

Sampford Courtenay OPEN MEETING

AGENDA with annotated notes from the meeting held on Tues 18th Oct 22.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR RECYCLING - DILYS LORD WDBC





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Where Does my Recycling and Waste Go?

Recycling in West Devon is collected using the kerbside sort method. This means that the recycling is sorted into different compartments of the collection vehicle depending on the material. This method helps us maintain a good quality of recyclables which makes them easier to recycle.

When the collection vehicles are full they tip the recycling at Hayedown depot, near Tavistock. From there the recyclables are bulked by type and sent to be recycled. The metals and plastics are sent to Exeter City Council's Materials Reclamation Facility for further sorting before being sent for recycling.

Plastics and cans are sorted at Exeter City Council's Materials Reclamation Facility before being transferred to the final re-processor.



The Green waste boxes lip over the recycling van.
If yours is damaged or lost - you can order a replacement on WDBC website here

[WDBC Waste and Recycling](#)



Bulky waste can also be collected and refurbished see details here

[WDBC Bulky Waste Collections](#)



Paper	Palm Recycling, Norfolk, UK	Newsprint
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Cardboard	Smurfitt Cappa, Kent	Corrugated card
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Glass

Recresco, Cwmbran, UK

Glass containers

Textiles
(from
kerbside)

Wilcox

Sent for reuse in Developing Nations

Batteries

Wastecare, Halifax

Steel for the automotive industry, nickel for coins, iron for construction, manganese for paint and lead for batteries and roofing

Food and Garden Waste

The contents of the food caddies is tipped by the collection vehicles at Hayedown depot, near Tavistock. Here it is bulked before being delivered to **Andigestion's Anaerobic Digestion Facility in Holsworthy**. The material is broken down in a series of sealed, oxygen free tanks to produce methane, a gas used to generate electricity and digestate, a nutrient rich fertiliser used by local farmers.

Garden waste collected from subscribing households is tipped directly at **Artiscombe Farm, near Tavistock**. Here the garden waste is composted in large heaps which are turned every few weeks to improve breakdown of the waste. The resulting compost is used by local farmers.

You do not have to use bio-degradable bags for your food waste - any bag will do.

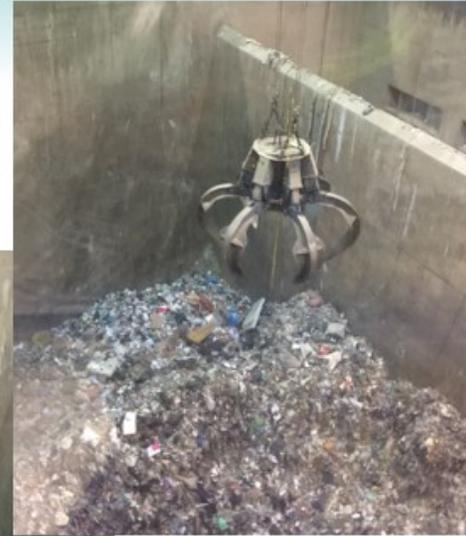
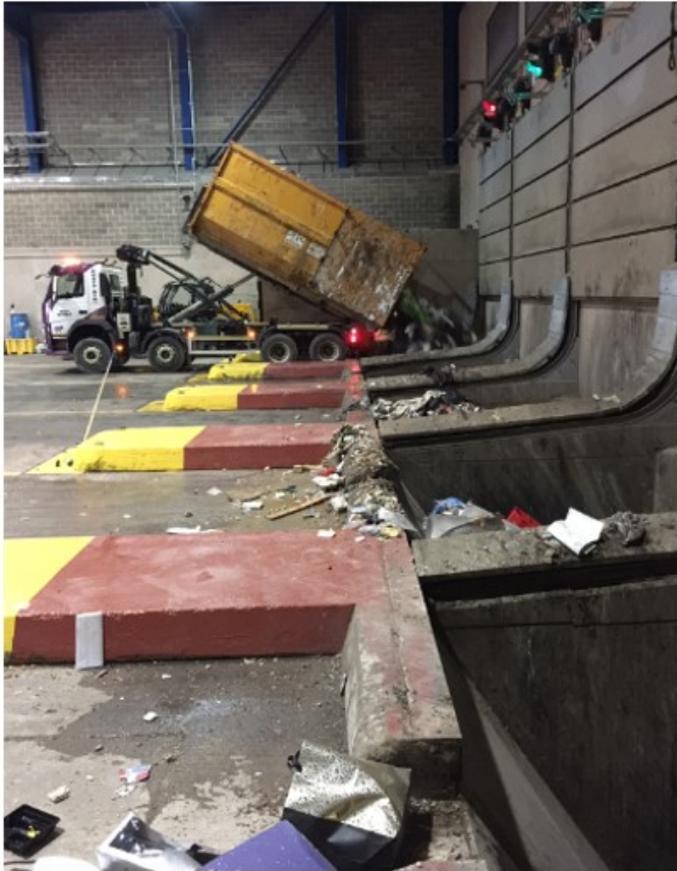
Residual Waste

