



Broadclyst Parish Council
GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

The Broadsheet

Broadclyst Parish Council Newsletter - Covering Broadclyst Village, Tithebarn and Westclyst

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

It's nearly Christmas and the best way to countdown to the excitement is by following our Advent Window trail.

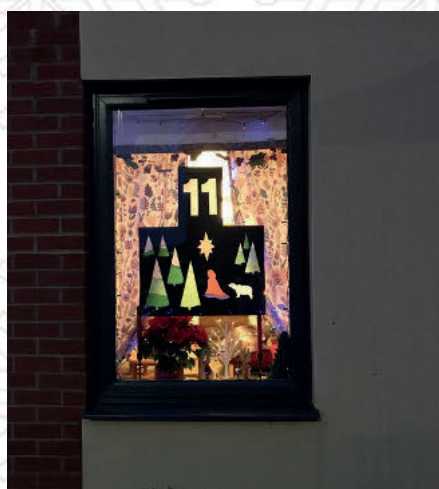


We've recruited 24 Tithebarn Residents to display the advent number in their front window for families to get active and visit each day. Each number will be displayed prominently in lights and might even include a few festive scenes as well. The trail is live on our website page at <https://tithebarn.uk/christmas-advent-windows/>



Our estate has grown to nearly 1000 letterboxes now so it's a great way to discover new roads and join others also out for the pre-Christmas walk.

This is a great example of how the Tithebarn Residents Association is working for the benefit of everybody that lives in the area. It relies on residents' support to give a stronger voice. We speak for the community on matters of importance and over the last year have campaigned for the delivery of essential infrastructure, effective maintenance of our open space and safe local roads. You might have been to our Bioblitz, Little Library launch or regular meetings already and we're keen for everyone to get involved.



We've now got permission to provide a nature trail in the country park - perhaps you'd like to help us make this a reality?

As always, however much or little time you can give, it will be really appreciated.

Our AGM is Thursday 23rd January 2025, 7pm – 9pm at The Black Horse in Sowton (great food, great beer!) and members are encouraged to come along. We will also be appointing new committee members for the year (chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and up to 6 other committee members).



If you are interested in getting involved or have ideas of your own, please join us and make a positive difference to our community <https://tithebarn.uk/join/>



Marc Coton

Tithebarn Residents' Association



Meet your Local Councillors



Henry Massey

Parish Councillor
(Chair)
Planning & Environment
(Chair)
Finance

henry.massey@broadclyst.org



Steve Taylor

Parish Councillor
(Vice Chair)
Finance
Planning & Environment
Staffing
Traffic

steve.taylor@broadclyst.org



Henry Gent

Parish Councillor
DCC Councillor
Traffic (Chair)
Planning & Environment
Comms

henry.gent@broadclyst.org
henry.gent@devon.gov.uk



Paul Whitmarsh

Parish Councillor
Staffing (Chair)
Finance

chris.pepper@broadclyst.org



Paula Fernley

Parish Councillor
EDDC Councillor
Planning & Environment
Comms

paula.fernley@broadclyst.org
paula.fernley@eastdevon.gov.uk



Sara Randall Johnson

DCC Councillor

sara.randalljohnson@devon.gov.uk



Chris Pepper

Parish Councillor
Fun Day (Chair)
Finance
Staffing
Youth

chris.pepper@broadclyst.org



Ed Rhodes

Parish Councillor
Planning & Environment

ed.rhodes@broadclyst.org



Karl Straw

Parish Councillor
Finance (Chair)
Traffic

karl.straw@broadclyst.org



Liz Straw

Parish Councillor
Comms (Chair)
Youth (Chair)
Traffic

liz.straw@broadclyst.org



Eleanor Rylance

Parish Councillor
EDDC Councillor
Finance
Staffing

eleanor.rylance@broadclyst.org
eleanor.rylance@eastdevon.gov.uk



Sarah Chamberlain

Parish Councillor
EDDC Councillor
Staffing
Fun Day

sarah.chamberlain@broadclyst.org
sarah.chamberlain@eastdevon.gov.uk



Scott Waldron

Parish Councillor
Youth
Fun Day

scott.waldron@broadclyst.org



Alwyn Veliyeth

Parish Councillor
Planning & Environment

alwyn.veliyeth@broadclyst.org



Myles Gordon

Parish Councillor

myles.gordon@broadclyst.org



Vacancy

Parish Councillor

it.could.be.you@broadclyst.org



Watch this Space

Community Connector

community@broadclyst.org



Helen Cutting

Pavilions Administrator

07925 181720 (mobile)
broadclystpavilions@hotmail.co.uk

Angie Hurren, BEM

Parish Clerk
Responsible Financial Officer

01392 360269 (office)
07532 286713 (mobile)
clerk@broadclyst.org

Natasha Curwood

Assistant Clerk
General Enquiries and Information

01392 360269 (office)
office@broadclyst.org

Gemma Cole

Assistant Clerk

01392 360269 (office)
admin@broadclyst.org

Chairman's Corner

Councillor Henry Massey

It has been a busy autumn at the council, not least as East Devon District Council (EDDC) Strategic Planning Committee has been considering sites as part of its Local Plan preparation.

In Broadclyst parish, it considered allocations of residential development at Winter Gardens in Broadclyst (70 dwellings), Westclyst Farm (1,000) and Old Park Farm (208) at West Clyst. Your Parish Council was not supportive of these proposals, feeling that they did not offer development that is truly sustainable and having concerns that they would place an additional strain on vital infrastructure that is already overstretched.

Unfortunately, despite balanced policy-based arguments being presented against allocation and strong representations from the community, the Strategic Planning Committee voted to support the development at Winter Gardens in the Local Plan, allocating 100 dwellings across the whole site. Across the parish, mixed-use allocations were made of 24 dwellings and 0.1ha employment land on the adjacent field (between Winter Gardens and Green Tree Lane) and 90 dwellings / 2ha on a mixed-use site near the Science Park, bringing – with other sites - a welcome boost to the local economy with

allocation of a total of over 4.5ha of employment land across the parish.

Historic allocations

In the current Local Plan (2013-2031) and through additional applications, Broadclyst parish is providing an additional c2,800 dwellings, bringing the total number of dwellings in the parish to c.4,200. Much of the strategic housing is coming forward in Tithebarn and Westclyst—including c.1,500 homes to create the new village of Tithebarn. East Devon District Council's housing target is set by the government, which it must meet in its Local Plan. If it doesn't allocate enough housing, the Plan fails and developers can obtain planning permission even in locations the District Council might not agree with—so it's best described as being between a rock and a hard place. Should it support its local community by saying no to inappropriate housing but risk the plan being overridden by the government, or should it try to allow enough housing to prevent this? While we are sympathetic to the top-down pressure being put on Local Planning Authorities, allocations should not be made unless truly sustainable development can be achieved and the resulting impact on infrastructure and services can be fully mitigated.

Sustainable development

We have concerns that 100 dwellings at Winter Gardens in Broadclyst village will significantly compound existing pressures on essential services, including health and education. Without a solid plan to address these issues, further development is unsustainable and risks impacting the quality of life for existing residents. The Parish Clerk represented the parish at the planning meetings, stating that EDDC's own planning officers initially recommended that Winter Gardens be limited to 70 units and that a larger development would be excessive for a parish the size of Broadclyst. However, EDDC subsequently approved an allocation of 100 dwellings—a decision that our Clerk, Angie Hurren, believes undermines the principles of community-led planning enshrined in the Localism Act 2011.

What next?

Allocation in The Local Plan is the first stage of strategic development delivery. For all sites, On and Off-site surveys will be carried out, followed by Outline and Reserved Matters planning applications. These will offer the community a further opportunity to make representations that will shape the nature of the development and supporting



infrastructure. Your Parish Council will now do its best to work with East Devon and the developers of all strategic allocations to ensure development is delivered with minimal impact and brings the greatest possible benefits for our existing communities, and that aspirations in the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan – which you told us were important to you - are delivered.

Our busy period continues in the run up to Christmas with budget setting, staff recruitment and a youth provision review. Our food bank is gearing up to support households at an especially challenging time of year, and there is much to look forward to as we move into 2025, including how we might spend Community Infrastructure Levy monies on projects the benefit the community.

With the festive season approaching, we have much to celebrate across our communities. This is the last Broadsheet before Christmas, and may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Clerk's Report

Angie Hurren

The fiscal calendar of a parish council is the Christmas gift that keeps on giving, as this is the time of the year when budgets are set for the following year and the all-important precept is calculated. What's the precept, I hear you cry? Well, that is the proportion of a public body's budget that we pay in our council tax. Contrary to popular belief, there is no council tax exemption for civil (or even uncivil) servants, and so as the RFO (Responsible Finance Officer) for the council, I have the rather dubious pleasure of preparing one fifth of my council tax bill. It's something of a unique position.

Budgets are prepared through estimating income and expenditure for the forthcoming year, then subtracting estimated income from expenditure. What's left is the

'balancing precept' - and as a council with few income streams, it's where we get most of our money from.

The 25-26 budget report will provide a deeper-dive into each allocation; it can be downloaded from our website or if you would like a hard copy, please contact the office (office@broadclyst.org).

If you have any questions after reading it, please get in touch - I'm always happy to talk money!

