : Last Date for Articles for Summer Broadsheet : 30th April, 2023

Voter ID Requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station is a new rule, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act, which was passed last year.

This will apply to:

- * Local elections
- * Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- * UK parliamentary by-elections
- * From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling day by visiting <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- * Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

- * Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- * A Blue Badge

Local travel

- * Older Person's Bus Pass
- * Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- * Oyster 60+ Card
- * Freedom Pass
- * Scottish National Entitlement Card
- * 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- * Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- * Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- * Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- * War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- * 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- * Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

- * Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- * Biometric immigration document
- * Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- * National identity card issued by an EEA state
- * Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland

Voter Authority Certificate

Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- * you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- * you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- * you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason,

such as the use of a gender marker

You need to **register to vote** before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Showing ID as an anonymous elector

If you're registered to vote anonymously and want to vote in person, you'll need to apply for an **Anonymous Elector's Document**.

Find out more at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/register-vote/register-vote-anonymously#anonymous-electors-document>

Remember!

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Coronation Community Fund Grant

Buckingham Palace has confirmed King Charles III will have his coronation on Saturday, May 6 at Westminster Abbey, and Downing Street has confirmed a nationwide bank holiday will happen on May 8, two days after the event.

The statement read: "In line with the bank holiday to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953, this will be an opportunity for families and communities across the country to come together to celebrate". (BBC, 2023)

Following the success of Parish celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022,

Broadclyst Parish Council has once again put a community grant fund in place to support various community events and street parties across the Parish to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Applications to the fund are now open for community groups (formal and informal) across the Parish. We do not fund individual households, however as an exception to our usual grant policy, we welcome applications from groups of people who want to get together to do something in their local area, such as a street party, as well as accepting

applications from formal, constituted community groups. This is a great way to get to know your neighbours and to create family memories!

The application form can be downloaded from our website and should be returned to the office ASAP for processing. Please

call us on 01392 360269 if you would like to discuss any ideas you have.

Angie Hurren



Poltimore in Bloom

It was a cold evening in October last year when a few of us got together in the village bar where it was suggested that we should enter the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom contest. After years of Covid isolation, our Jubilee celebrations earlier in the year had reinvigorated everyone to come out and join in the community spirit.

The RHS set up 'Britain in Bloom' in the 1960's to inspire community groups in towns, cities and villages to make positive changes to their local environment through horticultural, environmental and

community action. This year we will be one of over 1600 communities to take part around Britain.

After initially sharing the idea with the village, we have been overwhelmed by the support from the local community.

We have several locations around Poltimore that are suitable for us to improve as part of the project and work has already started. Over the coming months, teams of volunteers will be hands-on planting trees, shrubs and flowers, regenerating overgrown areas, all with the aim of

making Poltimore a cleaner and greener place to live and visit.

You can follow our journey on our website **www.poltimoreinbloom.co.uk** and on Instagram or facebook **[@polttimoreinbloom](https://www.instagram.com/poltimoreinbloom)**. Better still, why not get involved? We are looking for sponsorship and support from local businesses and help from green-fingered volunteers.



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Free Defibrillator Training Session

Broadclyst is very lucky to have not just one but FIVE defibrillators within the Village. They are situated at Broadclyst Community Primary School, the Sports Pavilions in Holly Close, The Victory Hall, the LED Sports Hall on Station Road and the recently installed defibrillator at Westclyst Primary Community School.

All defibrillators are within easy access to the public in case of an emergency. Broadclyst Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to these venues for allowing the defibrillators to be highly visible on their properties.

How successful are defibrillators?

Statistics stated by NHS show that where defibrillators are used promptly there is a significant increase in the

chance of an individual's survival as below :

Used within

3 mins – 70% survival rate

5 mins – 50% survival rate

8 mins – 20% survival rate

More than 3,600 people are resuscitated by ambulance staff every year in the South West because they suffer a pre-hospital cardiac arrest. For every minute that passes once in cardiac arrest, a person loses a further 10% chance of survival, and with this dramatic loss in chance of survival, there is a need of a defibrillator within every 4-5 minutes' walking distance. Without doubt this availability would improve cardiac arrest survival rates throughout the South West.

