



Broadclyst Parish Council
GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

The Broadsheet

A Community-Wide Summer of Fun!

This summer has been a shining example of what can happen when neighbours, volunteers, families and friends come together with generosity and good humour. Across the wider parish, three vibrant community events - in Broadclyst, Tithebarn and Westclyst - brought people out into the sunshine to celebrate local pride, raise funds and strengthen the bonds that make our area such a special place to live.

Broadclyst Fun Day – Saturday 27th June

The season began with Broadclyst's much-loved Fun Day, a long-standing highlight in the parish calendar. This year's event was not only packed with activities, stalls, games and entertainment, but also delivered an extraordinary fundraising achievement. Thanks to the hard work of all those behind the scenes, and the generosity of visitors, the day raised £8,500 for local community groups. These funds will support projects that directly benefit residents - from youth activities to accessible recreational clubs - ensuring the impact of the Fun Day continues long after the last gazebo has been packed away.



Tithebarn Fun Day – Saturday 1st August

A few weeks later, Tithebarn welcomed families for a relaxed and friendly summer celebration. The event brought neighbours together in a way that felt especially meaningful, offering a chance for newer residents to meet longer established ones and enjoy an afternoon of shared activities. With children's games, refreshments and plenty of opportunities to chat, the Tithebarn gathering strengthened the sense of belonging in one of the parish's fastest-growing communities. It was a reminder that even simple events - a sunny afternoon, a few well-loved games and a group of willing volunteers - can create lasting connections.

Westclyst Family Community Day – Sunday 9th August

The summer concluded with Westclyst's Family Community Day, a cheerful and accessible event centred on free activities for children and low-cost refreshments for families. This year's fundraising supported Breast Cancer Now's Afternoon Tea campaign, with donations being raised through the sale of cream teas and ice poles. The community contributed just shy of £230, a meaningful amount that reflects both generosity and the event's focus on keeping activities free and affordable for all. The atmosphere was lively and friendly, with families enjoying circus skills, face painting, sports and games that brought smiles to every corner of the field.

While each event had its own character, together, they tell a bigger story - one of collaboration, shared purpose and the joy of neighbours supporting neighbours. Volunteers from across the parish gave their time, skills and energy. Local groups contributed ideas, equipment and enthusiasm. Families travelled between events, showing that while each village has its own character, our communities are deeply connected.

This summer demonstrated that community spirit is not confined to one place; it thrives when people come together across the whole parish, celebrating what unites them. Whether raising thousands of pounds or simply offering a free afternoon of fun, each event played its part in strengthening the wider parish.

As we look ahead, these gatherings remind us that the most meaningful moments often come from working together. The parish has shown just how much can be achieved when communities come together - and we hope that this summer's successes will encourage even more volunteers, old and new, to join in and help shape the years ahead.



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Chairman's Corner Councillor Henry Massey



Two things have shaped this summer in Broadclyst: the weather, and a letter from Whitehall. One of them we can do nothing about. The other we very much intend to have a say in.

Water, or the lack of it
In late July the Environment Agency declared Devon officially in drought, the first time since 2023. Parts of the county went fifty days without rain, July was the driest England has on record, and South West Water extended its hosepipe ban to the whole county on 8 August. For most of us that means a brown lawn and a watering can. For the farms around us it is a great deal more serious: harvest came in early and came in light, grass growth has stopped so forage banked for the winter is already being eaten,

boreholes are running dry, and bluetongue is spreading fastest of all in the South West. Government has announced £65 million of support, although it has been found from elsewhere in the farming budget rather than added to it. If you farm here, you have the Council's sympathy and mine. If you do not, the useful things cost nothing at all: be patient behind a tractor, buy local where you can, keep dogs under control near livestock, and be very careful with anything that burns. And then, the rain! A dry summer makes autumn flooding more likely, not less. Ground baked this hard behaves rather like concrete, so when heavy rain finally arrives it runs across the surface instead of soaking in. Broadclyst needs no lecture on

this. Anyone who has watched the ford, or the low ground out towards Burrow Bridge, knows exactly how quickly the Clyst responds. Sign up for the Environment Agency's free flood warnings, and report blocked highway drains both to Devon County Council and to us.

On 16 July the Government confirmed that Devon County Council and all of the district councils will be abolished and replaced by four unitary authorities: an expanded Exeter, an expanded Plymouth, an expanded Torbay, and a new Devon Coast and Countryside authority covering the rest of the county. The model chosen was the one put forward by Exeter and Plymouth City Councils, rather than the three unitary proposal that East Devon and six other districts supported.

Broadclyst goes into Exeter Council, one of roughly 49 parishes drawn into a city authority that grows from around 130,000 residents to about 260,000. A Structural Change Order is expected this autumn, elections to a shadow authority follow in May 2027, and the new councils take over on 1 April 2028.

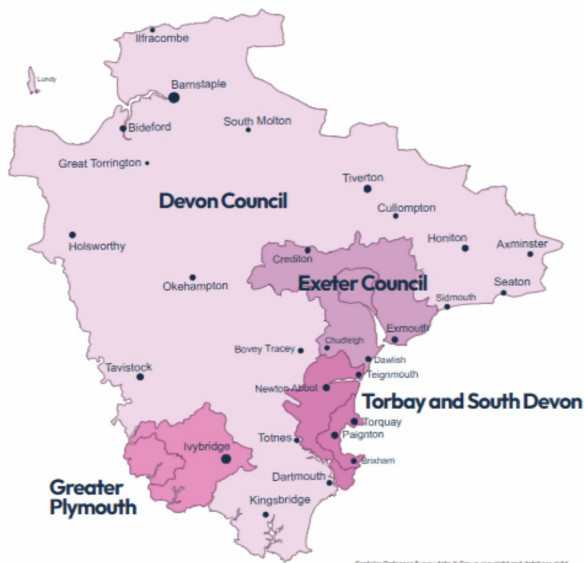
It may yet be challenged.

Devon County Council sent a

formal letter before claim to the Ministry on 3 August and must decide by mid-October whether to proceed to judicial review, a process that tests whether a decision was taken lawfully rather than whether it was a sensible idea. Preparations for 2028 carry on regardless.

For us, everything from bin collections to social care and planning will be run by a single council whose centre of gravity is the city. Parish councils are not abolished, and our own boundaries are untouched. But rural parishes on the edge of an urban authority can find themselves a long way from the room where decisions get made. Which is precisely why we are already working with neighbouring parish and town councils to agree a common position and to press for what matters: genuine consultation on planning, a sensible approach to local assets, and a proper voice for the villages inside Exeter Council. Forty-nine parishes saying the same thing at the same time is considerably harder to ignore than one.

If you have views on any of it, the Council would like to hear them. That, after all, is rather the point of us.



