

Deputy Clerks Report

MAY & JUNE 2023

1. BROADCLYST FUN DAY 2023

It was a hot day this year, the hottest I've ever known it to be! Broadclyst Fun Day and Dog Show were another huge success. The Ice cream van did a roaring trade all day long with a queue snaking around the field.

This year saw around 30 stall/pitch holders displaying, selling their treasures, promoting their community group. On pitch entertainment was provided from the Circus skills team and the Martial Arts display team. (Very popular with the children) The Bouncy castle proved popular along with the football/netball penalty stand. It was safe to say there was something for everyone. Broadclyst Classic motor bikes are always popular with everyone. The VIP's ran the Raffle which had some great prizes.

The Dog Show was judged by our very own dog expert Cllr Sarah Chamberlain who, along with Josh Chamberlain, did an amazing and difficult job of picking the winners. Thank you to you both.

The children's races are always a competitive event, making sure the winners are notified and given the correct medal. Not an easy task when faced with 20 Year 1 kids running towards you! Well done to the volunteers for expertly dealing with the races.

The Broadclyst Egg throw must be the event of legends. Everyone on the field eagerly waits for this event. We literally had enough eggs – till someone dropped one! Then it was a rush trying to find a replacement. Much fun was had by all.

This event can't be held without the support of ALL the volunteers who help to prepare, set up/take down Fun Day. Thank you to all who helped this year. Thank you to the many Cllr's who were involved this year.

The grand total collected for Broadclyst Dog Show and Fun Day 2023 was Approx. £4,800 Which is the most ever collected. This will be given back to the community groups.

2. No Mow MAY

The No Mow May campaign went well with one area besides the Pavilion building left to stay wild during the summer. Next year we will arrange with East Devon Open Green Spaces more areas around the parish that EDDC could leave wild during No Mow May and perhaps beyond the month of May.

3. NATIONAL GRID: NET ZERO COMMUNITIES FORUM EXETER

I attended the National Grid Net Zero Communities forum on Friday 16th June 2023 at St Davids Hill Community center. This forum was about discussing innovation ideas that we are currently working or going to be set up in our local communities and to share ideas. Guest speakers included:

- Nikki Pillinger, Specialist Connections Manager at Roadnight Taylor who spoke about Connecting to the grid: Top tips from an expert consultant.

- Tara Bower, Director at Exeter Community Energy who presented on Healthy Homes for Wellbeing: A success story in setting up an energy advice service.
- Paul Morris from National Grid who facilitated innovation workshop discussions and highlighted where there might be opportunities to participate in existing projects.

It was interesting to hear from Tara Bower Healthy Homes for Wellbeing, Exeter Community Energy and how the energy advice service could benefit our foodbank clients when it comes to energy debt.

4. DEVON COMMUNITY LEARNING ACADEMY: AFFORDABILITY TRAINING COURSE

In June 2023, we took part in an online training course for helping adults navigate the cost of housing and potential financial difficulties. We discussed budgeting tools, how to identify and deal with debt emergencies. This will directly help our Foodbank clients with the cost-of-living crisis still affecting many in our parish. I certainly feel more confident about the questions we need to ask to get the right help for our clients and more importantly to know where to signpost clients on to get the help they need.

This concludes my report to Council. Natasha Curwood.
Broadclyst Parish Deputy Clerk 11.07.2023