

# Ugborough Parish Newsletter

## February 2022



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**Ceremonial Flying of the Flag - Taff Jones**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Accession Day of Queen Elizabeth II*



**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthday of the Duke of York*

**Ugborough and Bittaford Pre- School**-(incorporating breakfast club and after school club)

Charity Number 1043499- *Tess Watkinson*

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday – Friday during term time in Ugborough Village Hall

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Although we are expecting a cold snap, with all the fun and learning experiences that ice and (fingers crossed) snow can bring, we're excited about the opportunities the cold weather will provide. We're noticing the days start to lengthen, particularly at Breakfast and After School Club, and the children have heard a lot of birds tweeting so there is much to enjoy and appreciate outdoors.

Other than the arrival of Spring, there is plenty else for us to anticipate. We are just finalising our dates for parent/carer Stay and Play Week, and we are planning both an Easter Egg Hunt and a pre-school trip in April. We are also looking forward to our biggest fundraiser of the year: the ever-popular Ugfest at Hillhead Farm. Keep the date of Saturday 21st May free in your diary; ticket details will follow before long. It is always a fantastic night of great bands, food and dancing.

Meanwhile, the children have been enjoying all their usual activities, but we have also welcomed Jude with her Spinning Tots sessions on Thursday afternoons with which the children have been delighted. The first session began with Jude reading a story based on mini beasts. Using music and movement she encouraged the children to jump like grasshoppers, wiggle like worms, buzz around as bees and flutter like butterflies. The following sessions have had different stories and themes but have been just as much fun! Thank you to all those who donated prizes or bought tickets for our Christmas raffle. It raised an amazing £825 towards the Build Project which continues apace. Many thanks to all the locals (especially Charlotte Walliker) who really supported this important fundraiser.

Our Baby and Toddler Group is gaining in popularity but there are still spaces if you would like to attend. It runs on Mondays from 10.15-11.45am in the Village Hall. The costs are £1.50 for one child or £2.50 for more than one child. Tea, coffee and snacks are included. Finally, we wondered whether anyone had a DVD player they didn't need any more. We like to have a Friday film night at After School Club and ours has unfortunately broken. Locals and parents are always so kind at donating their unused items to us, and we would like to say thanks for all the recent toy and game donations. They really do make a difference to the children's experience.

**Ugborough Primary School-Head Teacher Mrs. Lucy French**

As you know, we now have academy status and are part of Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST). Our CEO is Mr. R Haring.

We are excited about our journey ahead, both this term and beyond, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you all. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or if there is anything you would like to know more about. Our team of hardworking and dedicated staff have been maintaining the school timetable. We have managed around staff absences and Covid cases amongst our children. It is reassuring to hear that no one has been too poorly, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon. A really big thank you to all the staff who have gone (as usual) above and beyond.

**Diary Dates**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of Spring half term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Non-pupil Day

Tuesday 1st March - First day of Spring second half term

**FLETE IN TIME *Discover the secrets of Flete in maps from Tudor times to satellites.***

TIME TRAVEL becomes a reality with the first public presentation of a film showing how the neighbourhood of Flete House has been depicted in maps of the area from the sixteenth century to the present day.

Flete House is at the heart of the 5,000-acre Flete Estate which stretches from the A379 road near Ermington down the River Erme to the South Devon coast at Mothecombe. The original manor house was built in 1560 and, after several modifications, it became the present magnificent Grade 1 listed country house: once the home of Lord Mildmay.

Dr Robert Perrin, a resident at Flete, who has had much experience in soil mapping and landscape analysis has researched and interpreted maps of the area, both ancient and modern. Adrian Wardle, a retired publisher and now also a resident, was a night manager at Flete House for twenty years. In this time he became an authority on Flete's fascinating heritage.

Together, over the last three years, they have produced a film which will take the audience on a unique 460 – year journey, in which those living in the area will discover many secrets showing how their neighbourhoods have evolved and grown in time.