So what else has been happening? Well, with my uni hat on, I've had the joy of delivering two modules this year: HR/Employment Law for the level 4s, and Leadership for the level 6s. I want to talk about an aspect of the Leadership module: Emotional Intelligence (EI) and Emotional Resilience (ER). These are two qualities that are very much needed (yet are sometimes sadly

lacking) in public life, especially further up the food chain than the humble parish council. Emotional intelligence includes empathy, self-regulation, and the ability to understand the emotions of others. The essence of EI and ER is captured in Rudyard Kipling's poem "If—"

"If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,

If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,

But make allowance for their doubting too; [...]"

It's about learning how to keep your inner peace, protect your sense of being, and remain steadfastly on course even when people and life in general all seems to be going wrong and you start to have a bit of a wobble.

In public life we need to remain steadfast, calm, and collected - a steady hand we serve the community and balance the books. It is a time of great pressure on the council as money is still tight, yet everyone wants public services and facilities. We must use EI to understand the impact of our financial decisions on everybody, not just those who are shouting loudest or those pushing P(p)olitical agendas. We must make responsible decisions that will work as well tomorrow as they do today. And just as we hang on to those bell-bottom flares for another year, in case they come back into fashion again, so must we also hang on and be positive. So far, each and every one of us has survived our worst ever day when the bottom of our world fell out. We are still here: we are survivors: we've got this. You've got this.



**Check-in time?
Whenever you need us.**

24/7 support no matter where you are.

Personal travel consultant offering all types of travel, but specialising in bespoke, tailor-made holidays, coupled with personal service beyond compare. Get in touch to start planning your next dream adventure.

Clare Payne

TRAVEL COUNSELLOR
01392 770024
clare.payne@travelcounsellors.com
travelcounsellors.com/clare.payne

★ Trustpilot ★★★★★



CLYST CARING FRIENDS

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY SHOP

Help your Community!

Bargains galore, all proceeds to Clyst Caring

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday
09:30am - 3:30pm

Saturday
09:30am - 12:00pm

Donations always welcome, purchases even more so

Please Note: Last Date for Articles for the Spring Broadsheet is 31st January 2025

Email: broadsheet@broadclyst.org / Call: 01392 360269

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Tithebarn

This is just a little note to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated, time, cakes & funds to the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

The charity coffee morning took place on Friday 27th September, in the Dome at Exeter Science Park. The Dome is a fantastic venue to host events like this, with its festoon lighting & brightly coloured décor, it's a really fun environment to host an in. Most importantly it's a great resource that is available for community use & hire.

The event was well supported by staff & local residents, with lots of beautiful cakes. Including a showstopper donated by Kris, who owns The Cake Corner! Other local businesses donated to the raffle, with

vouchers from local pubs, the Edgy Therapist & Kidslingo Spanish lessons.

The community support was fantastic & ultimately resulted in us raising over £270 for Macmillan. This money goes towards funding vital cancer support, in the form of cancer information packs (for those who are newly diagnosed), online & in-person community support, financial support, nurses, and so much more. If you would like to know more about the fantastic work Macmillan do, or some of the cancer support they offer, please see their website at www.macmillan.org.uk.

I look forward to hosting similar events in the future and to meeting more of the local community.

Thank you again for your support.



Rosie Robinson

Devon Dig and Donate

Rhiannon, Founder

With a mission to provide fresh produce to donate to food banks and community organisations, supporting vulnerable people and those experiencing food poverty within Exeter and the surrounding local communities. Our aim is not just to provide produce for families and individuals, but to equip and empower the community with the skills needed to be able to grow, harvest and use fresh

produce themselves.

A word from our founder, Rhiannon:

Working full time in education, often with vulnerable pupils and families, and as the cost of living crisis and poverty rates in the UK have increased, I have supported more and more families in accessing food banks. Through my conversations with them, and my work leading food nutrition across my previous schools, it became apparent that often families felt fresh fruit and vegetables were an expense that they couldn't always afford and so were often some of the first things to be cut out of their food shopping when things were tight. And while donations to food

banks are often very generous, due to the nature of collections, fresh produce is not always available for donation. We believe that everyone should have access to healthy and nutritious food, whatever their circumstances, and this is what inspired us to set up Devon Dig and Donate.

By establishing a vegetable garden by the community, for the community, we endeavour to create friendships and community and to facilitate the learning, sharing and development of skills in the natural environment and provide a means of climate action locally. Since taking



on our site at Heathfield Farm in Broadclyst, we have designed and begun to establish our community garden, planting various vegetables and flowers to support the local community. We have recently carried out our harvests and donations, and have provided fresh produce to a range of food action groups in and around Exeter including Bradninch Community Food Shed and Love Food CIC in St Thomas in Exeter.



Further information about Devon Dig and Donate can be found on their website:

www.devondiganddonate.co.uk/about

News from St John the Baptist Church



Christmas is a wonderful time in the church calendar. It is the celebration of Christ's birth and the time to think about the light that he brought into the world. Many of our

Christmas services here at St Johns will reflect that idea of light coming into the world.

Christmas is also a time when we get to share special services with the local community as we host Carol services for the local schools and celebrate with our own special services such as Christingle and the Candlelit carol services.

I hope that you will consider coming along to

one of our services and celebrating with us. The details of which can be found in our Christmas service advertisement.

Last year we ran two successful candle lit carol services and will repeat this again this year. There will be a 5pm family friendly service including Broadclyst Primary School choir, then at 7pm a more traditional carol service with the Birdhouse singers.

As we near the end of 2024 I want to thank you as a community for the privilege it is to be a minister in this parish. I have had the opportunity this year through the abseil weekend, several wonderful weddings, some funerals, Little Angels toddler group and many other events to get to know some of you and to serve you in this community. Thank you

Rev Gudrun Thomas - rev.gudrunthomas@eastcystchurches.org



BROADCLYST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

1 DEC	CHRISTINGLE	4 PM
15 DEC	CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICES (Book free tickets on eventbrite)	5 PM 7 PM
24 DEC	CRIB SERVICE	4 PM
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10 AM

Come and celebrate with us





Christmas Carols
by Candlelight

@ Broadclyst Church
Sunday 15th December
5pm Broadclyst & Westclyst Primary School Choirs
7pm Featuring the Birdhouse Singers
Free Entry. Limited Spaces so book early on
<https://broadclystcarols.eventbrite.co.uk>
or ring 07972 387391
Refreshments Available

Christmas at Killerton

Immerse yourself with festive spirit with a family day out at Killerton this Christmas. Join us for family fun and games with our outdoor children's trail, with activities for all ages leading you through the garden and parkland.

Soak up the festivities and wander through the ground floor of the house will be

traditionally dressed with garlands, trees, decorated fireplaces and fairy lights.

Normal admission applies. National Trust members and tenant's card holders visit for free.

House open daily 30th Nov to 5th Jan, 11am – 4pm (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Closing 2pm on Christmas Eve).

*Claire Houghton Ward
Senior Communications and Marketing Officer*



National Trust Images / Steve Haywood

Killerton Cider

Harry Whiting, Killerton Ranger

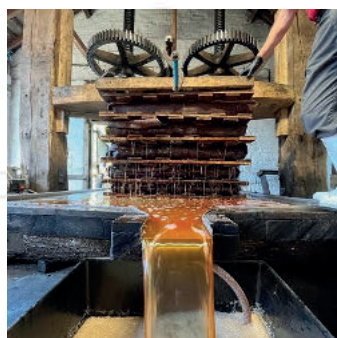
Much of the National Trust's work would be impossible without volunteer help, and apple picking is no exception.

Killerton volunteers, along with community groups and corporate volunteers carry out this task and without their help it would be almost impossible to continue to make cider.

Once the apples are picked, there comes the process of actually producing the cider. Many of the Estate farms have remained tenanted by the same family for generations, often keeping equipment in their barns that would have been thrown away had the farms been sold or let to outsiders. On a few of these farms can be found the remains of cider presses and associated equipment. One such press was on display in the visitor reception area in the stable block at Killerton until the early 2000s, and it was then decided to transfer it to a large shed in the old forestry yard. There it was rebuilt and, along with the

old apple crusher, put back into service.

The cider making process is actually remarkably simple, given that a few basic rules are followed. The apples are picked, washed and left to 'weather' in sacks for a few days - this is really unavoidable given the time-consuming task of picking them. All but the totally rotten ones are then put through the apple scratter. The crushed apple is then transferred to the press where it is placed in layers wrapped in cloth, forming 'cheeses'. The cheeses are stacked several high and are collectively known as a 'mock'.



The press is then wound down and increasing pressure applied to the

mock until the juice flows off the press and into a container before being pumped away into its fermentation tank. The now dry 'pumace' is removed from the cheese cloths and is taken to a local farmer to feed their pigs. Absolutely nothing is wasted in the process of cider making.

The juice is then left in the container to ferment, using nothing but the yeasts found naturally on the apples. This process starts as soon as the apples are pressed, it then slows down during the cold winter months and then starts up again in the spring. The juice pressed in October is cider by April, and ready to be 'racked off'. This is when the sediment that has formed during the fermentation process is removed, leaving a clear cider.