The black sacks are tipped by the collection vehicles at Crowndale Transfer Station where it is bulked before being delivered to **MVV's Energy from Waste (EfW) and Combined Heat & Power (CHP) facility in Plymouth.** The waste is used as a fuel to heat water into superpower steam which turns a turbine to create electricity

You do not have to use black bags - any bag will do.

If there is enough interest, SCPC could arrange a visit to the Education Centre at the Energy from Waste plant in Plymouth.

Energy from Waste Facility visit



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Why it's important to continue reducing, reusing & recycling

- Reducing the waste we produce is the best way to have a **positive** impact in the world which we live.
- There are a finite number of resources on Earth. Recycling helps ensure we make the most of these resources.
- Recycling reduces **pollution** and the impact on wildlife and the environment.
- Making products from recycled material requires less energy than products made from raw materials.

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Recycling – Interesting facts



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Recycling – break it down

PAPER TOWEL	2 to 4 weeks	CIGARETTE BUTT	10 to 12 years
BANANA PEEL	3 to 4 weeks	LEATHER SHOE	25 to 40 years
PAPER BAG	1 month	TINNED STEEL CAN	50 years
NEWSPAPER	1,5 months	FOAMED PLASTIC CUP	50 years
APPLE CORE	2 months	RUBBER BOOT SOLE	50 to 80 years
CARDBOARD	2 months	PLASTIC CONTAINER	50 to 80 years
COTTON GLOVE	3 months	ALUMINUM CAN	200 to 500 years
ORANGE PEELS	6 months	PLASTIC BOTTLE	450 years
PLYWOOD	1 to 3 years	DISPOSABLE DIAPER	550 years
WOOL SOCK	1 to 5 years	MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE	600 years
MILK CARTON	5 years	PLASTIC BAG	200 to 1000 years



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Drowning in Plastic

- Every minute a “rubbish truck load” of plastic goes into **our oceans**. It doesn't decompose but **stays in our oceans**.
- **78%** of this originates from land sources (i.e. litter).
- Plastic entering the environment creates a **hazard for wildlife** who can digest or get caught up in it.
- It can also **impact our health** by entering the food chain
- **Reducing, Reusing and Recycling** plastics prevents them from entering the natural environment.



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Reducing food waste

Did you know ...

The average family with children throws away almost £700 of food per year.

To **waste less food and save money** visit **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com**
If you have a smartphone try the app!

**LOVE
FOOD
hate waste**



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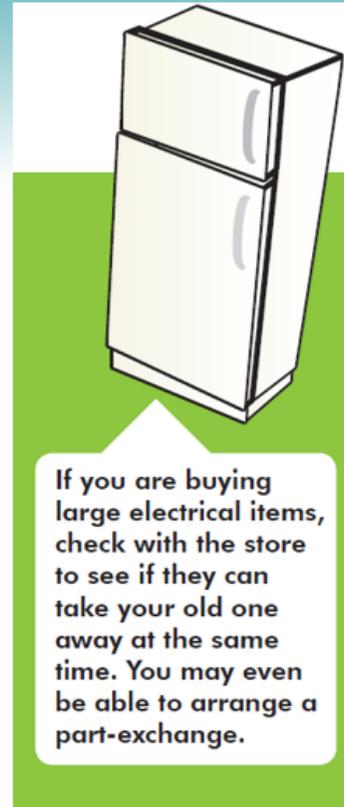


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Bulky Waste

- Bulky furniture can be disposed of free of charge at **recycling centres**.
- If it is reusable, **Refurnish Devon** can arrange a **FREE** collection. These items are tested, repaired and sold at an affordable price to local people.
- If items are not fit for reuse the Council can provide a **bulky household waste collection**.