The Flete Maps film is a project never before attempted in the vicinity of such an eminent, historic country house. It will surely be of interest to some of the 11,000 'Flete Babies' who were born there when Lord Mildmay allowed Flete House be used as Plymouth's Maternity Hospital during and after World War II when the City Hospital was destroyed in the Blitz, early in 1941.

The film will have its public première at Holbeton Village Hall, Brent Hill, Holbeton, PL8 1LW at 3.45 pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Admission is free and light refreshments will be available in the 20-minute main interval. The run-time is 150 minutes.

A retiring collection will be taken in aid of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Luke's Hospice (1982 – 2022) and it is best to book in advance by e-mail to [arwardle@talk21.com](mailto:arwardle@talk21.com)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Adrian Wardle at Flete House on 01752 830113.  
E-mail [arwardle@talk21.com](mailto:arwardle@talk21.com)



*Dr Robert Perrin, now over 100 years old, is the researcher and narrator of the film.*

**The Thursday Coffee Morning**

in St Peter's Church is BACK, alongside our continuing weekly Post Office.

Pop along for a beverage and cake between 10 and 11.45 a.m.

Please make use of the hand gel and wear masks until seated. All are welcome!

**Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays- Val Holman, Tel 894973**

We are back! Come and see the food, crafts and other lovely things available at USS on **Saturday 12th and Saturday 26th February from 10 a.m.- 12 noon** in the Village Hall.

Support the volunteer run Cafe and enjoy coffee and a bacon buttie with your friends and village neighbours. As before wearing masks would be much appreciated. If you have something to sell or know someone who does, do get in touch at [ugboroughss@gmail.com](mailto:ugboroughss@gmail.com)

## Ugborough Steepers- Graham Gilbert

### **Hedge-layers wanted - no experience needed!**

Ugborough Steepers are working on a hedgebank on the north side of Northways Lane. It is a lovely, varied Devon hedge with a mix of trees and beautiful views across to Ugborough Beacon. Laying it the traditional way encourages denser growth and provides an excellent habitat for birds, moths, butterflies, and glow-worms. We are very grateful to our friends from South Brent Steepers for coming along to our first and a subsequent session to give us the benefit of their advice: teaching us about the tools, health and safety, and hedge-laying techniques. They also gave us a large quantity of tools which was a huge bonus.

A couple of us had previously undertaken hedge-laying work so we have a good blend of some experience and complete novices, and a wide mix of ages from 15 upwards.

Two of the group are taking part in a hedge-laying course at Ipplepen in February run by Devon Rural Skills Trust. This has been paid for by a community grant from South Hams District Council, which was greatly appreciated. The extra training will give us the confidence to pass on skills to others. We are a small group and would love to have more participants. If you like the sound of keeping alive a traditional skill and benefiting wildlife at the same time, please come and join us!

We were very pleased to welcome Finlay to our ranks for our first session of 2022. He's studying countryside management at Bicton college and hedge-laying is part of the course, so it's great that as a community group we can support one of our own as he prepares for his future. Our hedgebank is somewhat different from the one on Finlay's course, and he joined us just as we reached a particularly tricky stretch of hedgebank where we were hard pressed to find suitable material to lay, but after much analysis and discussion we achieved a decent outcome.

We are keen not only to lay a traditional hedge but also to create a good environment for its residents, so, for example, when we came across a rather handsome beetle snug in the midst of a semi-rotten stump of hazel, we left well alone and worked around it. We also found some examples of a fairly rare "Cobalt Crust" corticoid fungus.

To quote Naturespot.org, it's *infrequent or occasional in England and Wales and very rarely recorded in Scotland and Ireland*. It's found on dead hardwood trees and fallen branches, Ash in particular.