The cider is now bottled by Paul Courtney, a local cider producer and owner of 'Courtneys cider' in Whimple. He also owns a bottling business which specialises in small scale

bottling for small scale producers of cider, juice and various other drinks.

Very convenient for us, as he's only 10 miles down the road!

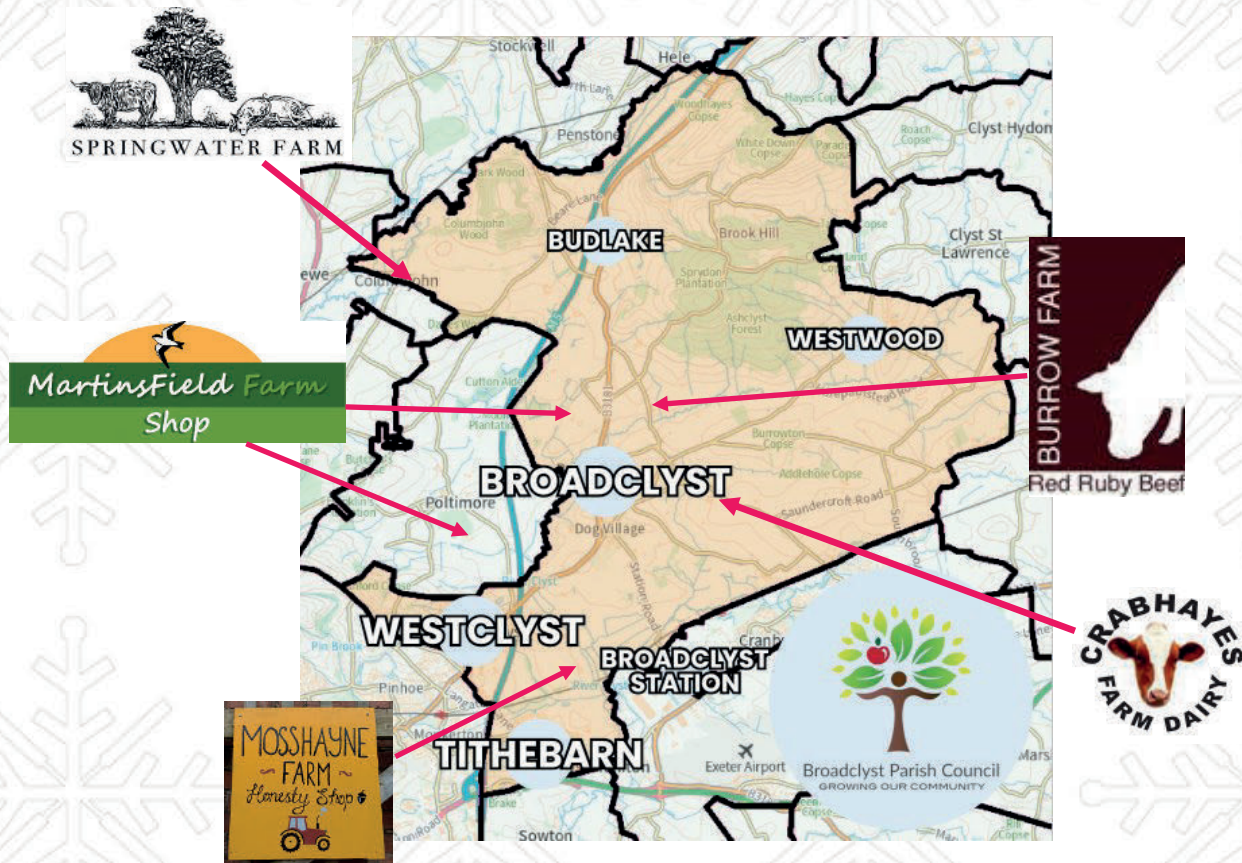


National Trust Images / Fi Hailstone

Last year's cider has just come back from bottling, and is a still, medium sweet cider which is unfiltered, so retains some of its natural haze. I appreciate I may be slightly biased, but I think it's definitely worth a try. We're also bottling apple juice again, so that's also something to look out for in the shop!

As mentioned earlier, none of this would be possible without the help of all our volunteers, picking apples in the driving rain and bitter cold. So, for that, I raise a glass of slightly hazy cider and say, 'thank you'.

Support Our Farmers, Buy Local!



We are lucky to have several farmers within the parish who sell quality produce for all to enjoy. Whether you are looking for fresh vegetables, eggs or locally reared meat, there are plenty of local sellers you can visit. Don't forget to also keep an eye out for other small sellers when walking around the parish, who sell items such as eggs, vegetables, cakes, honey and plants at the end of their drives.



Items available include home made steak pasties and cheddar cheese. They sell their cheddar cheese from the farm at the price of £3.50 for a 200g wedge and frozen pasties (ready to be cooked at home) for £3 each. The pasties are traditional steak and also cheese and leek. The spring will hopefully also see the addition, once again, of eggs in the little shed at the end of the drive.



The place to go to purchase lovely and local fresh eggs direct from the farm (what3words: slurping.rams.user). They are also available to buy from Broadclyst Village Post Office and Stores.



Priding themselves on farming in harmony with nature. Please get in touch if you are interested in purchasing one of their delicious meat boxes, straight from farm to fork. Further details can be found on their website - www.springwaterfarmproduce.com/meat-boxes



The main farm honesty shop is in the farm courtyard (what3words: slippers.rant.order), which is accessible only via the public footpath. There is also a small honesty box on the corner of Mosshayne Lane and Blackhorse Lane (what3words: ruling.scorched.mistress).

They sell a range of organic, seasonal vegetables, as well as organic eggs and hand pressed apple juice. The organic veg currently in stock are: leeks, butternut squash, Uchiki Kuri squash, Romanesco, red cabbage, savoy cabbage, pointed cabbage, Brussel sprouts, curly kale, cavolo nero/black kale, chard and apples.

There is a small area for people to watch the chickens in their field range, and chicken food is for sale for 20p near the main farm honesty shop.



A range of local produce, including their own grass fed beef, lamb and organic vegetables, is available to purchase from Branches Café at Poltimore House and also from the honesty table at the farm. This is accessible either by foot or by car.

For further details, contact Heather Rhodes on 07920585781 or email

martinsfieldfarm@outlook.com



...featuring in the next edition, places within the parish to grab a cuppa and cake (and perhaps also a spot of lunch!). There will be money saving offers for readers from selected venues too !



the VALE
veterinary group

24 Hour emergency service

Out of hours emergencies seen by our own team

Save money with our popular Pet Health Plan

Nurse clinics - Weight management, nutritional advice, dental checks, senior pets, puppies and kittens

Care, compassion and commitment

01884 35558 01884 258585 01404 44095 01884 841317

www.valeveterinarygroup.co.uk

Have Yourself a Happy (Low Carbon) Christmas!

Henry Gent

Christmas is sometimes a mixed blessing. Consumption of goods and services generates GHG emissions of 3t CO₂e / person/year in this country and some of that is at Christmas. I asked members of Broadclyst Environment (Action!) Group (BEAG) how they enjoy themselves with family and friends without costing the earth.

One BEAG member said that the best thing about Christmas is the chance to catch up with family and friends, and this echoes the advice of the Carbon Trust, that the best way to reduce the negative impact of the festive season is to share the cost of cooking and heating

with other people. The Carbon Trust also says that it's a "great time to form lasting habits" and "the actions that you take at Christmas have a good chance of being noticed and influencing others".

Several members of BEAG said that the "Secret Santa" system is a good way to make it socially acceptable to cut back on presents: everyone gives one present only, and everyone gets one present only. You just don't know who gave it to you. One member's family has a rule that the Secret Santa present has to be second hand or homemade and cost no more than £5. Another member says that only the children get

presents. Several members said that when they put out the idea of not buying so many gifts for sustainability reasons, they were greeted with dismay, but when the proposal was framed around affordability, it was acceptable. In other words, if you say you don't want gifts to save the planet, you are being "selfish", but if you can't afford the expense, it's ok. A couple of people whose family have cut back on presents, said that it made the season less stressful.

BEAG members said that good gifts which don't cost the earth can be homemade jam, marmalade, chutney, as are second hand books, games, toys and puzzles.

Many people re-use wrapping paper or fabric and ribbons.

A couple of people said that they don't want any presents, an experience instead, or a donation to a charity. In that vein, one possibility is to splash out and give someone membership of the Clyst Caring Community Draw; £2 per month or £20 for a whole year. This would be a donation and also an experience, as the person who gets the membership would have a chance of monthly cash prizes of up to £40; it's a sort of small-scale lottery for a good cause. Email clystcaringfriends@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

The Broadclyst VIPs in 2024

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for joining us in so many brilliant community events this year.

We had a very successful Easter Bingo night, and it has been wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the lantern parade and



Christmas light switch on. Thank you for coming along and celebrating with us. The summer scarecrow hunt was a huge success again, with over 40 scarecrows made and an amazing £500 raised. A special mention to this year's very worthy 1st place winners Philip Mann and Gracey Court with 'Justin Finity' (pictured left).

We are so lucky to have such a special community here and we thank you all for being part of it. The funds raised this year have enabled us to place a brand new Table Tennis unit in the park, along with a



variety of sports equipment inside the tennis court. We have loved seeing so many of you enjoying these new facilities.