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Clerk's Report

Angie Hurren

As the evenings begin to draw in, it's worth pausing to look back on a summer well spent, and one that reminded us just how much richer parish life is when we come together as a community.

The Broadclyst Fun Day in June was, once again, the highlight of our community calendar. Set against a backdrop of stalls, activities and no shortage of Devon sunshine, the day gave families across the parish the chance to relax, play and enjoy each other's company. But beyond the fun itself, the Fun Day serves a quietly important purpose: it is one of the few occasions each year when our local clubs, groups and associations can stand shoulder to shoulder, showcase the work they do, and reach residents who might never otherwise

walk through their door. From the Bowling Club to the Scouts, the Gardening Club to the WI, these organisations are the backbone of community life in Broadclyst, and a Fun Day stall or a friendly conversation on the day is very often how a new member, volunteer or supporter first gets involved. That ripple effect matters far more than a single afternoon suggests. The day is also a wonderful example of the community supporting itself. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who sponsored, donated or took part, this year's Fun Day raised £8,500, which is being put back into the community. Our thanks go to every sponsor and supporter who made that possible.

August brought two further gatherings, at Tithebarn and Westclyst, on a smaller and

more local scale. As these newer communities continue to grow, community events matter enormously. They give neighbours who may only know each other in passing a reason to meet properly, they help newcomers feel that they belong somewhere, and they show that community life in Broadclyst Parish is not confined to the village centre. Community cohesion isn't built in a single grand gesture; it's built in these smaller, everyday moments of shared enjoyment, repeated often enough that they become part of the fabric of a place.

None of this happens by accident. I want to record my thanks to the Council's staff and to the volunteers who gave their time, in ways large and small, to help these events come together - from the early morning set-up to the last box

packed away in the evening. It is genuinely a team effort, and one the Council does not take for granted.

Looking ahead, this is exactly the spirit we hope to carry into the autumn and winter months. If this summer has shown anything, it's that Broadclyst's community groups and volunteers are the heart of what makes the parish feel like a place, not just a collection of houses. If you enjoyed a stall, a chat or an afternoon out this summer and found yourself wondering how to get more involved, whether with one of our local clubs, as a volunteer at a future event or simply by finding out more about what's on in your area, please do get in touch with the Parish Office (tel: 01392 360269). There is always a welcome waiting, and always a way to help.

Broadclyst Theatre Group

Katie Jones

It's been a busy year since Broadclyst Theatre Group were last treading the boards of Nottingham Forest, under the ever-watchful eye of Robin Hood.

We were out in force during the fun day and there are plenty of activities to come and see or get involved with - we are always really excited to welcome new members as well as our treasured audiences. On September 4th and 5th, we performed our Comedy Cabaret - an evening of laughter and mystery. Kicking off the evening was the next instalment of the BTG performers: Last Panto in Broadclyst, yes that hapless group of four members were back again and this time they turned their (somewhat inept) hand to Pantomime - a show packed with thrills, dare-devilry and a panto which put the amateur into dramatics! Next, viewers were recruited into the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Watch to pit their sleuthing skills against a ruthless murderer as they were

taken through a reconstruction of Murder at Cliff Mansion. Thank you to all those who joined us for a lovely supper and fabulous cakes - it wouldn't have been the same without you!

Youth Radio Club

Are you between 12 - 20 and do you have a love of music or chat-shows or interviews? Have you always wanted to hear your voice over the airwaves? Do you have

something to say, and would you like to make some noise? If the answer is yes, we'd like to hear from you. BTG is looking for young people who may like to form part of a youth sound group in Exeter Community Radio. The group will meet on Sunday mornings and if you'd like to learn more, contact us on broadclysttheatregroup@gmail.com or direct message us on the FB pages or groups.



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Follow us on Facebook (@broadclystparish.council), and check out the Community Calendar on the website (broadclyst.org), for details of what is happening across the parish and for details of how to get involved with your community.

Clyst Vale Community College

Sara Jacobs, Principal

The Summer Term has been packed with opportunities, achievements and celebrations for our students. Despite the challenges posed by the exceptionally hot weather towards the end of term, and the fact that some of our planned activities unfortunately had to be adapted or cancelled, we have still managed to deliver a wide range of memorable experiences and successes across the College.

One of the highlights of the term was our Student World Cup. The scale of participation from students across the College was fantastic and it quickly became an event that captured the imagination of the whole school community. What made the tournament particularly special was the support it received from colleagues across the College, with staff from a wide range of roles volunteering their time to referee matches and support the event. It was a wonderful example of the strong sense of community that exists at Clyst Vale and the willingness of both students and staff to participate fully in College life.

We have also continued to see high levels of participation in our House competitions. Events such as the Spelling Bee provided students with further opportunities to contribute beyond the classroom and reinforced the positive culture of participation that has become a real strength of College life. This term also saw the return of Activities Week, with a diverse range of on-site activities, day trips and residential experiences. As only our second year of delivering Activities Week, we continue to learn and develop the programme, but it has once again provided students with opportunities to explore new

interests, develop friendships and create lasting memories. The Summer Term has also provided many opportunities to celebrate achievement, character and contribution. We were delighted to launch our new Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 celebration events, recognising the many students who consistently demonstrate our values and contribute positively to College life. We also had the pleasure of hosting both the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms, providing students with the opportunity to celebrate the end of an important chapter in their educational journeys alongside their friends and the staff who have supported them. These celebrations culminated in our final end-of-year assembly, where a number of students were recognised through our annual special awards, more information below. We are incredibly proud of all the students who received awards this year. What was particularly striking was the quality of nominations received across every category. There were multiple deserving nominees for every award and selecting winners was far from straightforward, reflecting the exceptional calibre of young people we are fortunate to have at Clyst Vale. The achievements of the students recognised below are significant, but they also represent the many students across the College who demonstrate our values and contribute positively to our community every day. Student leadership continues to be an important strength of the College and this term saw the election of our new Student Board alongside the appointment of our Senior Student Leadership team for 2026–27. All students undertook a rigorous application and selection process and should be



Year 7 Award Winners



Farewell to Year 13

incredibly proud of their achievement. Their willingness to represent their peers and contribute to the ongoing development of the College reflects the values of leadership, service and participation that we seek to promote at Clyst Vale. As another successful academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support. The opportunities and achievements highlighted above are only possible because of the commitment, enthusiasm and partnership that exists across our College community.



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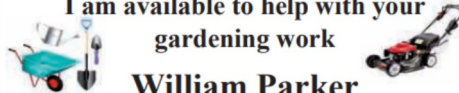
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As Summer ends and the Autumn nights begin, I would like to thank you all for the continued support I receive as I attend events in the village, lead funerals and more recently weddings. It is so lovely to feel part of the village life.