Our next session is on Sunday 30th January at 10 a.m. at our hedge down Northways Lane. For more details and future dates, please contact Graham - [graham@artgilbert.co.uk](mailto:graham@artgilbert.co.uk)

### **G-UP Creating a community where it's easy to live sustainably- Jackie Andrade**

G-UP kicked off the New Year with an open meeting to recap on our current projects and plan for the coming year.



**Wildlife and biodiversity** – last year GUP helped plant around 200 trees and connected with local landowners to share knowledge, wildflower seeds, and practical help on wildlife,

meadows, and biodiversity. Moorhaven's community meadow enjoyed its first year. In 2022, we shall be focusing on ideas for a community nature reserve that links local gardens with wildlife-friendly features, including highways for the many hedgehogs that parishioners have re-homed. If you are interested in wildlife gardening this could be the group for you! We are looking for a small team of enthusiasts who could help get this initiative off the ground. It has the potential to be very positive environmentally as well as educational - so please get in touch if you would like to be involved (no previous experience necessary)!

**Mobility and transport** – we have two aspirations here: to make Ugborough a safer place for children and other pedestrians, and to create a safer route for walking between Ugborough village and the bus stops in Bittaford (as well as the Horse and Groom pub!).

**Waste and Recycling** – We shall be organising collections of hard-to-recycle waste, including crisp packets and pens, during February half term. Litter picking equipment is available from the Parish Council via George Beable and Tom Holway. Please help keep our lanes beautiful!

To contact G-UP, please email <mailto:greenerugp@gmail.com>

*Faith Matthews, Jane Johns, Ashley Tod, Rowan Martin, Caroline Martin, Vici Hemming, Jackie Andrade*

### **Big Bike Revival**

The Watermark Centre and PL:21 Transition Town Initiative have joined forces for a series of Sunday morning family bike rides with the option to have a hearty breakfast. Trained ride leaders from Big Bike Revival will take you around quiet lanes and traffic free paths in Ivybridge. We will be cycling at an easy pace for about two miles. The roads are mainly flat but there is one hill. A £1 voucher will be given to all cyclists to contribute to your breakfast. Children must wear helmets and be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Please arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ride.

FREE ENTRY: Booking not required. The future dates are as follows:

- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10 a.m. at The Watermark
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Mother's Day) 10 a.m. at The Watermark (children are encouraged to bring their mums)

The events are delivered by PL:21 Transition Town Initiative and funded by the Big Bike Revival. They are supported by Ivybridge Town Council and Sustrans. The Watermark Centre café is opening especially so that we can all enjoy hearty breakfasts as well. If you do not want to cycle, please come along anyway and enjoy breakfast. It would be wonderful if it is possible to start a social programme at the Watermark Centre.

### **Beryl's Bookworms** –Sue Johns



This month's delectation was 'American Dirt' by Jeanine Cummins. This highly acclaimed, infamous, work is set in Mexico – and is a spine-chilling thriller of a read. The story commences with blood sodden terror, the result of a targeted attack on the family of a journalist by a drug cartel, and here the standard is set for a shockingly tense novel which follows the journey of the mother and child who escape the carnage, as they travel to alleged safety in El Norte (US). The protagonists, all the while attempting to cover their tracks, experience the tragic plight of fleeing refugees, including travelling on the roof of La Bestia – a notorious freight train that travels to the Border. With their travelling companions, two young sisters and a youth – also fleeing unimaginable horror, they encounter thieves, corrupt authorities, and rapists -yet also meet kind, compassionate people who aid their escape. In the final part of their traumatic journey, they cross the desert with a people trafficker, who demands their very last penny and ounce of energy.

This is not a pleasant read! However, we all agreed that it was a page turning encounter concerning lives that we all thought we were aware of- but clearly had not appreciated the sheer desperation of migrants, devoid of any other options, fleeing for their lives and a better future, as brilliantly depicted in this well written novel.