We have absolutely loved seeing so many of you supporting our events this year, whether it be by making scarecrows, purchasing trail sheets,

coming along to bingo, or celebrating the start of the festive season with us. Next year we have Easter Bingo, Scarecrows and more Christmas fun to look forward to. We can't wait for 2025 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Winter in the Fields Around Us

Alice Staniford

As winter settles in, the fields around our village seem quieter, with most animals sheltered away and bare branches replacing summer's greenery. But despite appearances, there is plenty going on in preparation for the coming spring.

By now, the sheep have been tupped, meaning the ewes are pregnant, building up strength for lambing season in the spring. This is a quieter time in the fields, but the ewes are busy growing new life. They'll be closely monitored to stay healthy through the cold months. Pregnant ewes are especially vulnerable now, so it's important for dog walkers to avoid disturbing them. Even a little stress can cause them to miscarry. Please keep dogs on a lead and well clear of livestock to help keep the ewes calm and safe for the spring.

Most cows have moved into their barns, where they'll stay cozy through winter, feeding on silage - fermented, nutritious grass stored during summer. Inside, they get fresh bedding and feed until the grass begins to grow again.

The fields may look empty, but they're 'resting', regaining nutrients for spring growth. After a

season of grazing and harvest, they've earned their downtime! This stored energy will feed young lambs and calves and create lush grazing for dairy cows after calving. This winter quiet time is essential for the land's life cycle.

If you're out walking, you might see hedges being trimmed back. This careful cutting helps manage growth and support wildlife. By trimming hedges in winter, farmers ensure they stay thick and healthy, providing nesting spots for birds in spring. These cuttings add to the hedgerows' habitat, helping insects and small animals through the colder months.

In arable fields, patches of green cover crops peek through. These crops protect the soil from erosion, retain nutrients, and control weeds while providing a habitat for insects and small animals, helping balance the ecosystem.

Birds of prey, like buzzards and kestrels, are more visible now, gliding over the fields on the lookout for small mammals. If you're lucky, you might hear the eerie call of a Barn Owl at dusk, hunting the fields while the hedgerows are quieter. They, like so many creatures, rely on these



fields and hedges as hunting grounds and cold-weather protection.

So, while the countryside may look calm and bare, it's alive with activity. Farmers are already preparing for spring, fields are rejuvenating and every part of the ecosystem is resting and recharging.

Get Involved: Winter is perfect for a quiet countryside walk, with the bare trees and hedges making it easier to spot wildlife. Look out for muddy hoof prints along field edges, bird calls in the bare branches, or the flicker of a rabbit darting into a hedge. It's a lovely time to connect with the land, even in its quieter winter phase.

Struggling to make ends meet?

If you need help with a household bill or to replace an essential domestic appliance, the **Broadclyst Fund** could help. Contact us in confidence at broadclystfund@gmail.com or apply via the Broadclyst Parish Council website. Are you able to make a donation to Broadclyst Fund to help others? Email us on broadclystfund@gmail.com for details of how you can do this.

Walk of the Edition - An Easy Christmas

Circular Walk from Broadclyst

Getting There: Bus Stop at Victory Hall/RedLion, Broadclyst, on the Exeter to Cullumpton route Car parking in small free car park off Hellings Gardens, Broadclyst adjacent to Victory Hall.

Starting point - the green square at Hellings Gardens, on the South side of the B3181, behind Victory Hall next to the Broadclyst Surgery.

Marked on the map as number 1.

Distance: 2km or 1.3 miles

Time: Approximately 45 minutes

2. Off we go! Walk up towards the bus shelter on the main road, the B3181, and turn left along the pavement. Where the village store is now, was the site of Barton Farm, which was destroyed in a great fire which swept through this part of the village in 1870, destroying a number of houses and cottages.

3. Cross the pedestrian crossing and turn right towards the Red Lion Inn. The beautiful spreading tree over the wall on your left hand side is a conker tree, or Horse Chestnut. In the spring it is covered in beautiful flowers. If you are here in the autumn you may find conkers to pick up. You could plant them to grow new trees. These trees are not native to England but are considered endangered across Europe as their numbers are declining.

4. The Red Lion Inn is a marvellous old pub, the building dates from the 17th-18th Century and in late spring to summer its front wall is covered in glorious wisteria flowers. If you are here at dusk in the summer months you will likely see bats flying to and fro. You will pass here again near the end of your walk. If you want to stop for refreshment on your way back, it is best to check online in advance for their opening hours. Bear left pass the front of the pub and towards the church.

5. Enter the Churchyard. If you want to be a history detective a churchyard is a good place to start. This fine church, dedicated to St John The Baptist largely dates from the late 15th century although it was substantially restored in the Victorian era. In front of you is the stepped stone base of a medieval cross. In the medieval period a regular market was

held right here in the churchyard. Off to your right, see if you can find strange looking low arches in the churchyard wall. These arches are the tops of the vaulted ceiling of an undercroft or cellar, the only surviving part of the now vanished medieval manor house of Broadclyst home of the Nonant family from c1100 to 1340 CE. In the churchyard you could also hunt for memorials dedicated to members of the Veitch family. They were famous horticulturalists who designed the gardens at Killerton house and established nurseries in Exeter. They introduced many new plants to England, right here in the Clyst Valley, including the majestic Wellingtonia or Giant Redwood tree. Take the path to the left of where we entered the churchyard, keeping the church on your right-hand side. Leave the churchyard via the small gate and continue along the lane.

6. You will pass by Broadclyst House on your right. This was originally the medieval rectory for the church but was remodelled as a mansion in later centuries.

7. At a junction with a small road (beware there may be occasional cars!) keep straight on. The long stone buildings to your left just at this point are almshouses, constructed in 1605.

8. Take the first right turn into a lane, signposted Public Footpath, Clyston Mill and Killerton house. As this is a cycle route, beware of bicycles!

9. At the bend follow the track round to the right, ignoring the footpath that heads across the fields. Occasionally in the winter and spring months following very heavy rainfall, the river Clyst ahead may burst its banks. If the track is flooded, you will need to turn back and retrace your steps. Along this stretch of track notice the fine large oak trees on your left. If you are here in the autumn you may find acorns on the ground that you could plant in pots or direct in the soil. We need more trees to be planted because trees are good for wildlife and people.

10. When you get to the junction we will be heading off to the left, signposted as a cycle trail. Pause for a

moment and look to the right. You will see a lovely old orchard.

Orchards not only provide fruit but are great habitats for wildlife. Beyond the Orchard you will be able to see Clyston Mill, a working watermill owned by the National Trust (limited opening hours: check the National Trust Killerton website for details). The mill standing is an 18th-19th century building but is perhaps built upon the site of a medieval mill, first mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

11. Head along the cycle path bridging over the River Clyst. Looking across the flat fields of the floodplain here. Note the fine old oak trees in hedgerows. You may notice that some of them have craggy or jagged looking dead branches. These are common on older oaks and are known as "stag horns". The presence of dead branches does not harm the tree and is an important part of the tree's natural life cycle and provides important habitat for many small creatures and fungi.

12. When you get to a sharp right turn pause to look back with fine views of Broadclyst church on the high ground in the middle of the village. If you look carefully you will see in the low-lying fields of the floodplain many humps and bumps. Such features are most visible when the sun is low in morning or evening and casting long shadows. This is archaeology! These irregularities are traces of long vanished channels which were created to divert water from the river across the fields. These would have been regulated by sluices and were designed to create water meadows to produce abundant summer hay crops.

13. Continuing around the corner on the cycle path and onwards you will soon come close to some electricity pylons. Beyond these you can see two tall trees on the hilltop. These trees are Wellingtonias, or Giant Redwoods. The Wellingtonia, native of California is the largest tree in the world and was brought to Devon in 1853 by the Veitch nursery in Exeter. These particular specimens are believed to have been planted for

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

14. If you were to follow this cycle path onwards you would in ten minutes come to Martinsfield Farm, and continue on a footpath, or follow the cycle trail eventually to Killerton House (National Trust). Here we turn off the cycle path to the right. Pass through the gate and cross the field by a well-worn footpath back towards Broadclyst. If the field ahead is flooded following heavy rainfall, you will need to turn back and retrace your route.

15. At the far side of the field cross a footbridge back over the River Clyst

once more. Notice on your left a large knobbly-barked tree on the riverside. This is an Aspen, a fast-growing type of native poplar tree that particularly thrives in waterside locations. Follow the path around to the right. The variety of trees on either side here, including coppiced hazel, and fallen wood left on the ground to rot, is great wildlife habitat.

16. Rounding another corner, you will see the path going uphill. With trees overhead it almost has the appearance of a tunnel. Where a path or lane like this becomes set between banks and its surface is eroded by

feet and water it becomes deeper and deeper over the years. Such routes are often very old and are known as "hollow ways".

17. At the top of the hollow way you will find yourself back in Broadclyst, go ahead and cross the gravel drives passing houses on either side and take a left turn. This will bring you back to the Red Lion Inn.

18. Ahead of you lies the main road the B3181. If you cross via the pedestrian crossing you will be back at your starting point adjacent to Victory Hall, the bus stops, and the car park in Hellings Gardens.



We hope you have enjoyed this walk, brought to you by the #RoutesForRoots project as part of the Clyst Valley Regional Park. You can follow us on social media @ClystValleyPark. Why not sign up to our email list for updates on project news and events?