I always love an opportunity to chat to you and get to know

the community in which I serve, so please feel free to invite me to any of your groups or events. In the last 6 months I have enjoyed serving at Clyst Caring's coffee mornings, which take place in the day centre on the 1st Saturday of the month. Come along and join me for a bacon sandwich some time.

I also love getting alongside the carers at Little Angels' baby and toddler group and look forward to welcoming some old and new faces in September when it restarts after the holidays. Come and join us at Victory Hall from 9.15am on Wednesdays in the term time.

Sadly, in June we received the news that Rev Marc Kerslake

had decided to take up a new position as Interim Priest in charge in Dunkswell Mission community. We wish him well as he starts a new chapter in his life journey. I shall remain as Interim Team Rector and will be licensed later in September as permanent Team Rector.

I cannot believe that it is three years since I was welcomed here as the Team Vicar to support the work of Rev Marc as Team Rector. Rev Marc delegated responsibility to me for Broadclyst, Sowton, Rockbeare and Clyst Honiton churches.

For the past 6 months I have had added the other 4 churches in the mission community into my care: Whimble, Clyst St Lawrence,

Clyst Hydon and Talaton. It has been interesting trying to care for 8 churches, not just on a Sunday when I lead at least 3 services and need to travel quickly from one to the other! I am grateful to the church members and also people who live in my parishes for their continued support. I pray that God will guide me as I officially become Team Rector and I am pleased that I will get the opportunity to continue serving the communities of the East Clyst Churches Mission community which has given me so much pleasure since April 2023. Meanwhile I continue to serve you all in Broadclyst parish as well as beyond.

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Enjoying Broadclyst

Gracey Court is that long red-brick building overlooking our village sports field. There are over 40 of us living there, ranging in age from 68 to 98.

We have two things in common: we are pensioners of the Church of England, and we love Broadclyst. We thought you might like to hear of two news items:-

1. We have just installed a new Summer House, which we opened on Friday, June 13th. The sun came out just in time, and we welcomed the sunshine so enthusiastically that the sun came out again in the days following.

2. We have recently welcomed 30,000 new residents – honey bees. The amazing Chairman of our Parish Council, Henry Massey, very kindly brought a hive into our garden, and gave us a talk on how to enjoy the bees without disturbing them.

Very many thanks, Henry. From day one with us they settled down to do what bees do – pollinate flowers and make honey. So, with us they are enjoying Broadclyst.



Geoffrey Gardner

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Poster made by Katie Lomax

Broadclyst Environment Group - here for bikes, bogs and hogs!

Alex Moorhouse

Broadclyst Environment Group ("BEG") once again jumped at the chance to have a stand at the Fun Day this summer. The group always brings a variety of fun activities mixed in with some positive ideas on how to make Broadclyst Parish's world just a little bit greener!

excellent work that the group does through the BEG Repair Cafés, which take place bi-monthly at Westclyst Community Primary School. During the repair cafes, we can fix many household items, including electrical items, toys, clothing, jewellery and bikes.



This year, our prime attraction was a pop-up repair shop for bikes. Members of the public were invited to bring any bikes, whether they needed a repair or just some TLC, to our skilled volunteers then ride away happy! This was to promote the continued

If there's an item in your home that needs a new lease of life, why not bring it along! The next event is due for the end of September – keep an eye on our Facebook page, subscribe to our newsletter or email us for further details:

hello@broadclystenviorgroup.uk



At the Fun Day, we also hosted a children's hedgehog hunt to promote awareness of our prickly wildlife friends. This prompted some great conversations about how different people encourage wildlife in their own gardens, from letting grass grow tall, adding a pond or making gaps in fences to allow hedgehogs to explore.

There was also the return of our popular loo-roll guessing game with sweet treat prizes! We love running this game as it promotes BEG's initiative to negotiate discounts on environmentally-friendly UK-supplied toilet paper, so that residents of Broadclyst Parish can enjoy comfy bums, safe in

the knowledge that they're doing their bit for the environment at a reasonable cost! If you'd be interested in using this scheme, please get in touch – the more people that use the scheme, the better the discounts!

BEG runs lots of activities throughout the year from litter picks, citizen science, Himalayan balsam bashing and everything in between, so if you'd like to get involved or to just keep up with what's going on in the local community, please follow us on Facebook or get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who visited our stand and to the amazing volunteers who made it another success. See you all next year!



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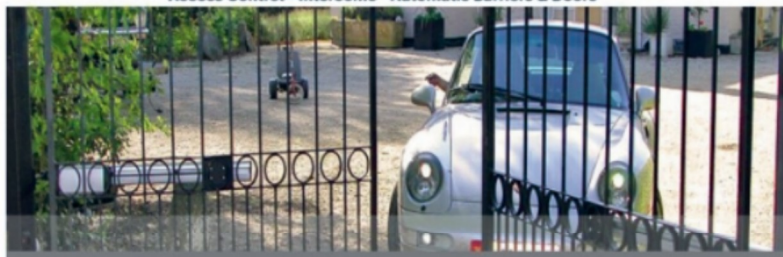
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Get to Know Your Councillors

I grew up in a little village called Hammerwich, Staffordshire but have spent most of the last 22 years living off and on in Devon, firstly in Exwick, and more latterly in Broadclyst for the last 13 years. I spent a decade as a Trustee at the Cornerstone Academy Trust, as Vice Chair and Chair of Finance, assisting to expand the trust from one school to four. I now serve as a Member, which allows me to stay involved at a higher level, keeping an eye on good

governance and the financial aspects of running a trust of this size. I have been a Parish Councillor for 4 years and have been Vice Chair of the Council for the last 3. Being a Councillor is rewarding, particularly at the minute where we are working hard to balance the demands of the government and matching that to the needs of our parishioners across our large parish. Outside of the council, I have a wife and daughter, and we enjoy rural walks as

well as visiting historic houses and castles as a family. We live in a Georgian property on the outskirts of the village with our two kittens and are working hard to maintain it and create a wildlife haven. I work as a VP for an American software company managing a team of Customer Success Managers, which takes me all over the world. This week I visited Berlin for the first time, particularly the former East Berlin, and was interested to see parts of the old wall in

place and understand more of the history. It is nice to come home at the end of a long week away and spend time in this wonderful parish of ours.



Cllr Steve Taylor

Having lived in Dog Village since moving here with my then girlfriend (now my wife!) over 20 years ago, I still feel very lucky to be able to call Broadclyst Parish my home.

From the very first night we moved in, on a cold and wet January evening, we were busy moving furniture and boxes around when a well-known local popped his head through the open window to say hello and welcome us to the village. I knew then, as I do now, that we had moved somewhere with a fantastic community and some lovely people. After moving to Devon from the South East of England, we raised our son here. He attended Broadclyst Primary School, and I was so grateful

for the start he was given that, over 10 years ago, I joined the school's Board of Trustees and have been there ever since! Although my son has now finished college, I am still proud to be part of this amazing organisation, with children at the heart of everything it does. In my day job, I own my own business as a mortgage broker, so I spend much of my working life helping people navigate what can sometimes be a complicated and stressful process. Outside of work and my various community commitments, life is also kept busy by our rather excitable puppy, who certainly makes sure there is never a dull moment at home!