Our debate included our post- read research which revealed that the author had been offered a 7-figure sum to write this book. Despite the fact that there were already accounts available covering this very topic, written by Mexican or Honduran writers – some of which the author had read as part of her research – the dollars had been available in the States – and it appeared that the real victims of the abusive regimes failed to benefit. We read that so strong was this anti-feeling a book tour had to be cancelled for fear of violent repercussions against the author. What right had a wealthy American – albeit a daughter of a migrant – to write this inflammatory story?

So, how to score the book.... We mostly agreed to score at face value, before the outcome of the work was revealed – and our average score was 4/5 for sheer page turning, informative 'entertainment'. One of our number gave a low mark as they felt throughout the book the authenticity was suspect.

Great chat though - which continued for some days afterwards through our WhatsApp Group!

And now for something completely different... next month.....

'Tidelands' by Philippa Gregory

### **Ladies' Lunch**- Pat Stephens

The date for the next lunch is March 23rd at The Ship for 12 noon. Contact Pat Stephens 07704 113837 to book.

### Christingle service on Christmas Eve – Angie and Pete Sieniewicz

We would like to thank everyone who made the outdoor Carol service in the Square on Christmas Eve such a memorable occasion. Our three- year- old grandson was staying with us and was thrilled when Santa’s sleigh roared into Ugborough. Thank you, Santa for lifting him into the sleigh! The carols, the mulled wine and Santa, together with the community spirit, made the evening very special.



### Bittaford Methodist Chapel Chris Phillips 07899934743

6<sup>th</sup> February. Revd D. Youngs

13<sup>th</sup> February. Revd A. Roper

20<sup>th</sup> February. Mr K. Angilley

27<sup>th</sup> February. Dr P. Walsh

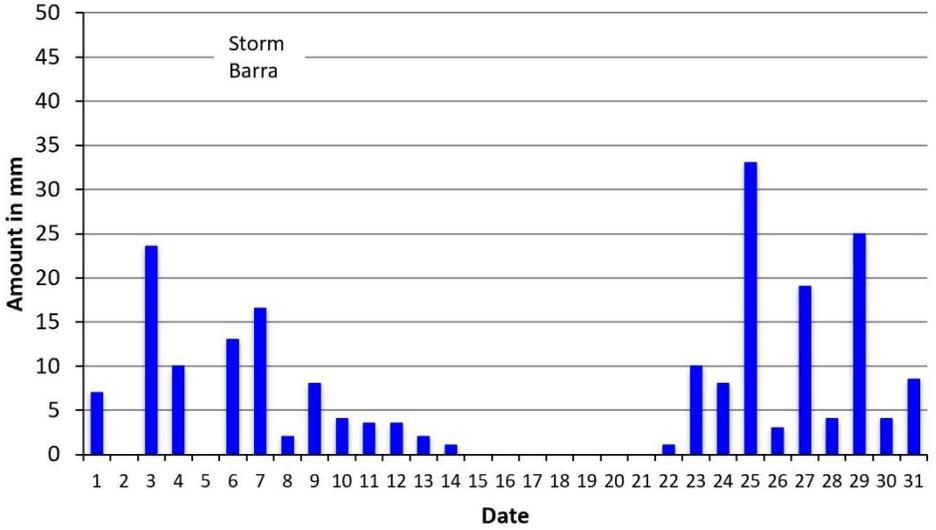
All services start at 11 a.m.

