

November 2021

Fingerpost

It shouldn't be long now; the damaged fingerpost parts are now with the foundry so they can be repaired, and they will also be making a new post. We should have our fingerpost back well before the end of the year.

Recreation Ground

Good News! We have been granted planning permission to put a new pavilion on the recreation ground. There are some landscaping conditions we will need to adhere to and we are in discussion with the National Trust to make this as sympathetic to the area as possible.

Connecting Devon and Somerset

Connecting Devon and Somerset has announced that its Mobile Boost Programme, which aims to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in "not spot" areas, now includes a greater choice of equipment.

The initiative, which is being funded through the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership's (HotSWLEP) Growth Deal, aims to improve the quality of mobile phone calls and connectivity. It's targeting small businesses and households in rural communities who currently have inadequate coverage or have access to only one provider and are currently struggling with connectivity.

Businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier. The value of the voucher will be dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises.

There are now three options of equipment available – these are a 4G booster and two models of "signal repeaters" which repeat the outdoor signal indoors. Suppliers will be able to advise on the most appropriate option.

Businesses and residents applying through the scheme will be required to make a contribution to cover the cost of installation. Depending on the option chosen, this will range from a one-off fee from around £200 to a monthly fee for a SIM card (averaging around £30 a month). For more information go to <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk>

Police Bollards

It has been noted that there are some residents using police bollards or other means to reserve parking spaces outside their homes. We would like to point out that no one has overall rights to park directly outside their properties – the road is a public highway. Also, police bollards are not for use by the general public – they are the property of the police.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June next year. The Parish Council will be hosting a day of celebration. Hopefully, weather permitting, it will be held on the recreation ground. We are in the early stages of discussion and welcome any ideas from residents.

Community Speedwatch

Our Community Speedwatch team will once again be up and running. The police have now approved specific areas in the village where we can conduct the Speedwatch and have carried out a presentation and roadside training for our volunteers. The Parish Council would like to thank Martin Myram for all his hard work in taking this scheme forward.

Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline

A single phone number continues to be available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. 0300 790 6275, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15th November at 7pm in the village hall.

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