



# NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2014



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### IMPORTANT: THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Over the last 12 months the North, East and West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been listening to local communities about provision of health care in the future. Members of the public are now invited to be part of the discussions about what happens next.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS:

TOWN/VENUE	DATE	TIME
Seaton Town Hall	23/09/14	6 - 8pm
Exmouth Rugby Club	8/10/14	6 - 8pm
Honiton Mackarness Hall	15/10/14	6 - 8pm
Axminster Guildhall	21/10/14	5 - 7pm
Ottery St Mary, Football Club	6/11/14	6 - 8pm
Sidmouth, Stowford Community Centre	11/11/14	6 - 8pm

#### DROP-IN SESSIONS:

TOWN & VENUE	DATE	TIME
<b>Newton Poppleford Pavilion</b>	23/09/14	10am - 12
Dunkeswell Hall	24/09/14	10am - 12
Feniton Sports & Social Club	30/09/14	10am - 12
Colyton Town Hall	14/10/14	2 - 4pm
Kilminster Cricket Pavilion	15/10/14	2 - 4pm
Budleigh, Peter's Hall	22/10/14	6 - 8pm
Woodbury Village Hall	28/10/14	2 - 4pm
Sidbury Village Hall	12/11/14	10am - 12

**These sessions will be an opportunity for members of the public to hear about some of the feedback collected so far as part of the review of community services, as well as being offered the chance to discuss the proposals for the future based on this feedback.**

**Additional information is due to be released on 17/9/14; as soon as this is received it will be uploaded to the website.**

If you would like to find out more about these events or to book a place, please contact Christy Thurlow on 01392 356117 or [Christy.thurlow@nhs.net](mailto:Christy.thurlow@nhs.net)

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Open meetings will be held in The Pavilion:

**Saturday 6th September, 3-5pm**

**Thursday 11th September, 7-9pm**

**Sunday 14th September, 3-5pm**

Refreshments available and children welcome. Please go along and express your views, join in, and offer help where you can.

As/when a Neighbourhood Plan is finalised and formally adopted by EDDC this will supersede the Parish Plan and thus enable a greater percentage of Section 106 money (which is provided by developers) to be spent within the parish.

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### HARPFORD HALL UPDATE

The hall has been officially registered at EDDC as a community asset, so no sale can go ahead for about 6 months, allowing time for the community to work on a way forward.

### UPDATE STATEMENT FROM HARPFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

"With the full support of residents of the village and well wishers from further afield, we have registered as potential bidders to secure Harpford Village Hall for the benefit of the community. A preliminary Declaration of Trust has been signed confirming our charitable status. Under Community Asset legislation, a moratorium period now exists until January 2015. This means the Dioceses of Exeter can continue to market the Hall but they cannot exchange contracts with any other party except Harpford Village Hall Committee before that date.

On BBC Radio Devon Archdeacon Fatcher said he would negotiate with us once the group was formalised and that he is keen to help us to retain the hall. We have now been offered a date with the Archdeacon in September to negotiate and discuss terms of the purchase. We do hope you will be able to continue to support us in our efforts to ensure the Hall is kept for the benefit of the whole community. Please sign our petition in the village shop. If you would like to offer more practical support, please contact us at

[harpfordvillagehallcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:harpfordvillagehallcommittee@gmail.com) "

Val Ranger, Parish Councillor

## PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

As the council is at full strength and most councillors have had time to learn how the powers and responsibilities may be used, committees have been reinstated. Committee membership is as follows:

**Finance & Property:** Bill Phillips, Hazel Jeffery, Ed Slattery, Chris Cole

**Planning:** Chris Cole, Maureen Cook, Jean Clarke, George Pearce, Val Ranger, Hazel Jeffery, Makala Tillotson

**Personnel:** Hazel Jeffery, Ed Slattery, Dave Jeffery.

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### AUTUMN - TIME FOR BONFIRES?

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us - along with fallen leaves and often with lots of garden waste. And of course Guy Fawkes Night will be here soon.