With my experience of being involved in the local community, it didn't seem like too much of a leap to take what I've learned and put it to use helping Broadclyst Parish in a different way. Having now been part of the Parish Council for over a year, I'm still astounded by the knowledge, experience, determination and sheer drive that everyone involved gives to our community. I've found a real sense of care and fairness among my fellow Councillors and in the decisions we make. The Clerk and Officer team also deserve a huge amount of credit. They genuinely care about the people who live in the Parish, and that dedication comes through in their actions and the work they do every

day. They are a huge part of what helps create and maintain the real sense of community that we are fortunate to have here. After more than 20 happy years of calling Broadclyst home, I feel very fortunate to be part of such a great community, and I'm delighted to now have the chance to give something back.



Cllr Myles Gordon

A Special Visit from Our Local MP

Clyst Caring Friends was delighted to welcome our local MP, David Reed, as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. His visit was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vital work our charity has been providing across Broadclyst, Pinhoe and the surrounding villages for the past four decades. During his visit, David officially opened our new Phone Box Book Exchange, spent time meeting our dedicated volunteers in the Broadclyst charity shop, and visited our Day Centre to meet staff, volunteers and the people who benefit from our services. We were proud to share with him the impact our charity continues to have on tackling loneliness, supporting independence and strengthening community connections. Following his visit, David

praised the impressive work of Clyst Caring Friends, recognising the importance of our transport service, social activities and the support we provide to older and vulnerable members of our community. He also highlighted the warm welcome he received and the positive difference the charity continues to make across the local area. One message stood out above all others - the impressive support that our fabulous staff receive from our volunteers. David acknowledged that the success of Clyst Caring Friends simply would not be possible without the time, compassion and commitment of the people who generously volunteer with us. Their dedication enables us to support hundreds of local people every year and remains at the heart of everything we do.

We would like to thank David for taking the time to visit us and for his kind words of support. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome him and to celebrate not only our 40-year history but also the exciting future ahead for Clyst Caring Friends. As demand for our services continues to grow, we're always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team. Whether you have a few hours a week or more time to give, there are plenty of ways you can make a real difference. We are currently recruiting for:

- Volunteer Transport Drivers – helping local people attend essential medical appointments and social activities.
- Charity Shop Volunteers – serving customers, sorting donations and helping raise vital funds for the charity.

- Day Centre Volunteers – supporting activities, chatting with our members and creating a welcoming environment.
- Day Centre Cook – preparing nutritious home-cooked meals for our Day Centre visitors.
- Cleaner – helping us keep our facilities clean, safe and welcoming for everyone.

Volunteering is a rewarding way to meet new people, develop new skills and give something back to your local community. If you would like to find out more about any of these opportunities, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the team at Clyst Caring Friends and help us continue making a difference for local people for many years to come.

*Sam Peterson,
General Manager*

Autumn at Killerton

Latest project news from Killerton – car park improvements at Silverton Mill

The National Trust has submitted a planning application to East Devon District Council for a new car park at Silverton Mill, near Ellerhayes. This forms part of wider plans to improve access to the Killerton Estate and care for its historic landscape.

The current informal car park at Ellerhayes sits within Killerton's registered parkland. The Trust hopes to restore this area to parkland by creating a new wildflower meadow, helping to enhance biodiversity and protect the historic setting. To support this, a new car park is proposed on the opposite side of the road at the disused Silverton Mill site. The location is a previously developed brownfield area, outside the boundary of the parkland. Previously we received planning permission for the car park but weren't able to carry out the works at the time.

The new car park would offer more formal parking spaces, electric vehicle charging points, and bicycle bays. Parking will remain free for

National Trust members. The parking area at Ellerhayes will remain in place until the Silverton Mill car park is up and running. It's difficult to provide any firm timescales at this stage as we must wait for the planning process to run its course, but we would expect works to begin sometime in 2027 if planning permission is granted.

Silverton Mill itself, once a paper mill, came back into National Trust care several years ago. The Trust is continuing to look at long-term options for the mill and wider site. We look forward to working closely with the local community on this project and will provide more information on opportunities to get involved in the near future.

New artwork on display

You may remember from the last edition we have been working with Patricia Dixon, a contemporary stained-glass and textile artist. Patricia's finished artwork is now on display in the Study in Killerton House.

Patricia was commissioned to create a final piece inspired by the people-led stories behind the eight objects in the 'Our Killerton' display. The display,

located on the ground floor of the house, showcases objects chosen by people connected to Killerton-visitors, staff, volunteers and community partners.

You can see Patricia's artwork in the Study in Killerton House until 1 November. The house is open 11am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm).

Usual admission fees apply. Members and tenant pass card holders visit for free.



Patricia Dixon with the Artwork - Steve Haywood

Heritage Open Days- Killerton House and Gardens

Killerton House and Gardens will be taking part in the Heritage Open Days Festival on **Friday 11 September - Sunday 13 September**. Entry is for free for all visitors. 10.00am-5.00pm. Head to Visitor Reception for an entry ticket.

Heritage Open Days: Columbjohn Chapel

Columbjohn Chapel is a hidden gem on the Killerton estate and is open as part of Heritage Open Days. The Chapel will be open daily from **Friday 11 September to Sunday 20 September**. 1pm to 3pm. Entry is for free for all visitors.

Head to the Visitor Reception at the Killerton main site to pick up the free access route to the chapel. If you would like to explore the surrounding area and parkland after visiting the chapel, normal admission fees will then apply.

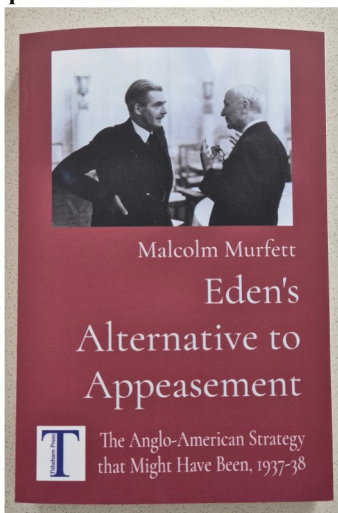
Unfortunately, Clyston Mill won't be taking part in Heritage Open Days this year as we will be carrying out essential work on the roof.



Columbjohn Chapel - Claire Houghton Ward

New Non-Fiction Press in Tithebarn Publishes First Book

I'm delighted to announce that Tithebarn Press have published our first book.