### Rainfall at Shellwood Hill George Arnison

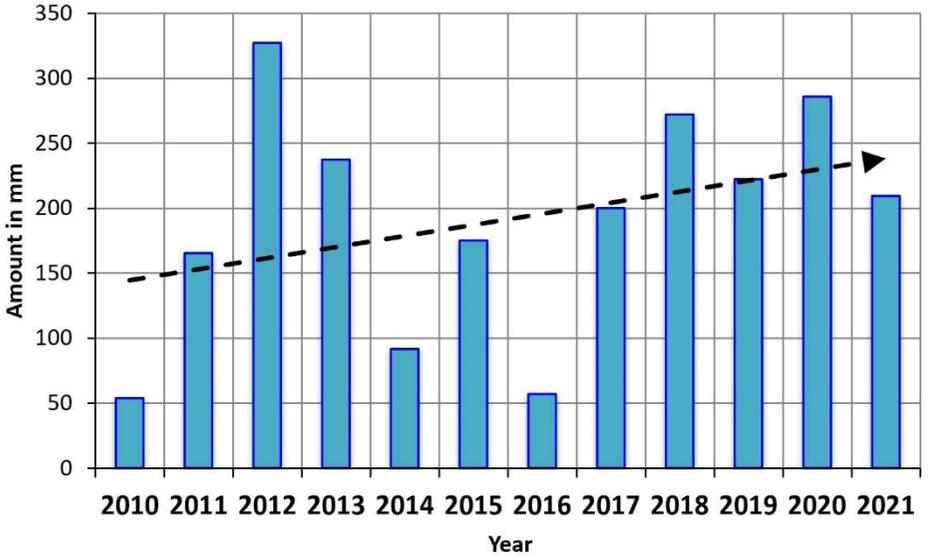
I recorded 209.5mm (just over 8”) of rain during December at Shellwood Hill, which compares to the monthly average over last 12 years of 192mm - so *slightly* wetter than normal – though with a particularly wet (but hopefully not too miserable) Christmas Day. Statistically December is normally the wettest month of the year, but during 2021 January, May and October were all wetter, and all significantly above their monthly averages. Against this however March, April, August and November were all *significantly* drier than their monthly averages. So it was a year of notable fluctuations relative to what we might expect each month, but overall 2021 was very *average*. The annual total rainfall of 1510mm (59 1/2”) was only a little above the average of 1500mm over the last twelve years.

We’re used now to each year being one of the warmest ever globally, so that the fact that 2021 was probably only the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> warmest on record barely draws attention. At a time when extreme global weather events have become normal, a couple of interesting weather records did catch my eye, however. The (equal) highest temperature *ever measured* in the world (54.4°C – that’s 129.9°F) was recorded in Death Valley in the USA on 9<sup>th</sup> July – during the devastating heatwave that affected much of western America. And on 14<sup>th</sup> August - for the first time ever recorded – precipitation fell on the summit of the Greenland Ice Sheet as *rain*, rather than snow.

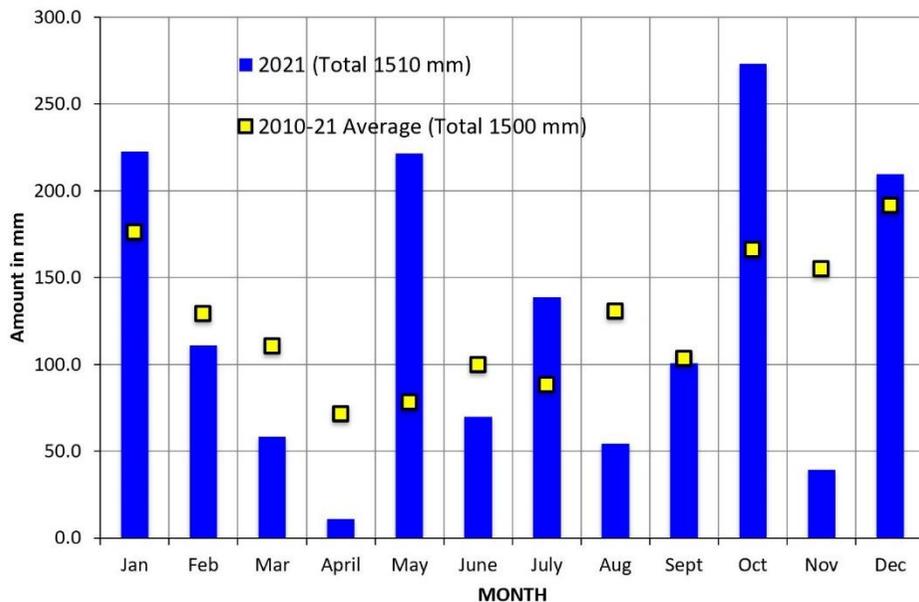
### Rainfall in December 2021



### December rainfalls and Trend



Monthly rainfall for 2021 - compared to 12 Year averages



**Share more, waste less with OLIO, the free food sharing app!** 🥕

What do you do with food in your fridge when you go away? That glut of homegrown vegetables? The Buy One Get One Free you're never going to eat?