The response time for a paramedic and/or ambulance to a cardiac

arrest should be within eight minutes, therefore, prompt action will give the casualty a greater chance of survival.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and treats them through defibrillation - the machine tells you exactly what to do! But many people are scared to use the defibrillators - we do hope that you never have the need to use one, but if the need arose, would you know what to do?

Delivered in conjunction with the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, Broadclyst Parish Council is offering a free training session for the whole community. It will only



take a couple of hours of your time; you never know when you might need that knowledge!

The free training session is being held at Westclyst Community Primary School, Maddick Road, Westclyst, Exeter EX1 3YG on Thursday 30th March at 7 p.m.

Natasha Curwood,
Deputy Clerk



Hospiscare Christmas Draw

Many thanks to all those who supported this by way of buying tickets, and all those who kindly donated prizes including Cold Harbour Farm Shop, Dilly's Florist, Joshua's and Rabbit & Co, all at Ottery St Mary, together with Coombe Farm Shop and Combe Garden Centre from Gittisham.

The final total raised for Hospiscare was £450.

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Important Diary Date!

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**Saturday,
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Broadclyst Fun Day

Broadclyst Parish Council

Would like to say a very big "Thank You" to all who donated to the Community Food Bank over the Christmas period.

The Fight Against Hunger is an ongoing problem and your help will be needed more than ever during the coming year, so please continue with donations or time, whatever or whenever you can.

Thank you

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Broadsheet Guidelines ★

This article was printed in the Broadsheet of Summer, 2022, and for the benefit of newcomers to the Parish and for those who have forgotten, a few salient points are given again.

▪ The magazine is produced on a quarterly basis. The editor may email contributors shortly before the **deadline dates** for submission of articles (**but these are always given on the back page and sometimes again inside every edition**). If you miss a deadline, your article may either be used in the next edition of the magazine or published on the Parish Council website.

▪ Aim for your articles to be 300 or 600 words and generally include no more than two or three photographs. Articles of this length will fit comfortably on to a half or single page.

▪ To manage the costs of the printed magazine, we usually restrict it to 20/24 pages in total. For some editions we may be able to expand the number of pages but to maximise the variety of articles, we do prefer to keep items to half, or on occasions, a single A4 page. We occasionally will run a double page feature, so contact the editor before submitting your piece if you think your article needs to be longer.

▪ All articles are subject to editing, which includes, spell-checking, grammar-checking and often condensing.

▪ When preparing your articles please submit typed as an unformatted Word document, as the editor formats all articles to fit the magazine guidelines. All photographs (300dpi) or images should be sent as separate attachments (jpg files) rather than embedded in the Word document. **Please do not submit articles or advertisements as PDF's, nor photographs from iphones.**

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Join the Fight Against Hunger : Support Broadclyst Parish Community Food Bank Today

Angie Hurren

The ONS recently published a report based on the findings of its Winter Survey, providing analysis of how the autumn and winter months have impacted people's lives.

It's grim reading, with the survey indicating that pressures during the winter months were having a negative impact on the health and well-being of more than half (53%) of the people surveyed. Main points include: 24% of adults not being able to keep comfortably warm in the past two weeks; 44% experiencing moderate-to-severe depressive symptoms; 45% reported spending less on food and essentials; 16% using more credit than usual.

Questions about food were equally grim, with 9% of respondents "Not being able to afford enough food"; 18% reported eating smaller portions; 18% reported eating food past its use by date; 15% said that over the previous two weeks they had been worried that food would run out before they could afford more. (ONS, 2023). Whilst this data does not ascertain causality, it does indicate that increases in the cost of living are impacting over half of us. The data suggests strong links between food insecurity and energy insecurity as 70% of those who ran out food in the past two weeks, were also occasionally, hardly ever, or never, able to keep comfortably warm at home.

As we go about our daily lives, it's easy to forget that there are people in our communities who struggle

to put food on the table. As recent statistics show, hunger is a pervasive problem that affects nearly 14 million people in the UK, representing 1 in 5 of the UK's population (Food Foundation, 2023). That's where community food banks come in.

Community food banks play a critical role in helping to alleviate hunger in our communities. Run on a not-for-profit basis, we provide food to those in need. Community food banks rely on donations from individuals, businesses, and other funding streams to carry out their mission.