Eden's Alternative to Appeasement, by Professor Malcolm Murfett, tells the

story of then-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's attempts in 1937-38 to convince the USA to combine naval forces with the UK in the Pacific Ocean, to fend off the Imperial Japanese Navy. His aim was to meet aggression with aggression showing the dictatorships that the democracies meant business. Murfett gives us the insiders' perspective on the diplomatic manoeuvring this involved, the risks it entailed and the reasons why, ultimately, Eden's efforts failed. Addressing questions of how to deal with aggressive authoritarian regimes, the book has many echoes of our own times.

I began Tithebarn Press in 2025, after spending a decade and a half or so working as an editor for Routledge. I'm very proud of the many books I

commissioned for them, but they were mostly written for specialised audiences, and priced with the expectation that only University libraries would buy them. At Tithebarn Press I publish the kinds of books that I would want to read: interesting and engaging books on a range of subjects, with the assurance that the authors really know their stuff. We use the same quality control measures as an academic press, but we also edit with a focus on readability.

We have an exciting line up in the works over the next six months or so, including books on the EU and its Geopolitics, South Korea's recent political crisis, and Japanese cat sociology.

Looking further ahead, we're planning titles touching on a range of topics, including living with AI, China's surveillance state, and the role of humour in palliative medicine. Find out more at tbarnpress.com, including the first chapter of Eden's Alternative to Appeasement and a video interview with its author.

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Super Sleuth Treasure Hunt

Clyst Caring Friends

Throughout the summer, eager young sleuths have been seen around the village seeking answers to strange questions and discovering little known delights. The Super Sleuth Treasure Hunt was organised on behalf of Clyst Caring Friends to raise funds for the Day Centre and the Volunteer

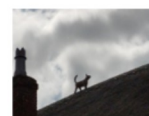
Driving Scheme. The children received a prize when they returned to the Charity Shop with their completed forms and their names were entered into the Prize Draw.

Here are the answers to the

SUPER SLEUTH TREASURE HUNT

which ran through the summer in aid of Clyst Caring Friends

1	Look inside the Victory Hall; who opened the entrance foyer and when?	John Dyke Acland, 17 th May 2008
2	When was the charity "Clyst Caring Friends" founded?	1986
3	Who are the wooden benches dedicated to?	Queen Elizabeth II
4	Who do we remember at the Bus Stop?	Ellen Acland
5	What did the stone building under the tree provide for villagers?	Water
6	What colour is the local Lion?	Red
7	What was used to punish local wrongdoers?	The stocks
8	There is a notice board in the churchyard. Which family does it tell you about?	The Veitch family
	Walk around the outside of the Church. There are lots of faces, draw one here.	
	If the church is open, look inside:-	
9	Look at the stained-glass windows: how many fishermen are in the boat with Jesus? How many people are on the shore?	3 fishermen There are 12 people on the shore
10	Find the Drewe monument. What are his wife Bridget's feet resting on?	A dog
11	What is the Telephone Box used for now?	Book exchange
12	What time is it at "Willow Cottage"?	6.47
13	Who lives in the Netherlands?	Kevin Sussex
14	What colour is Townend Farmhouse?	Yellow
15	In Town End where is the little Dog?	On the roof of Symes Cottage
16	Opposite telegraph pole number 555, how many panes of glass are in the front windows of the big cottage. (Marker's Cottage)?	34
17	What is the emblem of the National Trust?	Sprig of oak leaves with an acorn
18	Who lives at Gracey Court?	Retired Church of England workers
19	What do you need 2 bats and a ball for?	To play table tennis
	Encourage your grown-ups to try all the gym equipment!	
20	How many pieces of equipment are there?	6
21	Name 6 colours you can see in the play area.	Green, pink, yellow, red, black, white
	Have a go on as many play things as you can!	



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Putting Animal Welfare First: a Word on our Dog Shows

*Angie Hurren
Clerk to Broadclyst Parish Council*

This summer's dog shows at Broadclyst and Tithelbarn are simply postponed, not cancelled, and we're already looking forward to seeing everyone with their dogs later this autumn. But we did want to explain why both shows were postponed, since it's a decision we stand by firmly. In both cases, the call was made in consultation with the respective judges and based on the Met Office forecast for the day of the event. It was clear that the combination of hot ground, high temperatures, high humidity and low winds would create an environment that posed a genuine risk to dogs' health and welfare. The decision was not taken lightly, and we know it was disappointing for those looking forward to taking part. The great majority of feedback we received reflected that same understanding, however there were a small number of online critics who felt the shows should have gone ahead regardless.

We would gently point out that this reaction rather proves the point. Had the shows gone ahead, it is reasonable to assume that some of the same dog owners voicing frustration at the cancellation would have brought their dogs along exactly as planned, potentially in conditions that were not safe for them. The Council's first responsibility in organising any event involving animals is their welfare, and that will always take precedence over the disappointment of a cancelled show. We make no apology for that. We also had a request to waive our long-standing rule that puppies must be six months old before entering a show. We understand the appeal as there's nothing more likely to steal the show than a wobbly-legged bundle of fluff finding its feet, and everyone loves seeing a puppy make its show debut. But the six-month rule aligns with that of the Kennel Club, and is put in place to protect very young puppies

from the physical and environmental stresses of a show ring before they are ready for it. As tempting as it is to bend the rules for the sake of a crowd-pleaser, we will be keeping faith with that guidance. The good news is that both shows will be back this autumn. We're finalising new dates now and don't want to publish anything until they are

confirmed, so please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages over the coming weeks as the rescheduled dates will be announced there as soon as they're set. Thank you, as ever, to everyone who supports these events with such good humour and, most importantly, with their dogs' best interests at heart.



Heritage Success for Poltimore House & Grounds

Poltimore House Trust

The team at Poltimore House have been busy protecting this important local history, thanks to a recent grant for £156,180 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

After specialist removal of the fire-damaged scaffolding, works have included buttressing the Tudor Gable at the rear of the House to protect this 16th century section of the House - built before Shakespeare was born! Detailed work protecting the House goes on behind the scenes, and the last sections of scaffolding are being removed before the autumn winds.



Image by D&C Police Drone Training Unit

We've been grateful for the expertise and support of a range of heritage specialists, working under the careful supervision of the East Devon District Council Conservation Officer.

Determined to protect the history and reimagine the role

of this unique heritage site, the Poltimore House Trust has embarked upon its Summer of Storytelling with support from Devon Community Foundation. Welcoming children of all ages to creative workshops, we've been developing a timeline showing the amazing history of the House. Did you know HRH Princess Margaret bought the Poltimore tiara to wear at her wedding? That's just one of the



many stories we have to tell. Award-winning author and our resident storyteller for the summer, Claire Barker has written a new story for us: The Tale of Poltimore House. Sharing moments of history seen through the 'eyes' of the House, Claire will be revealing the tale during Poltimore's **Heritage Open Day on 19th September**. Bring your blankets and prepare to be amazed!