If you throw them away, think again!

Perfectly good food doesn't have to be wasted! The Olio app connects neighbours with each other so surplus food can be shared locally, not thrown away. Nearly 5 million people are already doing it!

**Food waste is a huge issue and it's happening in our homes every day. The average UK family throws away 22% of their weekly shop, worth £730 per year.**

Throwing away perfectly edible food is a huge waste of precious resources. Why not use the Olio app and give food you won't eat in time to someone else who would make good use of it? Share your food, save the planet, feel awesome!

Listing an item on OLIO is super easy! Simply open the app, add a photo, description, and when and where the item is available for pick-up. [Find out more.](#)

To claim items, simply browse the listings available near you, request whatever takes your fancy and arrange a pick-up via private messaging. Turns out there is such a thing as a free lunch!

It's quick, easy and local! More than half of all listings on OLIO are snapped up within the first 60 minutes, and more than 80% within 24 hours.



**Your Stars Tonight.** “You star gazers are always whinging”, snorts the steamed dieter, “it’s a lovely clear night, so just get out there and treat yourself to a quick freeze if you must”. I try to explain that although it is a cloudless night there is also a Full Moon which will bleach out all but the brightest stars – but this is to no avail. I explain patiently that the three stars in Orion’s Belt are around magnitude 3 and will be only just visible in the moonlight. But the magnitude 5

stars in his bow, even with Ugborough’s dark skies, will only be visible on a moonless night. Warming to my subject I point out that the magnitude scale is logarithmic and based on the fifth root of 100. And of course, that means that a magnitude 1 star like Betelgeuse is 100 times brighter than a magnitude 6 star. I find my audience has left.

Still even with the glare of a full moon, I need to get out to satiate my current enthusiasm for comets. At the time of writing four comets are visible. Comet 19P Borrelly is a surprise newcomer, easily visible through binoculars and low on the western horizon just after sunset. Then there are two comets that I have been following for months as they amble across the background stars. Just visible with binoculars as tiny patches of diffuse light – they seem in no rush to leave the warmth, and gravitational pull, of the Sun. One of them, Comet L3 ATLAS (discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System) is now in Gemini with a brightness of magnitude 9. The other has a mouthful of a name - Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko – the same one that the European Space Agency landed the Rosetta spacecraft on back in 2014. But I need my largest telescope to catch even the faintest glimpse of magnitude 12 Comet 4/Faye, which is almost overhead and has just started its seven-year journey back to the icy edges of the solar system. A good comet chaser’s website is “TheSkyLive.com”

The next day I felt Covid Cabin Fever really getting to me – as it is with most of us. I decided to try and shake it off by taking the long walk around the block: down to Anthony’s Garage, then up to Spriddlescombe via the green lane and then back down to Ugborough via Dunwell Hill. But when I got to the garage, I suddenly felt I needed to do something different after two years of sticking to the rules. So, I set off on the footpath across the fields heading east. It emerges with a rather menacing 3 metre climb down onto the California Cross main road and there is a quick scuttle across the traffic to the footpath opposite. I have not been here for years – since the glory days of the Ugborough Footpath Walking Group back around the turn of the century. This was one of the more challenging walks that we used to do. The next obstacles are the multiple badger holes and then a formidable wall which is over head height, with a few slates on each side for foot holds and a very welcome rope for assistance. With the passage of years it seemed rather more challenging than last time! The path emerges on the road to North Huish – truly getting into foreign lands - and turning right brings you to Whetcombe Cross and from there a nice green lane returns to the main road again. Straight across and then it is an easy walk back to the green lane and ridge road to Spriddlescombe and finally back home.