Clyst Meadows Country Park

Paul Osbourne

East Devon District Council (EDDC) has submitted a planning application for a new country park in Broadclyst Station, to the west of Station Road.

It will provide a new area of natural green space for local residents and visitors within the Clyst Valley Regional Park providing a nature-rich and dog-friendly space to give people a wider choice of places to visit in the area.

The country park will be one of a series of natural green spaces that provide mitigation to help reduce the impact of the increasing population in East Devon and Exeter on the

internationally protected Exe Estuary and Pebblebed Heaths. These habitats are important for a range of species of overwintering birds including Dark-bellied Brent Geese, and summer migrants such as the Nightjar. For more information on the mitigation strategy please visit the websites for South East Devon Wildlife, Wild East Devon and Devon LOVES Dogs* - a free membership scheme for dog owners that provides information on great places to walk whilst caring for nature (links below).

The design for the new country park has been developed following

consultation with residents last year. We have amended the proposals to respond to feedback and have moved the proposed car park to the southern part of the site. As a result, we hope Clyst Meadows will become a welcoming open space for all, with wild countryside and attractive walks, as well as providing a range of habitats including damp meadows, hedges, scrubby woodland and veteran oak trees which will be home to nesting birds, bats and a range of amphibians, reptiles and insects.

As part of the scheme we will also deliver the first part of a new shared walking and cycle trail

between Station Road and Mosshayne Lane, as part of a new Cranbrook to Exeter cycleway.

If the application is approved East Devon's Countryside Team will manage the site. They will work with Broadclyst Parish Council and the community to provide a range of educational activities and events. There will be opportunities for local people to volunteer to help improve the value of the site for wildlife.

For updates on the project please follow @ClystValleyPark on Facebook or Instagram.



24055 - Station Road Country Park
Location Plan | 05/09/2024



* southeastdevonwildlife.org.uk

wildeastdevon.co.uk

devonlovesdogs.co.uk

Riverfly Monitoring on the Clyst

The last issue of the Broadsheet included a report on monitoring the water quality of the River Clyst. As part of the same initiative to learn about the health of our river, members of Broadclyst Environment Group took a brief training course in riverfly monitoring over the summer and carried out the first riverfly survey at the beginning of October.



“Riverflies” refers to a number of species of flying insects that spend their larval stage in freshwater. There are diverse types of larvae - some have flattened bodies for hiding under stones, others have hooks for attaching themselves to the riverbed, while others live in cases which they build out of small stones or plants. Some are good swimmers, while others prefer to walk along the bottom. These insect larvae are an important part of the food chain, providing food for fish and other aquatic

predators. Different riverfly species have different tolerances to pollution, so the presence or absence of particular species in a river can give a good indication of the water quality. Also, sudden changes in the riverfly population are often the result of environmental changes brought on by pollution or other problems, and riverfly surveys in some places have highlighted pollution and led to the successful prosecution of polluters.

Riverfly monitoring was developed by the Riverfly Partnership, which grew out of groups of anglers concerned about the state of the country’s rivers. There is a standardised monitoring technique, which means that all surveys are carried out in the same way so that the results of surveys from different places on the same river or from different rivers can be compared. Surveys are carried out using a net of specific size, which is placed on the riverbed. The surveyor stirs up the riverbed upstream of the net for exactly three minutes, and the flow of the river washes all the dislodged insect larvae and other organisms into the net. These have to be carefully identified and counted. then the results are used to give a score for that site on the river.

For our survey, Broadclyst Environment Group used equipment kindly provided by the National Trust, who are working to investigate the health of the rivers that run through the Killerton Estate. Three sites on the River Clyst were chosen: one upstream in Clyst Hydon, one in Broadclyst and one downstream in Clyst Honiton. We found a variety of life at the Clyst Honiton site, suggesting a reasonable state of health, but with plenty of room for improvement. Moving upstream, however, the picture was rather different. The site in Broadclyst showed fewer riverflies and less diversity, while in Clyst Hydon we found very few riverflies at all.

We have also been looking at the fish living in the river. The only species that are regularly caught are minnows and sticklebacks, although bullheads and loaches are found sometimes and elvers (baby eels) have been reported.

Using underwater video we have seen shoals of minnows in different sites, although unfortunately some of the fish at one site near Broadclyst looked diseased and unhealthy, suggesting poor water quality.

Overall, the riverfly monitoring has helped confirm what we already suspected - the River Clyst is not in good shape. Further monitoring is scheduled for spring and summer next year and we hope the results will help identify some of the pressures on the river. The River Clyst is a small river, but it is an important part of our local environment and it should be home to a wide array of invertebrates, fish, birds and mammals. Next time you look at the river, try to imagine a pristine river with clear water and a clean, pebbly bottom. Perhaps one day we will see it restored to its rightful state.



Do you have an article or something to share with your community? If so, please get in touch!

Email: broadsheet@broadclyst.org / Tel: 01392 360269

An Update from Clyst Vale Community College

Ms Sara Jacobs, Principal

In August we celebrated another set of remarkable A level and GCSE results, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our students, alongside the commitment and expertise of our teaching staff.

All of our Year 13 university applicants secured places on their chosen course, 24% securing A or A* grades and an overall pass rate of 97%. We were extremely proud of our Year 11 cohort who achieved an

excellent set of GCSE results, many students surpassed expectations, setting impressive new benchmarks for success. We wish all of these students every success in their next steps.



September saw us open our doors for our annual New Intake Open Evening, welcoming students and parents/carers currently in Year 6 at primary school. We welcomed a record number of visitors, many of whom took the time to comment on the excellent conduct of students and calm and welcoming atmosphere of the College.

Friday 22nd September was the Clyst Vale annual Harry Patch Remembrance Day. World War One veteran Harry Patch was the UK's 'Last Fighting Tommy', up until his death in July 2009, aged an incredible 111 years. The date marks the day in 1917 when Harry's three best friends were killed and he was badly wounded.

You can read more about Harry's story and link to Clyst Vale on our website - www.clystvale.org/ and searching "Harry Patch"

Well done to the Post 16 students and staff who baked and sold cakes to raise money for Harry's favourite charity, the RNLI – raising a fantastic **£237.70**.



We also held an art competition for Year 7 students where they created a piece of artwork based on the flowers and images from the Clyst Vale Harry Patch Garden. If there are any keen local gardeners who would like to help us maintain this garden area, please contact Mrs Padden: paddenh@clystvale.org



Y7 students with artwork based on flowers and images from the Clyst Vale Harry Patch Garden

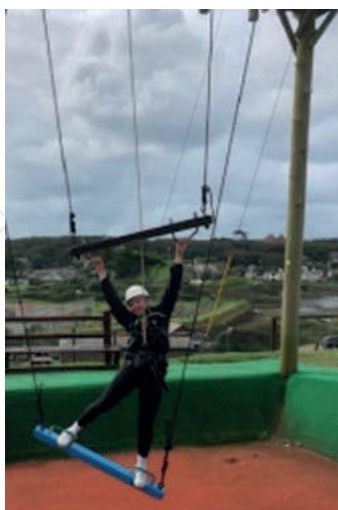
We held our annual Y8 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day at the end of September. This was provided by funding won from the IET and delivered by a local company called 'Cognition' and supported by STEM ambassadors from local industry. Students worked in small teams of 6 to solve a choice of 3 different challenges:

- Making a toy for young children
- Helping people with a disability
- Making an object to support people in sport

Students worked hard dividing their teams into different rolls including finance, design, electrical health and safety, mechanical engineering and project management, scoring points for their design teamwork and planning. The end of the day saw the students present their ideas to the group and specialist engineering panel, and facing some difficult questions.

All of the students involved represented the school in a wholly outstanding way and all gave positive feedback. We hope to be able to bid for funding next year to further these activities.

Our Post 16 students had a fantastic time on their residential in Bude in September. Fortunately, initial heavy rain and strong winds subsided and made way for 3 days of sunny skies and beautiful sunsets.



The trip gave these students the opportunity to get to know each other better and bond as a year group with opportunities to try various activities including mountain boarding, kayaking, climbing, high ropes and surfing.

It has also been a busy half term for the PE department with lots of sports fixtures and tournaments taking place. Training walks are already underway for those working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and after October half term, training for the annual Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor will commence. We are extremely grateful to all of the staff who give up their time to provide these fantastic extra curricular opportunities for our students. Extra help is always appreciated at these events, if you enjoy the outdoors and would be interested in getting involved, please contact Chris Eales at ealesc@clystvale.org.

You may be aware that in the Summer Term the College applied to close our Post 16 provision at Clyst Vale due to financial pressures. The application to close the Sixth Form has now been approved. While we fully recognise that this decision marks a significant loss for the College and understand the concerns and disappointment shared by many, we believe it is in the best long-term interests of our community. This decision is intended to strengthen the College's future by focusing on improving the quality of education for our 11-16 students and enhancing our financial stability. We remain committed to preserving the unique character and ethos of the College, ensuring it continues to be a safe and nurturing environment for all students. Clyst Vale is a fantastic place to work. To find out more about current vacancies at the College, visit our website www.clystvale.org/vacancies



Join my Junior Environment Group

If you are interested in saving the planet, then here are top tips on how you can make a difference!