If you are buying large electrical items, check with the store to see if they can take your old one away at the same time. You may even be able to arrange a part-exchange.

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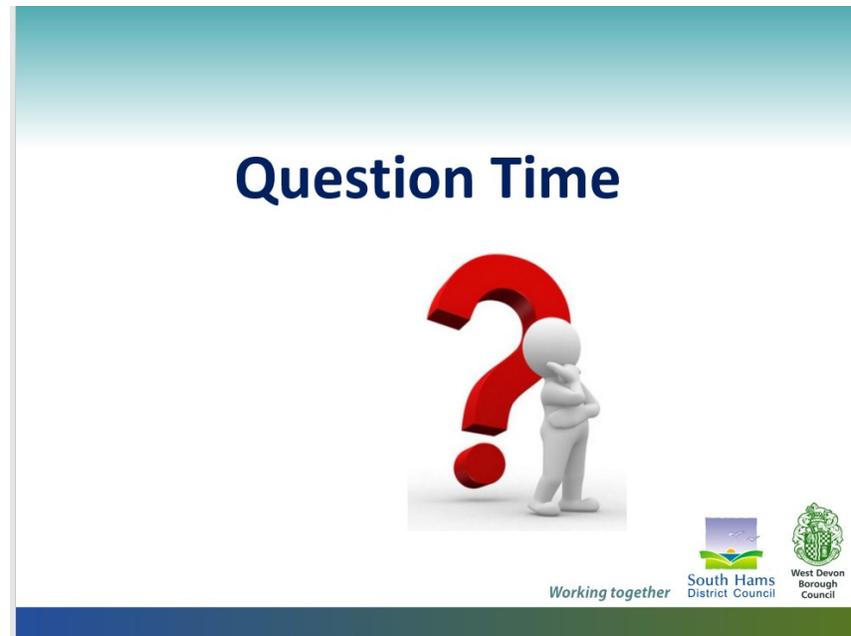


<https://www.refurnish.org.uk/donating/>

Find out more and Have your say here

Help shape services across Devon

[Have your say](#)



Questions asked by parishioners...

1 - SMOL advert seen on Facebook.

Says - a) don't crush cans - [do crush cans if you can do it safely.](#)

b) Leave lids on bottles - [plastic bottles and crush air out.](#)

[Take metal lids off glass bottles and recycle separately.](#)

c) Scrunch aluminum foil into large balls and recycle. [Or reuse to bulk cook and freeze.](#)

All of the above are contradictory to what WDBC seem to be saying.
[See WDBC comments in blue.](#)

2. Where can we recycle medicine blister packs? [Terracycle boxes](#) - [Zero Waste boxes](#)

3. Where can we recycle black plastic plant pots? - [general waste](#)

4. Is there a reputable IT Recycler in the area who would collect old laptops and phones etc and securely wipe the hard drives etc before recycling. [SCPC will see if we can find someone locally.](#)

5. Declutter Devon & Cornwall - [More details here](#)

- Can and how do we recycle the following,
- toothpaste tubes - [Terracycle](#)
- large dog food paper bags which have a water resistant lining - [use instead of black bags](#)
- old style light bulbs - [recycling centre](#)
- small fluorescent light bulbs - [recycling centre](#)
- plastic bags - [save up and take back to your supermarket](#)
- crisp packets - [as above](#)
- old shoes / wellingtons / footwear - [charity shops if good](#)
- old cushions/pillows - [animal shelters](#)
- Christmas/birthday/greetings cards - [recycling bins as long as there is no glitter.](#)
- what type of textiles are recycled and which are not.- [all textiles can be recycled.](#)
- [If you can put all your cereal packets together, and paper in a bag it helps the recyclers.](#)
- are there any open day / visits to see how the recycling is treated - [If enough interest SCPC will arrange a visit to Plymouth - Energy from Waste depot.](#)

SCPC UPDATE - Chair MICHELE WILSON



Cllr Wilson summarised the progress made on the Parish Priorities:-

- Public Toilets have been refurbished with new roof, windows and doors. Internal decoration to be arranged.
- Defibrillator - has been installed in the old telephone kiosk in the square and one training session has taken place - another one will be arranged for next year.
- SCEnSus - continues to give suggestions on how we as individuals and a community, can make small changes to help the environment. New members would be welcome.
- Sampford Courtenay Station - has been adopted by SCPC to keep clean and tidy, and lobbying through OkeRail Forum and with NWR for future re-opening of the station.
- Safer Roads - we now have a volunteer group of Speed Watchers who are monitoring speeds at various approved spots in the parish. We are also liaising with British Horse Society for ideas to slow traffic.
- Broadband & Mobile Signal - a lot of work has been done on this over the past months, with many properties now fully connected to fibre. If you are still in a “black spot” please let us know so we can see if we can help.
- Support for the Village Hall - Cllr Wilson was instrumental in obtaining the Lottery Grant for Roof-Us, plus obtaining further grants to enable the refurbishment of the Hall toilets.