Grounds Volunteer Team by Paula Fernley

Meanwhile, our fantastic crew of volunteers and staff continue to provide a warm welcome to all our visitors. The Grounds team are settling new paths through the trees, the busy Farm Shop now stocks fresh sourdough loaves from Martinsfield Farm, and our Café team have been hard at work serving more delicious food than ever before. With all profits donated to the Poltimore House Trust, Branches has seen more than 200% increase in footfall since the fire in 2024. Every donation helps us with the upkeep of the House and Grounds to ensure it remains well-used and much-loved by

all our community - find out more about how you can donate on our website: www.poltimore.org. And we always welcome anyone who'd like to be part of our volunteer team - with all sorts of roles, whether in the Café, the Grounds, the office or the archive, we'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved. Just drop us an email on info@poltimore.org to find out more about how you can help. We're also delighted to announce that Branches Café is now open to welcome visitors to Poltimore House SIX days a week (closed Tuesdays)!

Appeal for Support

Hello everyone! My name is Mark, a Westclyst-based Year 11 student attending Colyton Grammar School. I'm the Team Manager of Gear Six, a team competing in STEM Racing (formerly F1 in Schools), an international engineering competition endorsed by Formula 1. Teams design and manufacture model F1 cars, develop branding, compete in drag races, present portfolios, build a pit display and deliver verbal presentations - with judging based on both performance and professionalism. Over 29,000 schools from more than 60 countries take part annually, making it one of the largest and most prestigious STEM

competitions worldwide. We competed at the UK National Finals in Rotherham, where we were crowned as British National Champions, earning us one of only six places from the UK to compete at the Aramco STEM Racing World Finals in Singapore this October. Gear Six are the second full team from Devon to qualify for the World Finals since 2008. Due to the competition being held in Singapore, we need to fundraise to pay for flights, accommodation and other project costs. Our target is £25,000, and we've already raised over 80% of the required funds through sponsorship (e.g. Scalextric), fete stalls and other

fundraising, selling ice lollies and going around to local businesses to get not money, but prizes for our raffle during our fete.



As there is still more fundraising to do, we are looking to see if anyone would be able to provide either financial support, or some form of item/service (e.g. vouchers or benefits in kind) to aid our team in our fundraising endeavours. We would also welcome assistance in helping to publicise our team and achievements as well. See our website on gear6.co.uk for more information about our team and to find details of how to donate.

If you are able to help, or would like further information, please email us on cgsgearsix@colytongrammar.com

*Mark,
Gear Six Team Manager*

Please note - The last date for articles for the winter Broadsheet is 31st October 2026

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There's a New Face at the Helm of Exeter Science Park

Sue McQueenie, Communications Director



Lindsay Lucas, who was appointed as Chief Executive in May 2026, is tasked with steering the Science Park on the next phase of its journey, following the retirement of Sally Basker after nine years in charge.

Lindsay, who brings more than 18 years' experience in the tech industry, will now lead the organisation into the next stage of its development

- a stage that promises to be its most ambitious yet.

The last decade has seen the Science Park grow fivefold, developing from a single building into a thriving community of 45 businesses employing around 750 people. Those businesses are working on some genuinely exciting things, from climate technology and life sciences to advanced engineering and digital innovation, and their work is helping to put the South West on the map as a place where serious science happens.

But the Park has never been just for the people who work there. Its café is open to the public, and the recent arrival of The Engine - the Park's new gym - alongside the net zero voco Zeal Hotel, has made it an increasingly welcoming destination for people living locally. Whether dropping in for a coffee, booking a hotel room for visiting friends and family or looking for somewhere new

to work out, the Park is becoming part of the fabric of the local community. That community feel is something Lindsay is keen to build on. Having spent her career in the tech industry, she arrives with a clear sense of what the Park's next chapter could look like - and an equally clear appreciation for what has already been achieved.

Lindsay said: "It's an exciting time for Exeter Science Park. In the short time I've been

here, it's clear there is some amazing work being carried out by our tenants and a real sense of community here - something I want to strengthen as we grow." With plans for significant further development over the coming years, creating thousands of new jobs and attracting major investment to the region, the Science Park's next chapter looks set to be its most exciting yet.



Clyst Meadows - Opening Autumn 2026

Clyst Meadows, a beautiful new dog-friendly green space at Broadclyst Station, will open to the public this autumn.

The new park will be a welcoming place for daily walks, meeting friends, boosting wellbeing and connecting with nature - with events, volunteering opportunities and Devon Loves Dogs Waggy Walks planned. The new country park will provide 10 hectares of open meadows with a small on-site car park (including disabled parking spaces). The car park is accessed from Station Road, with a pedestrian and cycle access from Shercroft Close. A network of surfaced trails and mown paths will provide inclusive access all year, and the site's boundaries are fenced so that dogs can be safely

walked off the lead.

Clyst Meadows has been designed to provide an accessible, nature-rich space for local residents and visitors, with walking routes, space for dog walking, parking, cycle parking, benches and picnic tables, and opportunities for volunteering, education and community use.

The site is owned by East Devon District Council and will be managed by the East Devon Countryside Team in partnership with Broadclyst Parish Council and the local community.

The park will also offer opportunities for volunteering and educational activities, please email countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk if you would like to get involved.

An official opening day for Clyst Meadows is planned for Saturday 10th October 2026, where dogs and families will be able to take part in a range of fun activities. Construction works are currently in progress, but as soon as the site can be

accessed safely, residents will be able to visit. For the latest updates, please keep an eye on our social media feeds: [@WildEastDevon](#) [@ClystValleyPark](#)

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Friends of the River Clyst

Paula Fernley

Our rivers are among the most important habitats in our landscape. They support wildlife, provide homes for fish, insects and birds, help reduce flooding, and connect communities with nature. Yet many rivers across the country are under increasing pressure from pollution, climate change and development. Sadly, the River Clyst is no exception. For a number of years, members of the Broadclyst Environment Group have been carrying out citizen science activities on the River Clyst, including regular Riverfly Monitoring surveys. These surveys involve monitoring the tiny aquatic insects that live in the river. Because these species are highly sensitive to pollution, they provide an excellent early warning system for the health of the river. This valuable information is shared with the relevant organisations and uploaded to a national database, and it helps build a long-term picture of how the Clyst is changing.

While there are many well-established "Friends of..." groups championing rivers elsewhere in the country, the River Clyst deserves a stronger voice of its own. We know our river is under pressure, but we also know that local people can make a real difference. By bringing together volunteers, residents, schools, landowners and wildlife enthusiasts, we hope to create a vibrant Friends of the River Clyst group that will celebrate, protect and improve this wonderful local river.