* If it is not far, then don't use the car – more cars mean more air pollution which is bad for animals and people. When you go on the school run, if you live close, you can walk to school. If you must drive, remember not to leave the car engine on - some cars can pump out almost twice the number of nasty fumes while not moving.

* Pack a no rubbish lunch - if rubbish is left on the ground, it can be blown away and be really harmful for wildlife if they swallow it or get stuck in it. You can choose re-useable bottles, containers and re-usable wax wraps rather than clingfilm.

* Buy recycled paper and wood products such as toilet roll, to save cutting down trees. Less trees means less habitats for animals. Did you know Broadclyst Environment Group runs a Community Toilet Roll order scheme,

we have 30 households, not just saving the planet but saving money too!

*We all know that by turning your light off you can save electricity, but did you know that dusty light bulbs use more energy than clean ones? So, make sure to dust them once in a while.

*Caring for our wildlife - Cut a tunnel through your fence so hedgehogs can pass their way through to get their food. We've had hedgehogs running through our garden on their way for berries.

*Keep your local habitat safe by staying on the path. The reason why is so you don't step on plants and bugs or upset hedgehogs by stepping on their beds.

These top tips are brought to you by me Martha age 9. I want to encourage everyone to help save the planet and at Broadclyst Funday I made a pledge to set up a junior environment group - I'll be posting an update on that hopefully soon.

Martha , aged 9

I wasn't the only one to make a pledge though, we've also got people learning new vegan recipes and doing monthly bird counts for the Wetland Bird Survey. Me and my friends at the Broadclyst Environment Group would love to hear how your pledges are going too - please share on our Facebook page.

If anyone is interested in joining or information, please contact Broadclystenvgrp@gmail.com

Broadclyst Theatre Group Presents

Showing at
Broadclyst Victory Hall

Rapunzel

Written by Ben Crocker

February

6th 1930
7th 1930
8th 1430 & 1930

Adults £10 Under 14s £6.50

Book Ticket at www.ticketsource.co.uk/broadclyst-theatre-group




SOIL ASSOCIATION ORGANIC

Shillingford organics

The Farm on Exeter's Doorstep

Organic Vegetable Boxes & Online Farm Shop

Free delivery to Exeter & surroundings (minimum £14 spend applies)

Order online for fresh organic vegetables, salad, herbs, fruit, eggs, bakery, dairy, larder & more

www.shillingfordorganics.co.uk

10% OFF YOUR FIRST BOX!
with discount code: DOORSTEP

Valid for set veg and fruit boxes only, extra items not included



The Local Plan, A View From the Committee

When I became an East Devon District Councillor and was chosen to sit on the Strategic Planning Committee, I had no idea that 18 months in I would be helping to vote through many prospective sites for future housing allocations. I had hoped that my role in the council would be to help reduce the amount of house building going on across the district. Halfway through making the local plan a new government appeared who wants to encourage even more housebuilding across the country than the last. As they have changed the planning rules, we now have a race on our hands to get to regulation 19 phase, so we don't have to start the whole process again

and add another 200 a year to our targets.

Regulation 19 is the last opportunity for residents to consult on the whole document before it is submitted to the inspector next year. Keep your eyes open around Christmas to give EDDC your feedback.

We had a particularly nightmarish 10-hour meeting on the first wash up allocation day, this is where the actual choosing of sites that had previously failed happened. Pro and anti members of the community were booked in to speak about their chosen sites. Broadclyst village gained an extra 124 houses despite protest that this was too much for the roads and services to bear by our

Parish Clerk and myself.

The one good thing is that having a large site developed hopefully means access from Green Tree Lane will be mostly avoided. Let's hope planning isn't achieved for this site for a good while, though the CIL money from the buildings could be useful in putting towards mitigation of the development in time. Sites for approximately 9400 homes were allocated to be built over the plan period 2020 -2042 (obviously this involves some sites currently under construction).

It's not just housing that has to be allocated, land for employment and Gypsy and Traveller sites have

been decided recently too.

These meetings were long but not dull and the audience was noisy. In fact, so disruptive at times that one member was threatened with being sent out! We sat and listened to all the arguments from residents about why we should not allocate the patch near them whilst the developers argued why we should and we sat in the middle trying to work out what were the least, worst places to build. We have renamed ourselves "The rock and a hard place committee".

I doubt there is any ward member across the district that thought that their area got a good deal.

Cllr Paula Fernley

East Devon Local Plan 2020-2040 - Broadclyst



New Road Safety Group

Cllr Liz Straw

We've formed a new parish council working group to help tackle traffic issues, with the group aims including enhancing the safety, environmental health and quality of life for residents within the parish.

We look forward to working with primary schools in Broadclyst and Westclyst, Clyst Vale Community College, residents, local stakeholders, Broadclyst Environment Group and national environmental campaigns.

At our November meeting, the parish council passed a motion stating: "This Council recognises the

urgent need to address the safety, environmental, and equality impacts associated with the daily school run in the Parish.

"The congestion, unsafe conditions, and environmental degradation caused by high levels of vehicle traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times are jeopardising the safety of children, the quality of life for residents, and the sustainability of the parish environment."

We all know there is no silver bullet to solving the problems caused by the school run, but lots of small actions can help make a big difference.

At the same time this motion was passed, we were delighted to hear Broadclyst Environment Group is proposing a scheme to help families cycle to school – this is excellent news. I will be urging the council to financially support this scheme. We need more initiatives like this to help alleviate our dangerous and congested roads.

We will also be partnering with environmental charity Mums for Lungs, to highlight the dangers of vehicles idling near schools.

Our working group will also be considering the practices of pavement



parking and misusing disabled parking spaces, these create significant obstacles for residents with mobility impairments and we need to stop this.

Let's work together to make our communities safer, healthier and happier.

For further information or to get involved, email liz.straw@broadclyst.org.



Caroline
Experienced Mobile Hairdresser
Tel : 01392 461070





SHORT OR LONG TERM SELF STORAGE AVAILABLE IN BROADCLYST

Secure compound CCTV with
24 hour 7 day access
Direct vehicle access
Competitive rates
Close links to M5, A30, Exeter

www.killertonselfstorage.co.uk
Tel : 01392 460986



Mel Spiller
S.A.C Dip RFHP
Foot Health Practitioner
07375 980028
Melanie.spillerfhp@outlook.com



Devon Energy Ltd
Heating and Cooling

Richard Walland 01392 464028 · info@devonenergyltd.co.uk

Based in Broadclyst and offering the following services:

Gas and Oil Boiler Servicing
Repairs, Replacements and Installation
Underfloor Heating and System Controls
Aga and Rayburn Servicing and Repairs
Air Conditioning Installations and Maintenance
Domestic and Commercial
Heat Pump installation and Maintenance

LPG Qualified · Gas Safe Registered

Do you need any help with your garden?

Would you like your lawn cut regularly?

I am available to help with your gardening work

William Parker

01392 881570 Mob 07583 171221

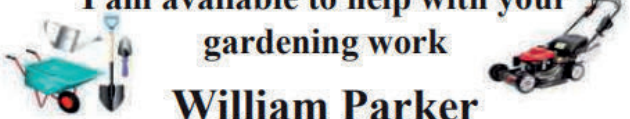




Photo of Tithebam 2024, courtesy of Paula Fernley Photography

Could you be interested in becoming a Snow or Tree Warden? If so, please contact the office for further information about what is involved.

01392 360269 / office@broadclyst.org



National Trust

Visit Killerton car-free and choose yourself a free book from our second-hand bookshop (below the value of £5). Simply show your cycle helmet, bus ticket or proof of your journey on foot (pictures or a GPS recording of your journey from home) at the till with your chosen book.

Welly Wanders will be returning to Killerton this January. Visit 3 times throughout January, enjoy a refreshing winter walk, collect your stamps, and earn yourself a free drink. Normal admission applies.

Please see website for up-to-date information.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/killerton



Tel 01392 247663
Jeremy Bridgman 07936 266007
Alan Curgenvin 07719 911344
Email ja.secsystem@btinternet.com
Website www.jasecuritysystems.co.uk

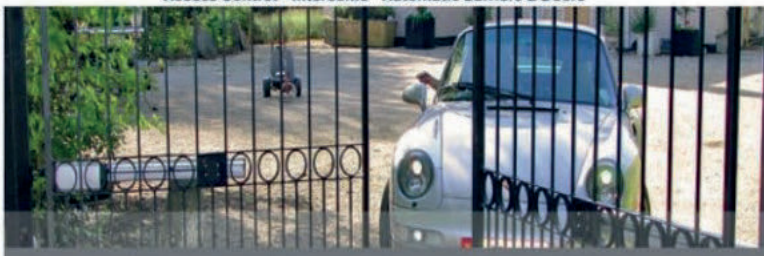
Local Specialists For All Your Security Needs

Keeping our customers safe & secure for 15 years.

Design, Supply, Installation & Service/Maintenance

Automatic Swing & Sliding Gates * CCTV Systems - Intruder Alarms

Access Control - Intercoms * Automatic Barriers & Doors



**You've got our back,
when you hit the road, Jack.**



We get it. You think you're helping out others by leaving more space in the road. But we need you to steer clear of the paths too so we can get through, even if it means you need to park somewhere else. Wheelchair users & our visually impaired, Our families & the elderly - all need paths kept free of obstacles so they can travel safely.