If you're looking for a way to make a difference in your community, supporting your local community food bank is an excellent place to start. Here are just a few reasons why:

- * Hunger affects more people than you might think. 'Food insecurity' means people don't always know where their next meal will come from. According to The Food Foundation, "one in four households with children (25.8%) and one in six households without children (16%) have experienced food insecurity in the past month, affecting an estimated 4 million children in the UK. This is the highest level since we began tracking food insecurity levels at the start of the pandemic" (2023).

- * Community food banks are working hard to reduce those numbers, supporting individuals,

families, seniors, and children who might not otherwise have access to healthy, nutritious food. By donating to your local food bank, you're helping to ensure that everyone in your community has the fuel they need to thrive.

- * You can make a tangible impact. Every pound you donate to our community food bank can provide several meals for people in need. You can also donate non-perishable food items or volunteer your time to help collect, sort, and distribute donations.

- * Supporting your local community food bank can have ripple effects throughout your community. When people have access to healthy, nutritious food, they are more likely to be healthy, productive, and engaged members of their communities. That means better health outcomes, stronger families, and a more vibrant local economy.

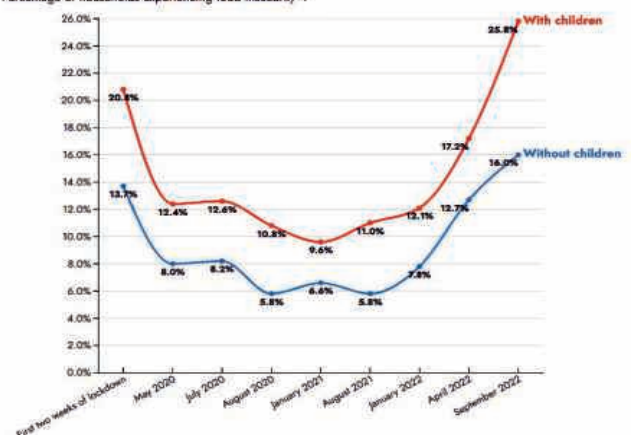
- * You will feel good knowing that you're making a difference.

Supporting your local community food bank is a simple, effective way to help your neighbours in need. Whether you're donating money, food, or your time, you'll be making a real difference in the lives of people in your community.

In conclusion, hunger is a serious problem that affects millions of people in the UK, in Devon, in Broadclyst Parish. Our community food bank is doing critical work to address this issue, but needs your support to continue its efforts. By donating to your local community food bank, you can help ensure that everyone in your community has access to healthy, nutritious food. Every penny donated to Broadclyst food bank is spent on food provision – nothing is taken in admin or handling fees (unlike many charitable donations).

So please join the fight against hunger today and support your local community food bank. Email support@broadclyst.org or call **01392 360269** for how to donate.

Percentage of households experiencing food insecurity*



Village Clubs and Societies

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Broadclyst Local History Society
John Jones
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Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club
Sophie Cook
c/o Clerk 07532 286713

Broadclyst Bowling Club
Tony Rusbridge (Captain)
07891 429419
marilynseccbb@gmail.com

Broadclyst Short Mat Bowls Club
Colin Jackson
01392 469409

Tornados Netball Club
Vicky 07956042247
tornadosnetballclub@hotmail.com

Devon Racqueteers Badminton
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Heathfield Farm Trust
Karen Adamson
karen@heathfieldfarm.org
01392 468191

Broadclyst Youth Club with YMCA
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Broadclyst Gardening Club
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Broadclyst W.I.
Chrissie Sweetland
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Cantilena Chamber Choir
cantilenadevon@gmail.com

Ladies Craft Group
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c/o Clerk 07532 286713

Soccer Stars Football
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Broadclyst Archery Club
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Broadclyst Rainbows
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Several grants have been awarded during the last year.