The group will encourage people of all ages to get involved. Whether you enjoy wildlife, photography, walking, history, conservation or simply spending time outdoors, there will be opportunities to contribute. Citizen science will remain at the heart of what we do, but we also hope to organise educational talks, practical conservation activities, such as Himalayan balsam bashing, and opportunities for families and young people to discover the fascinating wildlife living on their doorstep.

Education will be a key part of the group's work. The more we understand about our river, the more likely we are to value and protect it. By working with schools, community groups and local experts, we hope to inspire the next generation of river guardians and encourage everyone to play a part in looking after the Clyst. If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved with, we'd love to hear from you.

Our Annual General Meeting

takes place on 20 November, when we will officially launch the Friends of the River Clyst initiative. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page to see who our speaker will be. Hopefully they will share their knowledge and experience of rivers, helping to inspire us all, highlighting how communities can work together to restore and protect these precious environments. Whether you're already passionate about rivers or simply curious to learn more, please come along. Together, we can help give the River Clyst the attention and care it deserves.

Interested in getting involved? Come along to our AGM at 7pm on 20th November or scan the QR code to join the Friends of the River Clyst mailing list. You can also join our Facebook group, or email us, hear about future events and activities.

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At the Council Table

Cllr. Steve Taylor

At the Annual Council Meeting in May, we sat down as a council and re-elected officials (Chair/Vice Chair as well as Chairs of all our committees). This meeting is always one that councillors probably like the least as it is so administratively heavy.

Having said that it also gives councillors an opportunity to decide which of our many committees, working groups and external bodies they would like to sit on. This is key as it is so important that we have a blend of experience, with new ideas, working together across our expanding Parish.

Traffic and parking

As a council, we asked the local schools in our parish to provide Travel Plans and work more closely with us and the wider communities to ensure people are parking legally and making the most of public transport and ridesharing. This also extends to not blocking access to the highway or our critical services. Continuing on the same theme, motorists

continue to park on the ancient cobbles at the Red Lion which is causing damage. We have asked the National Trust if we are able to put up a sign discouraging this and we await further news. On the car park front, it was pleasing to see that the car park next to Victory Hall in Broadclyst Village has been re-surfaced and marked, with the disabled bays re-established - a great improvement to what was there before!

Planning and development

On the planning front, we have considered a Battery Energy Storage System near the substation, as well as an expanded National Trust car park near the former paper mill near Killerton. We work very closely with the National Trust, and it is good to see their continued attendance at our meetings, giving councillors the opportunity to understand what is happening at the Killerton estate and also to challenge if required. We recently visited the new development called "The Acorns" in Broadclyst

Village. Many people are anti-development, but this small in-fill has been well thought out and is the first of the sites in the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan to be delivered. There was inevitably some short-term disruption for local residents during the build phase, so thank you for your patience. We look forward to seeing the end result.

Community events

This summer has seen three community events across our Parish that we have organised or supported. It was fantastic to see so many people at the Broadclyst Fun Day on a beautiful Saturday in June. Lots of community groups got involved and had some great stalls and demonstrations. An excellent job was done by the Tithebarn Residents' Association who, supported by the council, delivered a popular family event at the beginning of August, including some special fluffy guests in the form of baby chicks from Mosshayne Farm! The Westclyst community



enjoyed their day a week later, on what was a very hot afternoon indeed, raising £228.40 for Breast Cancer Now. Unfortunately, the summer heat prevented the planned dog shows from going ahead but do check our social media pages for rescheduled dates in September. Many thanks to all those who work so hard on these wonderful community days.

As ever, you are welcome to come along to our meetings as a member of the public, to listen and/or contribute to discussions. Community input at the council table is welcomed and there are opportunities to serve on some of our committees, to support the work of the council, so please get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

Tithebarn Residents' Association

Marc Coton

The Tithebarn Fun Day was a celebration of everything our community is about. Diverse locals coming together to enjoy time with each other. Affordable activities generously funded by local businesses and organisations. Vibrant volunteers working together to share their time and experience to make it happen. All with a BIG focus on FUN!

The first (residents association organised) Tithebarn Fun Day saw beautiful weather to welcome

the queueing locals eager to get in and begin the free activities on offer. And there was plenty to do.

Mosshayne Farm had 86 veggie monsters created by cunning crafters, cucumbers and cocktail sticks.

Congratulations to Orlando for his deserving winning entry. The farm also hosted the messy egg throwing and strenuous welly wangling too.

In the centre was The Engine Gym running regular keep fit activities and strength challenges. They came down from their base in the Science Park to keep us sweating and encourage everyone to get involved. Kids were queueing to let off steam too - with two bouncy castles to choose from, plus circus skills to test co-ordination and balance, and of course the face-painting was a great hit as well, all generously funded by Broadclyst Parish Council. Crafters were also kept busy with lots of interest in their



locally made products, as were The Local Scoop ice-cream, Snowy Cones, Exmouth's The Best Kept Secret mobile bar and café and Ember Pizza (who had sold out by 3pm).

Our final thanks go to Spiller Photography, a Tithebarn local who donated his time to capture these great pictures. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're motivated to begin planning the next one. Of

course, if it's going to get bigger and better it's going to need more people to make it happen. Scan the QR code to find out how to get involved.





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Broadclyst Local History Society



The local history society meets in the Green Room at Victory Hall on the 2nd Monday of most months at 7.30pm. We have two interesting talks lined up for the Autumn. On Monday, September 14th, Peggy Boynes is going to give a talk entitled 'A

Building in Time' about St Catherine's Almshouse in Exeter, which was established in the fifteenth century. Peggy has been researching this for some time and the project sounds fascinating. On October 12th we will have a talk by Chris Wiseman on the wartime history of Exeter

Airport, which we think will interest many people. We are a friendly group and we would very much welcome new members, so please do come along and join us.

Pauline Edwards

(contact details can be found on page 18)

A Swift Report...

As many of you may know, 2 years ago 20 swift boxes were installed into the East face of the bell tower. I have been monitoring swift activity since the end of April and it seems likely that some of the nesting boxes are being used. My first sighting of swifts in Broadclyst this year was on the 24th April, it was followed by lots of activity mainly

'screaming parties' - young birds in groups vocalising and flying around the tower. By June, I started to see pairs of birds, especially at dawn and dusk, circling the tower. This continued through July. I haven't yet seen a swift enter the nest boxes but I am hopeful with all the activity that they are nesting.

If during April-August you noticed, when walking past the church or sitting in the sunny pub garden, swifts landing or flying through the tower windows, do get in touch with me via email: drsallyhudson@gmail.com

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Twinning Community

Cici Zeng

We moved to Tithebarn from Cardiff in the summer of 2019 for my husband's job. Leaving Cardiff, where I had lived for 12 years, meant saying goodbye to a wonderful circle of friends and a lovely community.

