

CLERKS REPORT – See Appendix A

1. Monthly Checks: In hand (Allotment water meter reading outstanding).
2. Our sincere thanks to all the Snow Wardens who work on behalf of both Malborough and South Huish Parishes to ensure that our main roads are accessible at times of extreme cold, frosts and snow. The team have been out each night of the recent cold snap, their efforts to keep us safe are very much appreciated.
3. Beach Feet & SMASH update: We have arranged with Kingsbridge Men's Shed for five beach feet to be created, the local school will be responsible for the decoration and we then hope to set the feet to prevent deterioration prior to their installation which is anticipated by Easter 2024.
4. Malborough Higher Town roadworks will result in the closure of the road between 22nd to 26th January.
5. A revised version of the full Register of Electors has been published and is available, by appointment, for inspection under supervision during office hours at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE
6. Burial Ground Fencing is due to be upgraded this month.
7. A Vermin Issue has been identified at Cumber Close, South Hams District Council are working with residents to deal with the problem, this has included the provision of advice to the properties in the worst affected areas and how they can apply for free vermin control if they meet the qualifying criteria.
8. Bridleway & Prow works:

(FOOTPATHS No. 9, No. 10, & No. 13, MALBOROUGH)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC ORDER 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From: Monday, 25th March 2024 To: Wednesday, 25th September 2024

No persons shall proceed on the sections of the affected paths except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those lengths of paths. The order will continue in force for a period not exceeding six months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

Public rights of way affected: FOOTPATHS No. 9, No. 10, & No. 13, MALBOROUGH . The route goes southwards down footpath 9 from Shute Park to Portlemore Barton where it joins footpath 13 travelling in a south easterly direction to Plympton Farm. Footpath 10 is closed from footpath 9 at Portlemore Barton to the minor road after passing Furzedown Farm. The alternative route leads westwards from the village centre using the minor road to Combe before travelling northwards to Collaton Cross and back to the village. The closure is necessary to allow South West Water to undertake work on their sewage treatment plant . Further information may be obtained by contacting Public

Rights of Way on 0345 155 1004.

9. Defibrillator Training 2024: South Milton on 14th June and Malborough on 24th June.
10. It has been noted that there has been an issue recently regarding the monthly enforcement report and updates contained within, Cllr Long is working with the team to ensure the issues are rectified.
11. Information re pressures on the NHS in Devon has been shared via social media.
Details regarding 1-2-1 swimming lessons for SEND children who need extra help has also been shared
12. Peter Hinchcliffe is the new Parish Council representative on the South Devon AONB (National Landscape) Partnership. Peter is also the Chair of Newton and Noss Parish Council. Peter Sandover, Chair of the Partnership, is making a round of all Parish Councils and Peter will try to accompany him on some of these visits. For information, the next Partnership meeting is to be held on Friday 15th March.
13. On Wednesday 22nd November AONBs were renamed National Landscapes. It marks the start of a new chapter in the story of designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in England and Wales. Find full details of the story of the UK's National Landscapes and the work they do at www.national-landscapes.org.uk.
14. Village Hall report (Cllr Kendall)
 - At the recent meeting Cllr Kendall explained that we wished to bring our proposals for developing the playing field area to them in February but initially we would be concentrating on the car park, Boules Court and MUGA for proposals as it made sense to consider all work in this area at the same time.
 - Projects for improving the hall are ongoing though currently there is a problem with the main hall heaters. Changes to these are being considered.
 - The Committee have been told of the complaints we had received about the bonfire area.
 - Future bookings for the Hall are looking good.
 - In order to increase the use of the Annexe they are considering a formal name and marketing it to business groups for small meetings etc.
15. Vehicle Activated Signage: New signage has been erected in the parish having been purchased from Evolis.
16. The Post Office have not yet replaced the post box on Collaton road.