After wards I felt strangely elated and uplifted having stepped out of the comfortable routine of Lockdown walks around Ugborough and unexpectedly explored the outer regions of our parish. Perhaps I had been inspired by comets with their unpredictability and refusal to follow the planets trudging endlessly around the celestial path of the Zodiac but who wander across the heavens above like free spirits. They come and go only constrained by the gravitational pact they have made with the Sun.

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Website: <https://ugboroughparishcouncil.org>

**The sad news of the death of Cllr David Smallridge** was announced at the start of the January Parish Council Meeting. His involvement in Ugborough Parish was greatly appreciated and he had been an active and caring member of the Parish Council for many years. He will be greatly missed, and our condolences go out to his family.

**Playing field provision and future requirements** were discussed with Stafford Williams in order to update the playing field strategy and inform S106 funding. As ever, the main problem is the availability of suitable land for pitches – anyone got any suggestions?

**A 20-mph speed limit for our villages** came one step forward, as DCC Cllr Dan Thomas announced that the Newton Abbot trial would not proceed. This had been the stumbling block for the last couple of years at least – and what amazes me is that this trial we were waiting on all this time had not even *started!* Dan Thomas confirmed that he would now be fighting for a 20mph zone.

**Fly tipping** has raised its ugly head again, and it seems SHDC is slow to react to complaints. Please report fly tipping online at [www.southhams.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/fly-tipping) and, if SHDC fail to clear it, contact your District Councillor at [cllr.holway@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.holway@southhams.gov.uk).

**The new Dartmoor Local Plan (2018-2036)** has been adopted and a [Quick Guide](#) is available. The Landscapes review: National Parks and AONBs should have been issued by the time this Newsletter is published, which could have a profound effect on how Dartmoor is run.

**Planning applications** considered at the Meeting (with the Parish Council recommendation in **bold**):

1. [0665/21](#) Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension and garage at Cheston Farm Cottage, South Brent **Support**
2. 21/0067 Carry out works to trees at Bittaford Wood Caravan Park **Neutral**
3. [915/21/ARM](#) Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale, layout and landscaping) of Phase 2 (up to 106 dwellings) of outline approval 3703/18/OPA Land at SX 651 560 Filham Ivybridge **Object on previous grounds. Endorse Police objections to tandem parking. There would appear to be no net biodiversity gain**
4. [4182/21/FUL](#) 18 ground mounted solar panels on two frames of 9 at Ludbrook Mill Ludbrook **Support**
5. [4375/21/FUL](#) Construct two garden rooms for use as guest accommodation at Turtley Corn Mill South Brent **Support**
6. [3623/19/FUL](#) READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Full planning application for the development of 111 residential dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping, locally equipped play area and infrastructure at Land off Godwell Lane, Ivybridge **Object on previous grounds. Endorse the Highways England response that ‘...consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of planned development....it must be ensured that appropriate infrastructure is delivered alongside new development, which includes improvements to existing road connections and junctions, including the A38’. Query adequate provision of EV points. Query net biodiversity gain.**

**The Budget and precept for the next financial year** was agreed at the Meeting. The precept will increase to £28,300, which will result in a 60p increase in the average Band D Council Tax, to £31.46pa.

**Airband** Community Liaison Executive Sarah Beverley introduced herself. In December 2020, CDS (Connecting Devon and Somerset), with support from the Government, signed contracts with Airband to deliver full fibre broadband to 40,154 homes and businesses in earmarked areas of Devon and Somerset which required the construction of an estimated 2,419 miles of fibre network, with delivery in phases to 2024. Sarah's role is to liaise with parishioners from start to finish of the fibre broadband project within our area. More details are available at [www.airband.co.uk/](http://www.airband.co.uk/) and, if you have any questions, contact her at sarah.beverley@airband.co.uk.