What's on in the Parish (see www.broadclyst.org for updates)

Monday	Broadclyst Local History Society Broadclyst Victory Hall 2nd Monday of month	Broadclyst Library Clyst Vale Community College Also Wednesday and Thursday	Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club 7.00 pm Also Thursday Broadclyst playing fields	Broadclyst Brownies followed by Guides 5.00 - 9.00 pm Pavillions
Tuesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavillion 5.00 - 7.00 pm Marilyn (Secretary) 07888 678207 Email : marilynsecbb@gmail.com	Devon Racqueteers Badminton 7.00 - 10.00 pm Broadclyst Leisure Centre 01404 814317	Bingo 7.45 pm Broadclyst Victory Hall	Tornados Netball Club 7.00- 8.00 pm Clyst Vale Community College
	Chatterbox Broadclyst Parish Church 10.00 am 2nd/4th Tuesday of month	Heathfield Farm Trust Lunchtimes Also Saturday		
Wednesday	Little Angels Baby and Toddler Group 9.15 - 11.15am Broadclyst Victory Hall	Casual Trampoline 3 sessions 5.30 - 8.15 pm Broadclyst Leisure Centre	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavillion 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Tae Kwondo 6.00 - 8.00 pm 01404 814317 Broadclyst Leisure Centre
Thursday	Broadclyst Community Café 9.30am - 12.30pm Broadclyst Victory Hall	Ladies Craft Group 10.00 am Sports Pavillion	Broadclyst WI Clyst Caring Day Centre 4th Thursday of month	Broadclyst Gardening Club 7.30-9.30 pm Broadclyst Victory Hall 2nd Thursday of month
	Cantilena 7.15 - 9.15 p.m. Gracey Court	Youth Club with YMCA School Year 6 onwards 7.00 - 9.00pm Term Time Sports Pavillion	Soccer Stars Football Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.00 - 6.00 pm Also Friday and Saturday	Broadclyst Short Mat Bowls Club 7.15 - 10.00pm Broadclyst Victory Hall
Friday	Toddler Group Up to 4 yrs 10.00 - 11.30 am Sports Pavillion	Broadclyst Rainbows Clyst Vale Community College 5.00 - 6.00 pm	Broadclyst Art Society 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Broadclyst Victory Hall	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavillion 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Saturday	Mini Rackets Badminton 8+ 11.00-11.45 a.m. Broadclyst Leisure Centre	Killerton Farmers and Local Produce Market 10.00 am - 1.30pm 3rd Saturday Killerton House	Mini Tennis followed by Junior Tennis 9.00 - 10.45 am Broadclyst Leisure Centre	Trampoline 6+ 2 sessions 10.00 - 11.45 pm Broadclyst Leisure Centre
	Adult Basketball 5.30 - 7.00 pm Broadclyst Leisure Centre 01404 814317	Mini Rackets Badminton 8+ 11.00-11.45 a.m. Broadclyst Leisure Centre		
Sunday	Broadclyst Cricket Club Killerton House Every Summer Sunday	Archery 10.00 am - 12 noon Broadclyst Leisure Centre 01404 814317	Five-a-Side Football Leagues Broadclyst Leisure Centre Also Thursday	

See Page 19 for current available information on activities at Broadclyst Leisure Centre

Broadclyst Toddler Group

Broadclyst Toddler Group meets every term-time Friday between 10 and 11.30am, at the Pavilions, Broadclyst. We offer a place to play, relax and have a good old sing-song, and that's just for the adults! 0-3 year olds can come along and get creative, meet new friends and find fun things to do. We organise visits and trips out and seasonal activities. The sessions run on a drop-in basis, no need to book. Costing £2 per child, this includes all craft and cooking materials, toddler snack/drink and nice cuppa for the grown-ups. Contact Kelly on 07740 705172

Useful Telephone Numbers and Contacts

Devon County Council	0345 1551004	Shelter (Advice regarding homelessness 0808 8004444
East Devon District Council	01404 515616	Samaritans UK (free for landline and mobile) 116123
EDDC out-of-hours emergencies	01395 516854	Jobcentre Plus Helpline 0845 6043719
Exeter City Council	01392 277888	Environment Agency Flood Line 0845 9881188
R.D. and E. Hospital	01392 411611	The Farming Community Network 03000 111999
Medical Non-Emergency (NHS Direct inc Dentist)	111	Clyst Vale Community College 01392 461407
Police Non-Emergency	101	Broadclyst Community Primary School 01392 461288
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Pinhoe Surgery Appointments	01392 469668	
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