There are no bye-laws in East Devon either to allow or prohibit burning, but if you do have a bonfire please be considerate to your neighbours. When burning:

- \* Try to ensure that the material is dry, so smoke is minimised.
- \* Check wind direction so it won't cause smoke to drift across a road or to annoy neighbours.
- \* Don't leave a bonfire smouldering, and when finished douse it with water so that no sparks can cause further problems.



Composting is a recommended option, or take your garden waste to the recycling centre whence it will be taken to a central composting site.

Anyone lighting a fire and allowing thick smoke to drift across a road can be liable to a fine of up to £2000 under the Highways (Amendment) Act 1986.

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## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The revamped website is up and running, so please take a look. All the bits specific to the Parish Council have been put into their own new 'section' - councillor details, agendas and minutes, policies & procedures, responsibilities, newsletters etc.

**Local clubs and organisations can have their own pages** - just as the Garden & Allotments Association has for a few years. Clubs can have their own user name and password, enabling them to update their own pages.

**Local businesses may advertise** their wares or services (at a small charge) and link to their own websites.

A new page has been added to provide **information for people visiting** the area, including leaflets and walking routes in our area.

We have added an **Events Calendar** (in the Community Section), so if you are organising something (e.g. fundraiser, fair, musical event etc.) please contact us and we will put this on the Calendar. You can send us posters for your event to be displayed on the **Notice Board**.

*If you have any additional information that you think we should publish (e.g. events, info for visitors, a page for your club) please contact the Clerk, a councillor, or the Website Maintainer.*

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### Please Send Us Your Email Address

Please tell us your email address so we can keep you up to date on local events and send you the newsletters automatically. Send this to: **newtonpoplefordcouncilnews@gmail.com**

We promise that these addresses will be used only to keep you up to date on things happening, to solicit your views on matters important to the community, and to send you the quarterly Newsletter.

We hope in the future to involve the whole community in making decisions that affect us all. Although not the only method we will use to get people's opinions, in today's world it does offer a quick and cost effective way to communicate.

Email addresses will not be disclosed to any third parties or used for any marketing purposes.

We look forward to hearing from you via **newtonpoplefordcouncilnews@gmail.com**

## SAFETY NETTING

Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council have now received approval for the expenditure of £2,130 from the Section 106 funds (developers fund). This money will be used to install safety netting in front of the children's play area at the pavilion.

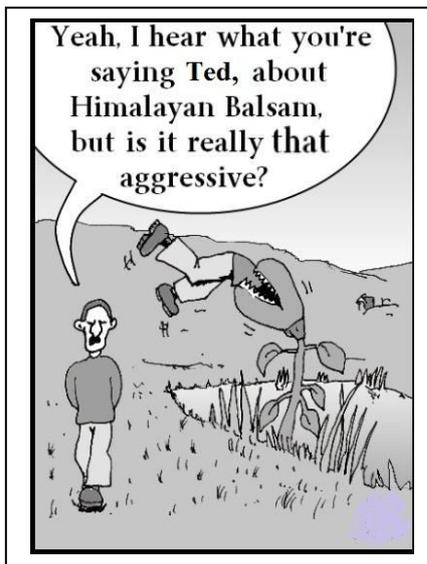
As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this project was supported by the parish. Installation will probably not take place until end of September but at least will be in place for the start of next year's cricket season.

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## ALIEN INVADER - TRIFFIDS IN OUR MIDST! HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Apart from the initial session in Harpford there was a very poor - almost no - response to Ted Swan's appeal for help pulling up the beastly balsam that is colonising the streams and river banks of the area. The balsam was quite early this year, and much clearing work should have been done before it started seeding.

This means that the likely spread of seeds will be extensive, and hence will need even more effort next year.



Although quite pretty, this alien invader causes serious problems along watercourses, **smothering native plant-life** so that **riverbanks erode** more easily, leading in some cases to **increased flooding**. During summer, the flowers can attract pollinators away from the native species, thus contributing indirectly to reduced native genetic diversity and fitness to produce seed.

We must all do better next year!

## NATIVE RE-INTRODUCTION! BEAVERS BY THE RIVER OTTER

As many people will be aware, there is a family of beavers living wild by the River Otter - the only 'wild' group in England. You can see the evidence of their presence (gnawed trees and branches) in several places and you might be lucky enough to see the animals themselves.