Make sure you hit the road when you park.



tithebarn.uk

Carbon Literacy Training

Broadclyst Parish Council, in tandem with East Devon District Council, is pleased to offer free climate change training for members of community groups in the parish. The training, called "carbon literacy", and is delivered in two morning sessions (planned for February 2025) at Broadclyst Sports Pavilion. If you complete the two sessions and do a little bit of homework, you get a

certificate. You will come away from the training more confident that you understand global warming and climate change, and what to do about it, and more confident that you can explain these measures from a well-evidenced perspective. To find out more about carbon literacy training go to:

<https://carbonliteracy.com/>.

If you are interested enough to take a couple of half days off of work in February to do this, please book your place as soon as possible by emailing office@broadclyst.org. To qualify, you should be a member of a community group (such as a football club or environmental group) in the parish.

At the Council Table

Cllr. Henry Gent

In the run up to Christmas, it seems appropriate to celebrate the number of babies being born in the parish. I have limited official statistics, but results of a recent 12-week trial on nappy recycling has recently been reported to the council. During the trial doorstep collections households, which had already asked for larger bins due to nappies, were offered a place on this scheme, as shown in the following table:

Area	No. of Properties	% of Scheme
Cranbrook Monday	27	14%
Cranbrook Tuesday	41	21%
Cranbrook Wednesday	41	21%
Tithebarn Thursday	40	21%
Broadclyst Friday	6	3%
Clyst Honiton Friday	3	2%
Whimple Friday	5	3%
West Clyst (Hawkins Rd side) Friday	18	9%
West Clyst (Co-op side) Friday	14	7%
Total	195	

The reason for the nappy recycling trial? Disposable nappies are one of the biggest items in non-recyclable refuse, and not good for the energy-from-waste incinerator, as they don't burn well. I understand that in the trial the nappies are being processed and turned into some sort of construction material.

These households are an unknown fraction of the total number of households with babies: some families with a baby are happy to continue with a normal size bin, maybe they use washable nappies, just don't have too much refuse or didn't know about the scheme.

Nevertheless it does give a feel for the relative numbers of babies and little toddlers, and indicates current demographic trends of the parish. I dimly remember the sheer exhaustion – in fact I don't remember much else.

We have finally succeeded in getting the "Poltimore Balls/Bowles" restored. These are the 2 pillars that stand at the junction of the B3181 and the road to Poltimore. They are listed monuments, and the Listing Description states that they consist of 2 gatepiers, listed because of the quality of the seventeenth century carving, with one of them carrying the date 1681. One of the pillars was knocked over early in 2021 by an uninsured vehicle, and it has been a bit complicated to get it put back up. Older residents will recall that the junction was modified when the M5 was built. Prior to the motorway, I think the junction was at a lower level and facing into a wood and former quarry, which was itself quarried away by the motorway. There was also some speculation about the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the pillars. Perhaps they still belong to the former owner of the land on which they had stood when the motorway was built – there is no evidence that the pillars changed hands, even though they were moved.



Eventually DCC, who manage the land on behalf of the land owners, Highways England (the motorway), agreed to the work going ahead and provided funding that enabled the parish to commission a contractor to carry out the repair.

We got there in the end.



An Update from Broadclyst Social Club

Broadclyst Social Club is a locally run club for Members. For just £10 per year for adults, you can have access to the amenities including a snooker room, pool table, darts and skittles. Maybe you would like to join an existing team (or even start a new one to participate in the leagues) or just pop in and enjoy the football/ rugby and other sports on the TV, whilst having a drink with friends. It's entirely up to you.

Regular entertainment evenings including live bands, bingo, quizzes and

themed events, which are popular and enjoyed by all.

Recently we have been raising funds for the wonderful Devon Air Ambulance (DAA), after one of our Members' life was saved by them.



From a 24hr darts and skittles evening, to draws and games nights with a

local pub, Members have been working hard to raise funds.

On the Bank Holiday weekend in August, we were supported by members of the DAA at a 24hr marathon. They brought a car with them to allow the children to sit in and sound the siren, and raised the spirits of those partaking in the gruelling fundraiser. We are delighted to say we have raised **£2,117.93** so far.

If you would like to get involved, and find out if joining is a good option for you, come along and try an

evening with us. You can sign in for £1, up to 3 times, before you are expected to join and pay the £10 fee to continue to use the facilities.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Perhaps even after the Xmas lights turn on which is the 30th November, when we also have entertainment, or even New Year's Eve, when local DJ Pete Newman will be taking us through to 2025 with his Data Disco.

Peter Mallon

FOUR SEASONS

PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICES

All Aspects of Tree Surgery
Stump Removal
Crown Lifting · Crown Reduction
Grounds Maintenance · Grass Cutting
Hedge Cutting · All types of Fencing
Wood Chip · Seasoned Logs
General Garden Maintenance · Turfing
Fully Insured · Private & Commercial Customers
22m Tracked Lift Platform Hire
2.7t Digger Hire
Free Quotations
www.fourseasons-treeservices.com
Oliver Vernon
info@fourseasons-treeservices.com
01884 563021/07766168162



YOGA WITH NIKKI
BROADCLYST VICTORY HALL
MONDAYS 19.00-20.15
FRIDAYS 10.00-11.00

Yoga in Exeter; classes,
workshops, retreats
and teacher trainings

Email: www.yogavida.co.uk
Instagram: nikki_cassapyoga

WANTED

● VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ●



Clyst Caring Friends is a local charity providing much needed services within the Pinhoe, Broadclyst and surrounding areas.

We are looking to recruit more volunteer drivers to help transport our clients to local destinations, which may include the following:

- Local medical appointments
- Journeys to and from our Day Centre in Broadclyst
- Journeys to and from our Coffee Mornings in Pinhoe.

This is a very flexible volunteering position based on a volunteer's availability and also dependant on how many journeys we have coming in on a weekly basis. Drivers use their own vehicles and a mileage allowance is paid to cover the fuel costs whilst transporting our clients.

REWARD

- HELPING WITHIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO OTHER PEOPLES' LIVES.
- FEELING APPRECIATED AND VALUED.
- BEING PART OF A FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERING TEAM.
- MEETING NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

If you would like more information regarding this volunteering position, please phone Ann on 01392 464940/07889563936
To find out more about CCF please take a look at our website:
www.clystcaringfriends.org.uk



EXETER SCIENCE PARK

Helping innovative
STEMM companies deliver
extraordinary growth

**SPECIAL
COMMUNITY
OFFERS**

Café

10% DISCOUNT

Did you know our café is open to the public?

Serving delicious, freshly cooked meals, snacks, panini's, sandwiches, salads and hot and cold drinks from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Eat In or Click & Collect



Scan QR code to view our menu and order online

Simply quote:
BPCN24
at checkout

Co working

From £11/day

The coworking space in the Science Park Centre has been designed specifically for start-ups, entrepreneurs and fast-growth businesses without the commitment of full-time office space.



Scan QR code to find out more about our facilities

Email or call us for more information

Events

SPECIAL RATES*

Are you looking for a unique venue to hold a special event or a meeting? With state-of-the-art facilities, free parking and a superb in-house catering service, we're just the place you've been looking for.

*Offers available on Monday & Fridays only



Scan QR code to find out more about our meeting and event spaces.

Email or call us for more information

We look forward to welcoming you to Exeter Science Park

exetersciencepark.co.uk

01392 247047

contact@exetersciencepark.co.uk



Please Note: Last Date for Articles for the Spring Broadsheet is 31st January 2025

Email: broadsheet@broadclyst.org / Call: 01392 360269

New Store Opening



Would you like to be part of an exciting opportunity to work in a new store?

We are currently recruiting for a brand-new team in Exeter!

The store will be located at the following address:

**Gereint Hill (off Hutchings Drive)
Tithebam
EXETER
EX1 3RS**

We have a wide range of colleague and shift leader vacancies to choose from.

Please scan the below QR code to apply.



YOUR LOCAL LEGAL EXPERTS

Contact us now for advice

Our services include:

- Residential Conveyancing
- Personal Injury
- Medical Negligence
- Commercial Property
- Divorce & Separation
- Dispute Resolution
- Wills, Trusts & Probate
- Commercial Services
- Legal Matters Regarding Children

DUNN & BAKER
SOLICITORS Est. 1885

- Direct Legal Expert Contact
- No Hidden Costs
- Same-day Response
- Free Initial Consultation

Exeter 01392 285000 Cullompton 01884 33818
WWW.DUNNANDBAKER.CO.UK

Hire Our Sports Hall!

Available for private hire for sports clubs and parties.

5-A-Side Football

£15 per team per week.



Have you got a 5-A-Side team looking to join a friendly league?

Children's Trampolining

Wednesdays & Saturdays



FREE FOR LED MEMBERS or £5.50 per session.

Early booking is strongly recommended.

Children's Mini Tennis

Saturdays



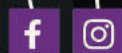
FREE FOR LED MEMBERS or £5.50 per session.