Financial Summary

- ▶ General Finances....
- ▶ Precept - £10,682.00 this is collected along with WDBC Council Tax from each household and is used to cover the day to day running of the Parish Council
- ▶ It pays for the Clerk, the Website, Insurances, Audits, Maintenance and Inspection of Village Green, Toilet Cleaning etc, Licences and Memberships etc.

Ear Marked Reserves - raised from Grants and Fund Raising, and some built up over the years to cover other parish Projects.

Ear Marked Reserve	Total to date
Election Costs	£1809.37
Insurance Excess	£250.00
Church Clock Fund	£275.00
Footpaths and Lanes (P3 money)	£6,497.04
Training	£317.56
Resilience Emergency Fund	£1,858.97
Parish Enhancement Fund	£284.53
Defibrillator Replacement Fund	£1,350.00
Legal & Professional Costs	£500.00

Ear Marked Reserves continued.

Ear Marked Reserve	Total
Un-earmarked Cash Flow	£2,500.00
S137 Fund	£1,966.03
Toilet Maintenance	£606.46
SCEnSus	£400.98
Jubilee Fund	£10.05
Dartmoor Line Working Party	£107.65
Seamoor Lotto	£1,028.00
Plant Stall/Village Green Projects	£1,128.74
Bank Interest	£79.53

TOTAL RESERVES - £20,921.58

DCC UPDATE - CLLR JAMES MCINNES



- DCC budget is £600 million - from that £300 million goes to Adult Social Services, £190 million goes to Children Services - which leaves just £110 million to cover all the rest eg roads etc.
- Currently DCC has a £40 million hole, of which they have managed to find £20 with savings etc - but with current national climate producing a balanced budget is going to be difficult.
- The health and care bill, which is expected to become the Health and Care Act (2022), is set to abolish clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and establish statutory integrated care systems (ICSs). **An ICS (integrated care system) is a new partnership of organisations that provide healthcare to a larger area and population (than CCGs).** Cllr James this will enable DCC and the local ICS to work together more effectively. He also asked if you have any questions re local Health care, he is happy for you to email him.
- DCC Libraries are working to provide “Warm Places” this winter.
- Community Voluntary Sector will be relied on more in the coming months.
- It is unlikely that DCC will be able to cut their portion of Council Tax in the coming year, but will have to increase to the maximum they are allowed (2.9%) in order to maintain a balanced budget.

WDBC UPDATE - CLLR BARRY RATCLIFFE



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- Unlike DCC, it is encouraging that WDBC should end the financial year
- The changes to the Refuse Collection contract - should result in a better service and better value for money.
- 3 Local developments for social housing, for homeless and displaced persons have been approved in Tavistock, Brentor and Okehampton.
- WDBC have some funds available to help those in Fuel Poverty and with their Council Tax see details here <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/8522/Support-Directory>
- WDBC are also giving more support to the local Citizen's Advice Bureau and SCPC could possibly organise a meeting with CAB here to provide help for parishioners.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - MAY 2023



Town and Parish Council elections on the 04 May 2023, when all councillors will retire and those wishing to re-stand will be required to submit a nomination paper. Nomination papers will also be available for new parishioners wishing to join SCPC.

More information will be made available on our Website and Facebook in the coming Months.

But why not come along to an SCPC Meeting on first Wednesday of each month to see What it all entails - or speak to one of the current councillors or Clerk.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - CHAIR ROGER THOMPSON



- It has been an exhilarating few months with work on the roof etc
 - Thank you to many parishioners for the major fund raising that was required.
 - It has demonstrated a strong community - illustrated so well in the video of Community events that was submitted with the Lottery Application.
 - The work on the roof commenced on 3rd Oct and is due to finish by 10th Dec.
 - The Toilets are currently being refurbished and should be finished in a couple of weeks.
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- Fund raising before the Lottery had raised £40 - £50,000.
 - Lottery Grant of £150,000 - but the cost of the roof has been quoted at £170,000
 - Grants of £8,500 have been obtained for the Toilet refurbishment - but they will cost £9,000.
 - Hence all the money raised has been allocated to ongoing projects and the Village Hall Trustees will have to continue to raise money to keep the hall viable and build up a modest reserve.
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- More events like the recent Curry Evening, at which 60 people attended resulting in £740 profit, will be arranged for the future.

