



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2013

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www.newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The long-overdue replacement of the water main through Newton Poppleford is scheduled to take place during October, starting on Monday 7th, after the Carnival.

The Parish Council website will be kept updated with information whenever this is made available to us. A map showing the 5 main phases of the work is available, along with information about the diversions.

Heavy Vehicles

Heavy vehicles from Exeter will be routed down the A30 to Honiton, then south along the A375 via Sidbury to rejoin the A3052 at Sidford. Lighter trucks can use the B3180 (from the Halfway Inn) north to near the A30, along the B3174 into Ottery St Mary, and back up the B3176 to The Bowd.

Light Traffic

Cars etc. will be diverted from the Halfway Inn north to the A3174 into Ottery, then south along the B3176 to rejoin the A3052 at The Bowd.

Cars coming east from Exeter will go down Venn Ottery Road then along Back Lane, which will be 1-way as far as The Pavilion. Cars coming west from Sidmouth will go up School Lane, which will remain 2-way as far as Turner Close, when it will become 1-way until Devon Hardwoods, then 2-way until it meets Exmouth Road.

Updates on any diversions will be posted on the Parish Council website whenever we are informed of them.

We all know that the lanes around this area can be difficult, and here's a reminder from the Highway Code:

155 Single-track roads. These are only wide enough for one vehicle. They may have special passing places. If you see a vehicle coming towards you, or the driver behind wants to overtake, pull into a passing place on your left, or wait opposite a passing place on your right. Give way to vehicles coming uphill whenever you can. If necessary, reverse until you reach a passing place to let the other vehicle pass. Slow down when passing pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Buses

The situation as reported at start of September:

* Buses from the Exeter side will bring passengers as far as the Exmouth Road and will then have to return and follow the HGV diversion.

* Buses from the Sidmouth side will bring passengers into the village but the exact turnaround point is undecided as at our publication date.

Watch the website for latest info!

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EAST DEVON LOCAL PLAN TO 2026

The local Plan Inspector has written to EDDC indicating that it would be appropriate to consult on the Proposed Post-Publication Changes to the Local Plan. A new Consultation on the Proposed Post-Publication Changes is running from 23 August 2013 until 12 Noon on 7 October 2013.

There is full information on the EDDC website about the proposed changes, the officer in charge etc. so for details please go to: www.eastdevon.gov.uk

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CONSULTATION ON EAST DEVON AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB) MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The whole of this parish is within the East Devon AONB, so the following item could be a special relevance to residents:

The draft East Devon AONB Management Strategy for the period 2014-19 is available for consultation.

The Strategy focuses primarily on conserving and enhancing the quality of the AONB landscape, in particular its natural beauty. However, socio-economic needs and recreation are to be taken into account in furthering this primary aim in an integrated approach to the management of the AONB. The 5 yearly review aims to bring the statutory Management Strategy up to date with the current context and issues and identify priorities for delivery over the

next five years. Further information is available at:

www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/index.php?page=aonb-management-plan

The closing date for comments (through the AONB website) is **10 October 2013**.

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BONFIRES AND GARDEN WASTE

It's autumn, and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness brings with it lots of garden waste! EDDC would prefer you not to burn your garden waste, but to take it to a **recycling centre**. Maybe once the new facility is ready near The Bowd it will be easier to offload your green waste. In the meantime you will have to lug it all up some steep steps to tip into a large skip.

You can also pay **Otter Rotters** to collect bags of garden waste and compost it. Bags cost £4 each, and tags for each bag are £1.25 - both can be purchased from Home Hardware in Fore Street, Sidmouth.

However . . . in many other parts of the country local councils provide a garden waste collection service, at a reasonable cost (e.g. usually between £50 and £100 per year, with fortnightly collections). *Maybe residents would like to write to EDDC suggesting this kind of service?*

Bonfires are quite legal, but please be considerate to your neighbours if you decide to have a burn up! There is more detailed guidance in a leaflet available on EDDC's website: www.eastdevon.gov.uk/bonfire_leaflet_lowres_2011.pdf

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HEDGE CUTTING

Now that the birds have hatched their young, the hedges bordering the roads and lanes can be cut. Remember, **this is the responsibility of the landowner**, NOT of the councils.