Early booking is strongly recommended.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK:

Download the LED app, or call 01392 464 676

Broadclyst Leisure centre, Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, EX5 3AL



www.ledleisure.co.uk

Broadclyst
Leisure Centre

Village Clubs and Societies

Broadclyst Brownies and Guides Hazel (Brown Owl) 07779 038637	Broadclyst Local History Society Jason Jackson 01392 129102	Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club Sophie Cook c/o Clerk 07532 286713	Heathfield Farm Trust Matthew Staite mstaite@heathfieldfarm.org
Broadclyst Reading Group Liz Rhodes 01392 461416 Clyst Vale Library 01392 464010	Tornados Netball Club Vicky 07956042247 tornadosnetballclub@hotmail.com	Broadclyst Bowling Club Chair - Barbara Rusbridge - barbararusbridge@talktalk.net Secretary - Marilyn Gledhill - marilynsecbb@gmail.com Captain - Tony Rusbridge - tonyrusbridge@talktalk.net	
Devon Racqueteers Badminton 01392 464676	Broadclyst Community Hub Lucinda Cliff 01392 517453 tenantparticipation@eastdevon.gov	Broadclyst Knitting Group Glenis Petrelli 01392 461218	Broadclyst W.I. Chrissie Sweetland 07837 610249
Ladies Craft Group Jean c/o Clerk 07532 286713	Broadclyst Youth Club with YMCA Angie Hurren 07532 286713	Broadclyst Gardening Club Chrissie Sweetland 07837 610249	Broadclyst Short Mat Bowls Club Colin Jackson 01392 469409
Net Ninja's Junior Badminton Club Becky - 07791 649073 Bexfollett@icloud.com	Baby and Toddler Group Gemma 01392 360269 (office)	Broadclyst Art Society Denise Proudfoot 01404 822642	Broadclyst Twinning Association eleanor.rylance@gmail.com
Short Tennis and Badminton for Children 01404 42325	Broadclyst Cricket Club www.broadclystcc.co.uk	Broadclyst Archery Club 01392 464676	Five-a-Side Football 01404 42325
Broadclyst Bell Ringers James Kirkaldy broadclystbells@gmail.com	Broadclyst Allotment Association broadclystallotmentassociation@gmail.com	Broadclyst Football Club broadclystfootballclub.com	Broadclyst Environment Group Paula Fernley (Chair) broadclystenvgrp@gmail.com
1st Pinhoe Scouts Phil Wakely chair@pinhoescouts.org Pete Newman gsl@pinhoescouts.org	Broadclyst Theatre Group Katie Jones katiejonesiphone@gmail.com	Broadclyst V.I.Ps Nicole Walland broadclystvips@outlook.com	



Do you have a club, society or group in the parish that isn't included above?

Are any of the contact details above in need of updating?

If so, please get in touch, so we can make changes for the next edition.

broadsheet@broadclyst.org / 01392 360269

What's on in the Parish?

See www.broadclyst.org/useful-information/community-calendar for additional events within the parish and for any updates on the below groups

Monday	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Broadclyst Local History Society Broadclyst Victory Hall Every 2nd Monday	Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club Broadclyst playing fields Starts from 7.00pm	Broadclyst Brownies followed by Guides Pavilions 5.00pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavilion 5.00pm - 7.00pm (March - September)	Devon Racqueteers Badminton Broadclyst Leisure Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm	Broadclyst Reading Group CVCC Library 4.00pm - 5.30pm Every other Tuesday	Tornados Netball Club Clyst Vale Community College 7.00pm - 8.00pm
	Chatterbox Broadclyst Parish Church Starts from 10.00am Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday	Heathfield Farm Trust Heathfield Farm Lunchtimes	Bingo Broadclyst Victory Hall Starts from 7.45pm	Youth Club with YMCA Westclyst 4.30pm - 6.00pm School Year 6 onwards
Wednesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)	Casual Trampolining 3 sessions Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.30pm - 8.15pm	Little Angels Baby and Toddler Group Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.15am - 11.15am	Broadclyst Community Hub Broadview Community Centre 10.00am - 4.00pm
	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Broadclyst Knitting Group Broadclyst Parish Church Every last Wednesday	Martial Arts Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.00pm - 6.30pm 01404 814317	
Thursday	Broadclyst Community Café Broadclyst Social Club 9.30am - 12.30pm	Ladies Craft Group Sports Pavilion Starts from 10.00am	Broadclyst WI Clyst Caring Day Centre Every 4th Thursday	Broadclyst Gardening Club Broadclyst Victory Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm Every 2nd Thursday
	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 4.00pm - 6.00pm	Youth Club with YMCA Broadclyst Sports Pavilion 7.00pm - 9.00pm School Year 6 onwards	Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club Broadclyst playing fields Starts from 7.00pm	Broadclyst Short Mat Bowls Club Broadclyst Victory Hall 7.15pm - 10.00pm
Friday	Baby and Toddler Group Sports Pavilion 10.00am - 11.30am	Net Ninja's Junior Badminton Club Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5pm - 6pm Ages 5-12	Broadclyst Rainbows Clyst Vale Community College 5.00pm - 6.00pm	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)
	Broadclyst Art Society Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.30am - 12.30pm			
Saturday	Clyst Caring Friends' Coffee Morning Day Centre 10.00am - 11.30am Every 1st Saturday	Heathfield Farm Trust Heathfield Farm Lunchtimes	Mini Tennis Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am (ages 4+) 10.00am - 10.45am (ages 10+)	Casual Trampolining Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am 10.00am - 10.45am 11.00am - 11.45am
Sunday	Broadclyst Cricket Club Killerton House Every Summer Sunday			

Useful Telephone Numbers and Contacts

Devon County Council	0345 1551004	East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 111444
DCC Customer Relations	0800 212783	or www.adviceeastdevon.org.uk	
East Devon District Council	01404 515616	Shelter (Advice regarding homelessness)	0808 8004444
EDDC out-of-hours emergencies	01395 516854	Samaritans UK (free for landline and mobile)	116123
Exeter City Council	01392 277888	Jobcentre Plus Helpline	0845 6043719
RD&E Hospital	01392 411611	Environment Agency Flood Line	0845 9881188
Medical Non-Emergency (NHS Direct inc. Dentist)	111	The Farming Community Network	03000 111999
Police Non-Emergency	101	Clyst Vale Community College	01392 461407
Crimestoppers	0800 555111	Broadclyst Community Primary School	01392 461288
South West Water Limited	0800 1691144	Westclyst Community Primary School	01392 304040
National Grid Electricity Distribution	0800 365900	St. Martins School, Cranbrook	01404 515409
Gas Emergency	0800 111999	Monkerton Primary School	01392 304040
EON Heat	0345 3024312	Cranbrook Education Campus	01404 823293
See the Light	0845 0511668	Broadclyst Pavilions (Helen)	07925 181720
Exeter Bus Station	01392 427711	Broadclyst Sports Centre	01404 42325
Exeter Airport	01392 367433	Younghayes Centre (Bookings)	01404 41719
Pinhoe Surgery	01392 469666	Victory Hall (Bookings)	01392 467161
Clyst Caring Friends (Ann Unwin)	01392 464940	East Clyst Churches (Rev Marc)	01404 822525
Age U.K.	01392 202092		
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 4994101		

Honiton Minor Injuries Unit is a good alternative to RD&E on 01404 540540. Similarly, Tiverton has an Urgent Treatment Centre on 01884 235400

The Broadsheet is produced by Broadclyst Parish Council (broadclyst.org). Printing is carried out by Brightsea Print Group, Unit 3 Fair Oak Close, Exeter Airport, EX5 2UL, with costs being supported through advertising revenue.

Editors: Angie Hurren, Editor-in-Chief
Gemma Cole, Managing Editor
Henry Gent, Assistant Editor

Contact: Broadclyst Parish Clerk, Angie Hurren,
clerk@broadclyst.org

Advertising: Broadclyst Parish Council
broadsheet@broadclyst.org

Volunteering: If you can help in any way - from writing articles or delivering - get in touch
01392 360269

Broadclyst Sports Pavilion Holly Close, Broadclyst, EX5 3JB		
Sports: Your first stop for football, fitness and bowls		Pavilion facilities: Car park, private lawned area, kitchenette, toilets and showers
Also idea for: Parties, family celebrations, meetings and training days		Sits within the recreation ground with play areas and outdoor gym
Mobility-friendly with no steps	Competitive rates of hire, with group and community rates available Regular and occasional bookings taken	 Broadclyst Parish Council BROADCLYST PARISH COUNCIL BROADCLYST VILLAGE, EXETER
Bookings and enquiries: Helen 07925 181720 or email broadclystpavilions@hotmail.co.uk		

Copies of Parish Council Agendas and Minutes

The agendas and minutes of all parish council meetings are put on our website. Copies of these can be emailed or posted. Please telephone or email the Parish Clerk for particular copies you would like. Details of all planning applications are also available on the website. Most recent agendas are also displayed on the Broadclyst Village Noticeboard.

★ Articles for the Spring issue of the Broadsheet must be received no later than 31st January 2025 ★

Contributors are respectfully asked to check factual accuracy of articles and advertisements before submitting as Broadsheet Editors are unable to accept responsibility for such errors once items are received for publication.



M. Sillifant & Sons
Independent Family Funeral Directors
19-20 Holloway Street, Exeter. EX2 4JD 01392-272688