As a Chinese lady, I found it extremely difficult to build new friendships in Exeter and find that same sense of belonging. I often felt very lonely, so I threw myself into new hobbies, including piano, dancing, running and volunteering.

Plobannalec-Lesconil, I was thrilled to learn that there was a local link with France. I contacted Eleanor, the Chair of the Association, immediately. Before long, I had found not only an opportunity to improve my French, but also a welcoming community and many new friends. Through the Twinning Association, the door to French culture, friendship and belonging was finally opened to me.

In April, we welcomed 19 French visitors for a week.



Eventually, I discovered French and quickly fell in love with the language. When I received a leaflet about the Broadclyst Twinning Association with

The association organised a fantastic programme of activities throughout their visit. We toured local farms, including Mosshayne Farm, where I learned a lot about

farming in our area. One evening, we organised a lively Ceilidh, where talented young local musicians performed, and everyone danced late into the night. On the final day, we visited Greenway, Agatha Christie's much-loved holiday home, and Buckfast Abbey, where we enjoyed a wonderful Morris dancing performance.

One of the highlights for me was seeing my teenage children make friends with French teenagers. It was wonderful to watch them form connections across cultures and gain confidence through the experience. The Association has also created opportunities for younger people: last year, a French

student completed a two-week work placement at Broadclyst Primary School, and this year another student, Romane, joined for her work experience.

In June, we hosted another delightful French couple during the Broadclyst Fun Day. They helped raise funds for the Twinning Association by selling homemade caramel crêpes.

Joining the Twinning Association has given me far more than the chance to practise French. It has brought me friendship, community and a sense of belonging, and I look forward to visiting our French twinning village, Plobannalec-Lesconil.



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Local Government Reorganisation: What it Means for Broadclyst Parish

Many residents will already be aware that local government across Devon is changing.

On 16 July 2026, the Government confirmed that Devon's current two-tier system of county and district councils will be replaced by four new unitary authorities, provisionally named Exeter Council, Greater Plymouth, Torbay and South Devon, and Devon Coast and Countryside Council.

Broadclyst Parish falls within the area moving into the new Exeter unitary authority, along with the other East Devon parishes in and around the district's western edge.

This means that, in time, services in the parish currently delivered by East Devon District Council and Devon County Council, including household waste, planning applications,

highways, and social care, will transfer to the new expanded Exeter authority. Timing: a Structural Change Order formalising the new arrangements is expected this autumn, with elections to shadow authorities planned for May 2027 to oversee the transition, and the new councils taking on full responsibility for services from vesting day on 1 April 2028. In the meantime, there is no immediate change to how services are delivered, and residents should continue to contact East Devon District Council and Devon County Council as usual for the time being.

There is no immediate change to everyday services or council tax structures. Broadclyst Parish Council remains unchanged and will continue to operate as your

most local tier of community representation. Parish Council elections are unaffected and will go ahead in May 2027 as current Members' Terms of Office end; we have been told that Members elected in May 27 will serve for a five-year term to align with the Unitary election schedule going forward. The Unitary Ward of Broadclyst will have 3 elected Members.

Reorganisation on this scale inevitably raises practical questions about continuity, particularly around assets and services that sit at district level today but will need a clear future home once EDDC itself is wound up. With that in mind, Broadclyst Parish Council is in conversation with EDDC about the future of certain local assets within the parish, including the public toilets and car parks,

to ensure that responsibility for them is clearly understood well ahead of the transition rather than left unresolved. These conversations are at an early stage, and no decisions have been made.

Given the scale and pace of this programme, we would encourage residents who want to follow developments in detail to keep an eye on the Devon County Council and East Devon District Council websites, both of which are publishing regular updates as the process unfolds. We will, of course, continue to report on anything of direct relevance to Broadclyst Parish in future editions of the Broadsheet.

Angie Hurren,

Broadclyst Parish Council Clerk

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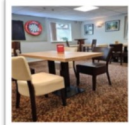
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	Seoirsín School of Irish Dance Broadclyst Victory Hall 4.45pm and 5.45pm (children's classes)	Broadclyst Brownies Broadclyst Pavilion 5.45pm - 7.00pm	Broadview Arts & Craft Group Broadview Community Centre 12.00pm-3.00pm	
Tuesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Broadclyst Pavilion 5.00pm - 7.00pm (March - September)	Devon Racqueteers Badminton Broadclyst Leisure Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm	Tornados Netball Club Clyst Vale Community College 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Broadclyst Reading Group CVCC Library 4.00pm - 5.30pm Every other Tuesday
	Chatterbox Broadclyst Parish Church Starts from 10.00am Every 2nd and 4th Tues	Bingo Broadclyst Victory Hall Starts from 7.45pm	4th Exeter Rangers Clyst Vale Community College 7.15pm - 8.45pm Ages 14-18	Youth Club with YMCA Westclyst School 6.00pm - 7.30pm School Year 6 onwards
Wednesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Broadclyst Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)	Casual Trampolining Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.30pm - 6.15pm 6.30pm - 7.15pm 7.30pm - 8.15pm	Broadclyst Community Hub Broadview Community Centre 10.00am - 4.00pm	Little Angels Baby & Toddler Group Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.15am - 11.15am
	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 9.15am -12.00pm	Ladies Craft Group Broadclyst Pavilion Starts from 10.00am	Broadclyst Gardening Club Broadclyst Victory Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm Every 2nd Thursday	Broadclyst WI Clyst Caring Day Centre Every 4th Thursday
	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 4.00pm - 6.00pm	Youth Club with YMCA Broadclyst Pavilion 4.30pm - 6.00pm (Yrs 5-8) 6.30pm - 8.00pm (Yrs 9-13)	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 Broadclyst Pavilion 10.00am - 11.30am	Net Ninja's Junior Badminton Club Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.00pm - 6.00pm Ages 5-12 (Term time only)	Broadclyst Art Society Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.30am -12.30pm	Broadclyst Bowling Club Broadclyst Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)
	Vinyasa Yoga Broadclyst Victory Hall Wiltshire Room 10.00am start			
Saturday	Clyst Caring Friends' Coffee Morning Clyst Caring Day Centre 10.00am - 11.30am Every 1st Saturday	Devon Judo Centres Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 10.00am (ages 4-15)	Casual Trampolining Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am 10.00am - 10.45am 11.00am - 11.45am	Mini Tennis Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am (ages 4+) 10.00am - 10.45am (ages 10+)
Is there a club, society or group in the parish that isn't included above or isn't listed quite right? If yes, let us know! broadsheet@broadclyst.org / 01392 360269			Repair Cafe Westclyst School 10.00am-12.00pm Every other 4th Saturday (next on September 26th)	
			Seoirsín School of Irish Dance Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.30am (children's classes)	

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