Beavers were a native species in Britain but were hunted to extinction several hundred years ago. DEFRA is planning to capture the animals and test them for potential diseases, saying that if all is well they will be released again.

The Devon Wildlife Trust is trying to keep these animals in the wild and seeks the support of local people in this endeavour. At a public meeting about this matter held in Ottery St Mary on 18th August there was overwhelming support for the DWT.

To read more please visit the DWT website: [www.devonwildlifetrust.org/view-news/2014/08/21/Community+backs+beavers](http://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/view-news/2014/08/21/Community+backs+beavers)

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## VILLAGE CAR PARK

EDDC have offered to return the car park to the ownership and care of the Parish Council. This has long term cost implications so is under careful consideration. However - look at what is threatened to the permit-only car park in central Sidmouth!

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## NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

Next sessions will be held as follows:  
Ottery Football Club 13/10/14  
Sidmouth, Stowford Centre. 10/10/14  
Bud Salt'n Public Hall 8/10/14

Book your appointment on-line, or by telephone:  
**0300 123 23 23**

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## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As you will know, Newton Poppleford & Harpford has a Parish Plan, which was adopted by the Parish Council and East Devon District Council in the autumn of 2012. The Parish Plan influences the District Council when considering Newton Poppleford and Harpford matters.

Parish Plans are being superseded by Neighbourhood Plans. The new Plans are more legally binding and the District Council has to

adhere to the agreed document. The caveat is that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot have policies that are not compatible with district, county or national policy guidelines.

I do hope as many people as possible will take an interest in Newton Poppleford & Harpford's developing Neighbourhood Plan.

East Devon District Council is concerned with the imbalance in central government funding for rural and urban communities. Rural communities receive 50% less than urban communities, which seems unfair when travel costs are higher in the countryside than in towns and fewer facilities are available. The Local Government Association is also concerned about this and is making representations to government to correct the imbalance. I hope that rural MPs will be encouraged to be more active in this regard and, in particular, before next May's elections!

Another matter which, hopefully, will be debated before next May is the plight of the Network of Post Offices. The government is spending a huge sum modernising some 6,000 branches but providing the business with less and less profitable business. Post Offices are going to close by default, which will deprive many communities of a much valued asset. Sorry to be a bit gloomy and I hope it will all come right in the end!

**Ken Potter - District Councillor**

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There will be a meeting of the Quarry Liaison Group on Tuesday 9th September; any useful information resulting from this will be published on the website.

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### COUNCILLORS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2014

Name	Tel.	Address	Ward
<b>PARISH COUNCILLORS</b>			
Jean Clarke	01395 568815	Thornlea, Exeter Rd, Newton Pop EX10 0BJ	N Pop
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George Pearce	01395 568571	25 Turner Close, Newton Pop EX10 0EN	N Pop
Graham Salter	01395 519399	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
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Val Ranger	01395 568460	Coombe Down, Lower Way, Harpford EX10 0NQ	Harpford
Makala Tillotson	01395 567961	Badger Close Newton Pop EX10	Harpford
Chris Cole - <b>Vice Chair</b>	01395 567621	Court Barn, Southerton EX11 1SE	Venn Ottery
<b>County Cllr</b> Christine Channon	01395 442927	12 Cricket Field Court, Cricket Field Lane, Budleigh Salterton	N/A
<b>District Cllr</b> Ken Potter	01395 567147	Bayford Lodge, Exmouth Road, Newton Pop	N/A
<b>Clerk to Council</b> David Atkins	01395 264003	Potters, Lympstone Hill, Exmouth EX8 5AF <a href="mailto:parishclerk@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk">parishclerk@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk</a>	N/A
<b>Local Police Officers</b> PC Dave Wallace PCSOs Chris Bolsover & Steve Blanchford-Cox	101	Our beat Officers can be contacted by email on <a href="mailto:sidmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk">sidmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk</a>	N/A
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<b>Village Hall booking</b>	01395 568571	Janey Drake	N/A
<b>Pavilion</b> David Zirker	01395 567430	Brookfields, Venn Ottery Rd.	N/A

**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 and agendas. Correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council.**