On major roads Devon County Council helps to enhance road safety by cutting hedges on the inside of bends and at junctions at the same time as cutting the grass verges. On the minor roads this is left to the landowner/occupier in accordance with the Highways Act. The Council may also cut some hedges in advance of road treatment work, or in front of drainage features and road signs. Despite the Council doing this work, owners and occupiers are not relieved of their responsibilities under the Highways Act. More information is available on the DCC website (www.devon.gov.uk)

OTTERY HELP SCHEME

Jane Davies from the Ottery Help Scheme came to the Parish Council meeting and gave a short talk about the services now offered to people in the area. This local charity started mostly to help people with transport to and from the Medical Centre in Ottery St Mary. Over time it has evolved and grown the range of help services offered, which now include:

- * Wheelchair hire
- * Bereavement support
- * Voluntary nail-cutting services, for those who have a need but fall outside NHS services
- * Memory Cafe - monthly, for people with memory loss and their carers
- * Visiting / Befriending for those who are housebound
- * Sitting for carers
- * Support for people feeling lonely or isolated (Tuesday group)

Their website is:

www.otteryhelpscheme.org.uk

If you would like to volunteer to help in some way, or make a donation, or **maybe you could benefit from the services offered**, then contact the scheme:

Phone: 01404 816700

Email: info@helpscheme.eclipse.co.uk

Write: Ottery Help Scheme
Coleridge Medical Centre
Canaan Way,
Ottery St Mary EX11 1EQ

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ACTIVE VILLAGES IS COMING TO NEWTON POPPLEFORD!

If you live in Newton Poppleford or the surrounding area some new and exciting sports/leisure activities will be coming to your area. Leisure East Devon (LED) would like to hear from you if you are aged between 5 to 95!, we need to identify the types of activities that your community wants...so now is a chance to have your say!

The 'Active Villages' program is funded through Sport England and is being delivered by LED. The project is about getting rural communities active bringing the village together in a social active environment. We have introduced a number of activities in other villages that have included pilates, running club or even a family cycle ride – we are able to bring equipment along to the village to provide the session as well as a fully qualified and experienced leader.

There is also an opportunity for members of the community to come forward to work alongside qualified leaders/ instructors and then be given the opportunity to train themselves to become a leader/instructor to enable the activities in their community to continue at no cost to themselves.

Drop us an email or give us a call to let us know the type of physical activities you would like to do!

Please contact jsharp@ledleisure.co.uk or call Jane Sharp 01404 814317 (please leave a message as I work part time).

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Newton Poppleford Himalayan Balsam Eradication Report for 2013 Season

For the third consecutive year we have spent the last three months attempting to remove all HB from the Back Brook from the River Otter to Goosemoor Farm. There have been 13 published clearances, mostly in the evenings, but a few day sessions as well. In addition to these, several people have undertaken clearance on an individual basis.

This year about 75 households with gardens backing onto the Brook were leafleted about the programme asking them to keep their own section of bank clear.

We have been working in cooperation with other local teams in the Otter Valley all tasked with their own clearance areas.

Unfortunately participation by volunteers from our village has been poor this year. We have been greatly helped however with assistance from individuals from neighbouring towns and villages. The OVA team sent 8 people on one occasion and Bardon Aggregates provided two of their employees for a day's work under their community projects scheme.

Despite all our efforts we have only cleared our patch completely once.

We have not been able to do anything on the stream in Harpford. Other volunteers have done work there the last two years, but nothing seems to have been done this year at all.

All of the 13 sessions have been advertised on village notice boards but clearly this approach has not worked with such a poor response. An article in the Parish News produced no additional help either unfortunately.

Finally, Maureen Cook who has been the link between the group and the Parish Council has decided that she cannot continue in this role next year. Having had three consecutive seasons of clearing the Balsam it would be a retrograde step not to continue as we are making inroads into the problem within our village environment. Fortunately Mr Ted Swan has volunteered to continue in this role if he has

the necessary support from the "village". So next year can we please have more volunteers to keep up the good work ???