CHURCH UPDATE - Sarah Hanks



- Main event this year was the licencing of the new vicar, David Spence, and welcoming him and his wife and children to the local parishes.

Future Events

- 6th November - Shoe Box Appeal for children of Ukraine
- 12th November - Concert in the Church 2pm
- 3rd December - Church Bazaar in conjunction with Christmas Cheer & Santa
- 7th December - Carols at the Inn - 6.30 pm
- 18th December - Carol Service.

ADDITIONAL DOG POO BIN

- Do parishioners think one is needed?
- If so, where do they think the best location would be?
- Location needs to be approved by WDBC
- Each emptying by WDBC contractor incurs cost of £3 to SCPC.
- Cost of new bin = £100 +

Suggested sites at the meeting -
Peacegate Cross, Thornbury Cross,
Red Post.



SEAMOOR LOTTO FUNDS

- Currently £1,000 + has been raised by a handful of parishioners (8 currently active)
- Proposal to ask current supporters which parish project they would like to specifically support.
- A proposal at the meeting was to use some of these funds for a Perpetual Trophy for Charlie's Conker Challenge.

FLOWER & VEG SHOW 2023

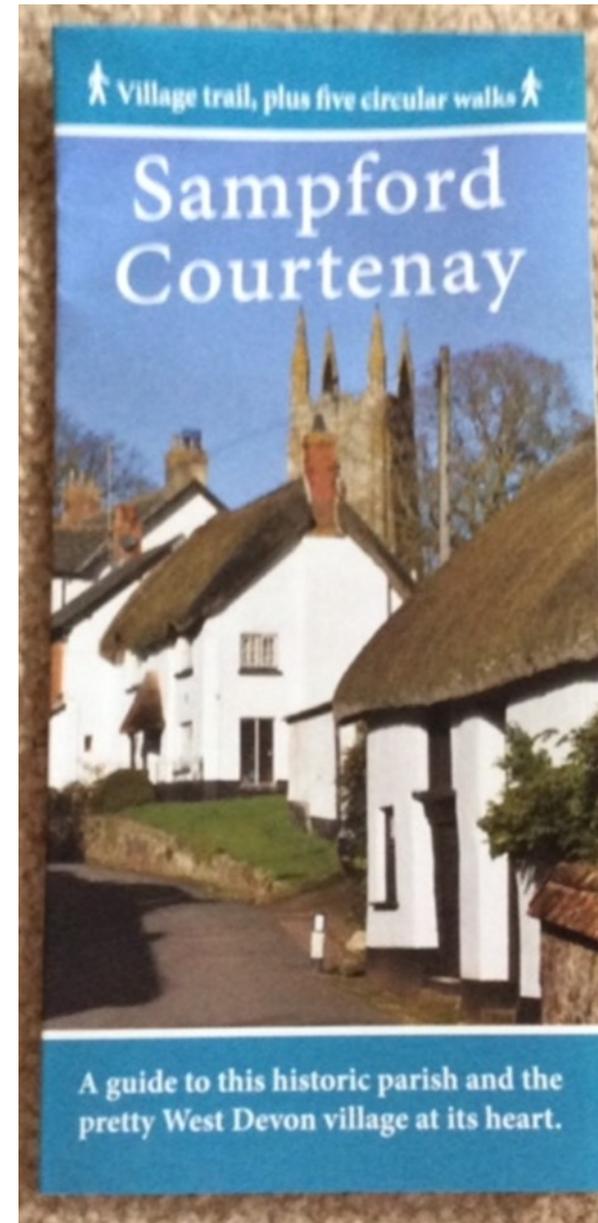
- THOUGHTS & SUGGESTIONS MADE SO FAR!
- Return to full Flower & Veg show in the Village Hall
- Date a week earlier - Sat 19th August
- POTATO BUCKET WEIGH IN - take place outside Village Hall, while official judging takes place inside. 12pm - 1pm
- BBQ lunch for entrants and spectators save them going home.
- AUCTION - encourage more people to bring their own bags to take produce home?
- MORE VOLUNTEERS - the full show will need more helpers
- A meeting will be held in the New Year to discuss Classes and organisation of the event.