**Bittaford** has suffered more vandalism – this time, the Parish Council notice board. Thank you, Cllr Laurie Nelson, for carrying out repairs. On a more positive note, a group of Parish Councillors (and the Clerk) have treated the rubber matting in the playpark so that it is not so slippery. As soon as the weather improves, they will return to install the picnic bench. The footpath through the playpark is now very muddy and slippery, and the Parish Council will work with Dartmoor National Park to lay down gravel.

**The next Meeting** will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village Hall from 7 p.m. on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, starting with a discussion on the preschool building project. Covid precautions will apply at the meeting.

*Privacy policy – visit [ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://ugboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### Clean up our Patch

Litter picking equipment available to local  
volunteers

To borrow the equipment, contact the Parish Clerk  
Tel 01364 661127 [ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk)

Ugborough Parish Council



### **FREE ADVICE ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER FROM DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

With rising energy bills and intense pressures on household finances this winter, independent charity Devon Communities Together is providing 1-2-1 support to individuals who are struggling with fuel bills and heating their homes, thanks to funding from Western Power Distribution.

The charity can offer home visits, video calls and telephone support, with trained experts giving practical advice on tackling energy issues tailored to each household.

The support Devon Communities Together is offering includes:

- **Practical help dealing with energy suppliers and finding the right tariff**
- **Checking eligibility for schemes such as the Priority Service Register and Warm Home Discount**
- **Assistance accessing financial support**
- **Help understanding the terminology around domestic energy**
- **Looking at alternative energy sources/suppliers**
- **Improving your energy efficiency**
- **Any other questions**

As well as providing personalised help with energy bills, Devon Communities Together will be able to support people with related issues, such as housing and health challenges, by working with other organisations to ensure that people receive the help they need.

### **How to book**

People can book an individual support session by clicking the link below and choosing an available time that suits them. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss a session outside office hours, please get in touch with Martin

07984 001542 [martin@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:martin@devoncommunities.org.uk).

**BOOK A FREE ADVICE SESSION HERE: <https://linktr.ee/DCTenergyadvice>**

### **Business & IP Centre Devon (BIPC) 2022 Diversity in Business at the BIPC**

BIPC Devon is delighted to be presenting a programme of events on *Diversity in Business*, throughout the month of February.

We will be hosting (via Zoom and in person) some fantastic speakers on the following topics:

Neurodiversity in business

Employer's guide to supporting neurodiversity in the workplace

Culture, gender and values as a black woman in business

Building and LGBTQ+ inclusive business

Inclusive communication

Representation in the economy

Full details of each webinar/event will be added to our events page and Eventbrite, as and when dates are finalised, so keep a look out. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Business Resources**

We have the largest collection of business databases in the South West. All free to access with Devon or Torbay library membership. For more details and the full range of resources visit our website:

[Business & IP Centre Devon | Providing Free Business Support \(librariesunlimited.org.uk\)](https://librariesunlimited.org.uk)

## **Services at St. Peter's Church, Ugborough**

Services start at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise shown.

Date	Service
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	All Age Worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Service of the Word led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion

**Please note that we are being very cautious about lifting restrictions and we would ask you to continue to wear face coverings at all services until further notice.  
Please use the hand gel provided and respect others' space.**

The **Three Rivers Mission Community** covers the parishes of Diptford, Ermington, Halwell, Harberton, Harbertonford, Moreleigh, North Huish and Ugborough. You can find out about everything that's going on across all the parishes at its website, [www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk)

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### **Village services.**

A reminder that you can visit the Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service at Ugborough Square, Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.-10 a.m., normally every 4 weeks. The next date is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

And don't forget to visit your Post Office in Ugborough Church on Tuesday afternoon from 12.30-2.30 p.m. and Thursday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

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