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WINTER IS A-COMING!

After the first proper summer we've had for years, are we going to have a mild or a severe winter? Whatever happens it is likely to be a lot colder than it is now, so get ready with any supplies of grit or salt for your drive, batteries for your torch, maybe a few candles, and if you don't have double glazing (e.g. if you live in a Listed Building) then stick up double glazing film to improve insulation (and save on heating bills).

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

We are all a bit concerned with what is happening in Newton Poppleford at the moment. South West Water are replacing our ageing water main, which must be good news, but getting about is going to be difficult and I do hope our local businesses will not suffer too much while work is in progress.

The 2 major planning applications affecting the village are a worry for quite a few people. 1 is for 40 houses and a branch Doctors' surgery south of King Alfred Way and the other is for 46 homes adjacent to Badger Close. Both include 40% affordable housing. The Parish Plan supported a 5% increase in homes between now and 2026 with appropriate infrastructure. Something will have to give!

East Devon District Council is still evaluating the pros and cons of moving its headquarters. The Knowle is very costly and savings must be made.

I do hope you will not be too inconvenienced with the road disruption.

Ken Potter - District Councillor

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Christine Channon is pleased to report that some money has been found to improve the footpath between Parsons Close and the bus stop, so that will be a great help to visually impaired users.

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The Riverside Players
and
Newton Poppleford Short Mat Bowls Club
Present an evening of entertainment with a cold collation

BOWLING ALONG!



Friday 20th & Saturday 21st
September 2013

7.30pm at Newton Poppleford Village Hall
Tickets are £8
to include supper and tea or coffee
Bring your own beer, wine or soft drinks

Contact Chris 01395 568054 or Tricia 568897

Newton Poppleford Carnival

Events 2013

Sunday 29th Sept

Walking Treasure Hunt

2pm start from the Car Park



Tuesday 1st October

Quiz

7.30pm at the Village Hall

£5 for a Team of Four

To Book a Table Contact

Jackie 567803 or Geoff 568466



Saturday 5th October

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COUNCILLORS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2013

Name	Tel.	Address	Ward
PARISH COUNCILLORS			
Jean Clarke	01395 568815	Thornlea, Exeter Rd, Newton Pop EX10 0BJ	N Pop
Maureen Cook	01395 568348	24 Littledown Orchard, Newton Pop EX10 0BQ	N Pop
Dave Jeffery	01395 568897	Old Orchard, Burrow EX10 0BP	N Pop
George Pearce	01395 568571	25 Turner Close, Newton Pop EX10 0EN	N Pop
Graham Salter	0798 0798 628	Little Shule, Farthings Lane, High Street EX10 0BU	N Pop
Ed Slattery	01395 567111	7 Down Close, Newton Pop, EX10 0JD	N Pop
Bill Phillips	01395 567786	7 Chestnut Way, Newton Poppleford EX10	Harpford
Hazel Jeffery	01395 567821	The Stables, Hoppins, Southerton, EX11 1SD	Harpford
Mark Sanders - Chairman	01395 568052	Luscombe, Back Lane, Newton Pop EX10 0EZ	Harpford
Makala Tillotson	07453 632973	Badger Close Newton Pop EX10	Harpford
Chris Cole - Vice Chair	01395 567621	Court Barn, Southerton EX11 1SE	Venn Ottery
County Cllr Christine Channon	01395 442927	12 Cricket Field Court, Cricket Field Lane, Budleigh Salterton	N/A
District Cllr Ken Potter	01395 567147	Bayford Lodge, Exmouth Road, Newton Pop	N/A
Clerk to Council David Atkins	01395 264003	Potters, Lypstone Hill, Exmouth EX8 5AF parishclerk@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk	N/A
Local Police Officer Dave Wallace	08452 777444		N/A
Website & Newsletter Shân Merritt	01404 812733	Venn Ottery Barton, Venn Ottery, EX11 1RZ webmaint@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk	N/A
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The Parish Council meets monthly, with additional or interim meetings as necessary.

The monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of each month - check noticeboards/website for details. Correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council.