NEW PARISH LEAFLET - CLLR MARTIN MORRISSEY.

If you have ideas on how this should look, please get in touch.

Cllr Morrissey would like to form a working party of new and old parishioners to discuss content, and format for future leaflets.

Please get in touch - we need your input!



ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS.

- Could SCPC speak to Highways re state of lanes/roads around the parish.
- Could the Speed Limit be moved to beyond Clifton Lane?
- Could SCPC perhaps get Highways to attend a meeting.
- SCPC currently letter drops/posts 2 Chair's letters to every household within the parish. (300 houses) this has an environmental and financial cost on the SCPC.

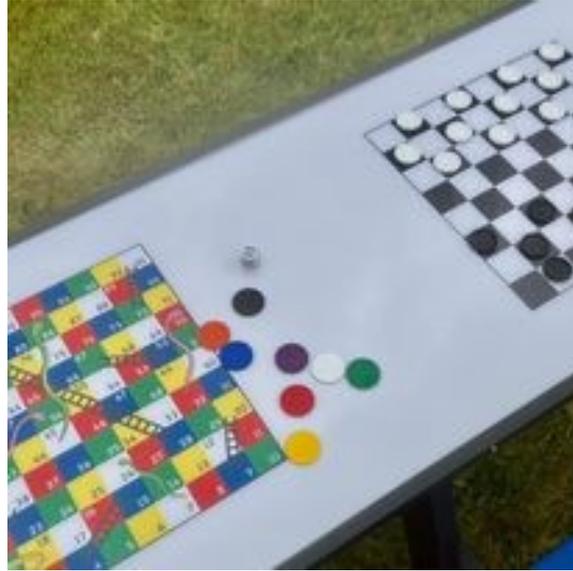
Going on the attendance from parishioners at this meeting, it is suggested that an article be put in Roundabout asking parishioners to register if they wish to receive a physical letter from SCPC, or whether, they are happy to receive news via Facebook and the Website email list.

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18TH OCTOBER 2022

The following slides illustrate just some of the things
achieved by SCPC so far this year.

JUBILEE BENCHES



April 23rd 22 - Jubilee Benches officially opened by Shirley Reddaway

JUBILEE MUGS



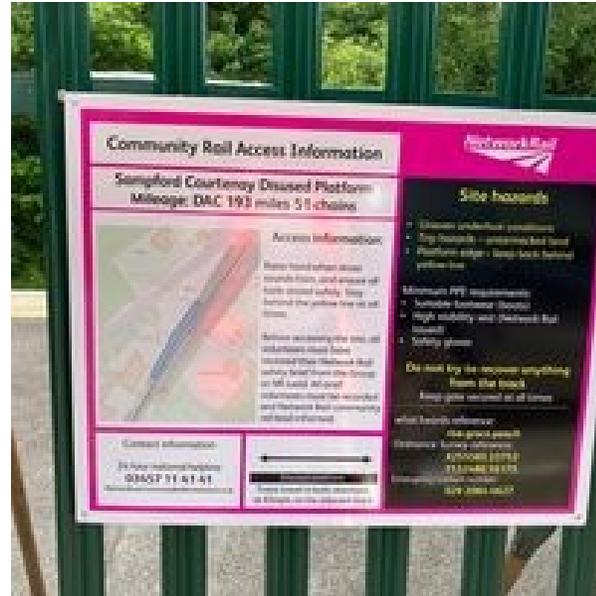
80 Mugs sold at £6.00 each and 27 presented to children of the Parish by Shirley Reddaway and Cllr Philip Collins at Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June 22.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



35 Parishioners attended a Defibrillator Training Session on 26th May 22.

ADOPTION OF SAMPFORD COURTENAY RAILWAY STATION BY SCENSUS



Keys to the Station were handed to Marion on 29th May 22
SCEnSus will now keep it tidy until it can be opened as a
Station in the future.

JUBILEE SCARECROW TRAIL



Jubilee Scarecrows, Decorated houses & Floral displays throughout the parish during June - August. Thank you.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM CLEARANCE & VILLAGE TIDY UP DAYS



Volunteers continue to keep the parish looking clean & tidy with Their annual Litter picks and Himalayan Balsam Clearance

WILD FLOWERS BLOOMING ON VILLAGE GREEN



Some of the Wildflower seeds sown in the Autumn popped their heads through the grass on the Village Green.

REFURBISHED PLANT STALL AT THE NEW INN CAR PARK



The Plant Stall has been refurbished and placed in the New Inn Car Park - Thank you to Debbie & Jason, and Andy & Michele. Proceeds will go to more Village Green projects.

MOBILE SHOP ON TUESDAYS



Hopefully, with enough support the Mobile Shop will continue to call at the Square and The Beeches on Tuesdays.

NEW PARISH SIGNS



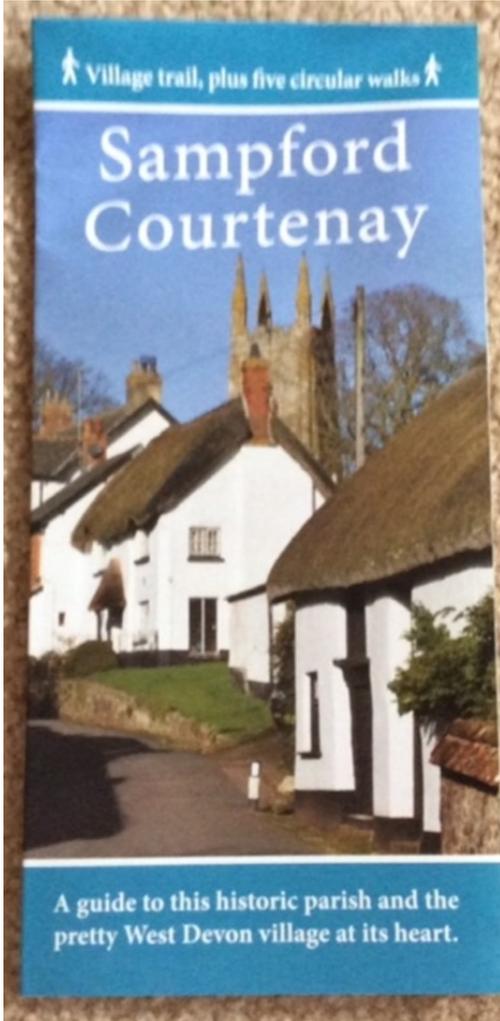
REFURBISHED PUBLIC TOILETS



Oktoberfest & Pudsey Ramble



PARISH LEAFLET



SCPC are intending to produce a digital version of the Parish Walks Leaflet with a QR Code for visitors to access via their phones.

However, it has been suggested that local businesses would like to contribute to a re-print of the paper version for their guests and visitors.

RECYCLED FASHION SHOW & COFFEE MORNING.

- ▶ This Friday 21st October - come along and see what you can re-use for your Winter Wardrobe.
- ▶ Saturday 22nd October - if you can't make it to the Fashion Show - the remainder of the items will be on sale at this Coffee Morning.

Charlie's Conker Challenge

- ▶ Saturday 29th October 2022
- ▶ Register from 10.30am
- ▶ Game-on at 11.00am on The Village Green
- ▶ All conkers supplied £1.00 entry fee on the day
- ▶ So come along you're never too old for a game of conkers and who knows you may be crowned Sampford Courtenay Conker Champion 2022 in memory of Charlie
- ▶ Further info or to help on the day contact Mike or Julie Carpenter on mikehcs@hotmail.com 07973 271923
- ▶ Charlie's Funeral Tues 1st Nov - St Andrew's Church 2pm



ARMISTICE DAY - FRIDAY NOV 11TH



Come and join us in the Square at 10.45 am in a Short service of Remembrance

CHRISTMAS CHEER & SANTA'S GROTTO

SAT DEC 3RD 2022



This year in conjunction with St Andrew's Christmas Bazaar, where you can get refreshments and other Christmas treats for all the family!

MEETINGS HAVE MOVED TO FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH...

- ▶ All SCPC meetings are open to the public either in person or via Zoom from the comfort of your home. Come along and find out how it all works..
- ▶ Consider joining the Council at the elections next year.

What would you like SCPC to consider for the parish in the coming year?

- ▶ Your suggestions please.....
- ▶ Talk to your councillors...
- ▶ Ring the Clerk 01837 82285
- ▶ Or email the Clerk
Clerk.SCPC@gmail.com