



# Ashwater Newsletter

## May 2022

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### Events in the Ashwater Parish Hall

Mon pilates 10.00 -12.30

Tues pilates 10.00 -12.30

Wed zumba 9.45 -10.45

Wed badminton 19.30 - 21.30

Thurs badminton 10.00 - 11.30

Fri coffee morning 10.30 -12 noon

Sat table tennis 10.00 -12 noon

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# Blossom Walk

**At Higher Larkworthy  
Ashwater EX21 5DE**

**Sunday 8th May from 2pm**

**Free Entry - Suitable for all ages  
Tea & Cake served in the garden**



**Donations towards outdoor play  
equipment for Ashwater School  
gratefully received.**



Not long to go now and things are falling into place. A full itinerary and programme will soon be available and delivered to your door (well most doors and copies will be available in the shop and hall).

**Briefly:**

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**FETE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, 11am - 5pm** Or in the hall if really wet, with table top sales of cakes and plants. Games for one and all to try their hand at, such as the 'Bean Bag Challenge', Tin-can alley, bran tub, guess the parrot's name. Wine or water? How much in the jar?.....and so on.

Maypole dancing, Ashwater Steel Band. Fancy dress if you dare, why not dress your dog as well – small prizes for the best outfit.

**PARACHUTING TEDDIES** (from the church tower) and **SCARECROW COMPETITION**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION in the church** (and chance to have your picture taken with Royalty!)

Don't forget, if you want to have a table selling wares or raising funds for your charity or organisation let Ivan Buxton know as soon as possible at [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

## **HOG ROAST & LIGHTING THE JUBILEE BEACON**

In the evening there will be a hog roast outside the hall leading up to **Lighting the Jubilee Beacon around 9.15pm.**

*There will be no fixed charge for the hog roast, but donations would be welcome.*

**FLORAL DISPLAY – hanging baskets, gardens, tubs etc.** Entry forms will be available soon. Basically, open to any building or garden visible from the roads around the main village, roughly from Cross Lanes to Ash Mill, around the green, in the Barton and out as far as Fools Paradise (sorry any further afield would be difficult to judge). There will be a small prize for the winner.

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**SKITTLES IN THE HALL, 1.30pm – 4.30pm** No previous experience necessary, young and old welcome – pairs will be drawn to play for the Jubilee Trophy. Donations of £2 per head please to cover the hall hire.

**JUBILEE QUIZ, 7.00pm – 9.00** Teams of four, but come along anyway and join in. Tickets will be on sale soon at £2.00 each (£3.00 on the night so save by booking early). There will be wine on the tables, nibbles and a small pay bar.

**CRAFT FAIR, 9.00am -12.30pm** in the hall with bacon baps, tea and coffee.

**CEILIDH, 7.00pm – Midnight.** Foot stomping with [Spinach for Norman](#), light refreshments and a bar. [Tickets on sale very soon.](#)

## **Sunday 5th June**

**Service in the church – 11am**

**BIG LUNCH, 12.30am onwards in the hall** – bring and share for the BIG LUNCH, we will try and bring some music into play, wear your finest Jubilee Hat, wave a flag or two. The Grand Draw will take place, so make sure you have a ticket or two – they will be on sale throughout the 4 days of celebration.

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## **Scarecrow Competition – Jubilee Weekend**

Scarecrows will need to be red white and blue themed, there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

There will also be a Scarecrow hunt, more information to follow.

Entry forms, available from the shop, will need to be filled in and left at the shop no later than the 20th May 22, the competition is open to anyone in Ashwater Parish.

Scarecrows will need to be situated within the village boundary for them to be judged.

Ashwater Parish Hall Committee



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## Holsworthy Walk and Talk

Last month we walked my favourite route at Buckland Filleigh. Of the 48 routes we have around the area this walk has it all. It is one of the more adventurous Level 3 walks with lots of undulations taking us through the parkland of Buckland House, forestry and farm tracks, over stiles and through fields which, this time, were full of playful baby lambs under the vigilant gaze of their mothers. The views across the valleys towards Dartmoor are spectacular.

Our AGM has taken place which resulted in the retirement of our Chairperson, Gordon Bennett. Gordon wasn't a founding member of the Group when David Arney started it back in 2000/01, but he joined soon after following a referral from the Cardiac Rehab Group having had surgery, as a way of improving his health and getting more exercise. He has stayed with the Group, eventually moving up to become a walk leader and then, when David formally constituted the group in 2015, Gordon took on the Chairperson's position, which he has held until now. We are pleased to welcome Jaquie Shapland as our new Chair who will be a very valuable member of the Committee.

We often refer to research showing the benefits of walking in the management of various chronic health conditions such as heart disease, but Gordon's story brings those benefits to a personal level. Gordon has been an active member of the Group for almost 20 years and continues to be a very valuable member of the Monday Walk in the Park team. He has made friends and helped many others along the way.

Our website has lots of up to date information, details below.

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## **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

### **SECTION 14**

### **THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (ROAD FROM CROSS LANES TO BRADAFORD CROSS, ASHWATER) NOTICE 2022**

### **TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH**

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL** hereby give **NOTICE** that:

From **MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022**

for a maximum of 5 days

Until **TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022** (both dates inclusive)

Between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -

**ROAD FROM CROSS LANES TO BRADAFORD CROSS, ASHWATER**

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - VIA ROAD FROM CROSS LANES TO BRADAFORD CROSS, ROAD FROM LONGLANDS CROSS TO CROSS LANES, ROAD FROM ASHWATER CROSS TO LONGLANDS CROSS, MOUNT LANE, A388, ROAD FROM GRIDLEY CORNER TO TOWER HILL COTTAGE, ROAD FROM TOWER HILL HOUSE TO DUBBS CROSS, ROAD FROM DUBBS CROSS TO RESERVOIR CROSS, ROAD FROM BRADAFORD CROSS TO THORNDON CROSS AND VICE VERSA.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

**ROAD CLOSURE TO ALLOW FOR SAFE ACCESS TO ERECT OVERHEAD FIBRE CABLING AND ALSO HEAVY TREE CUTTING.**

For additional information contact:

**SUNBELT RENTALS UK**

Telephone: **03700 500792**

Dated: MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

Meg Booth

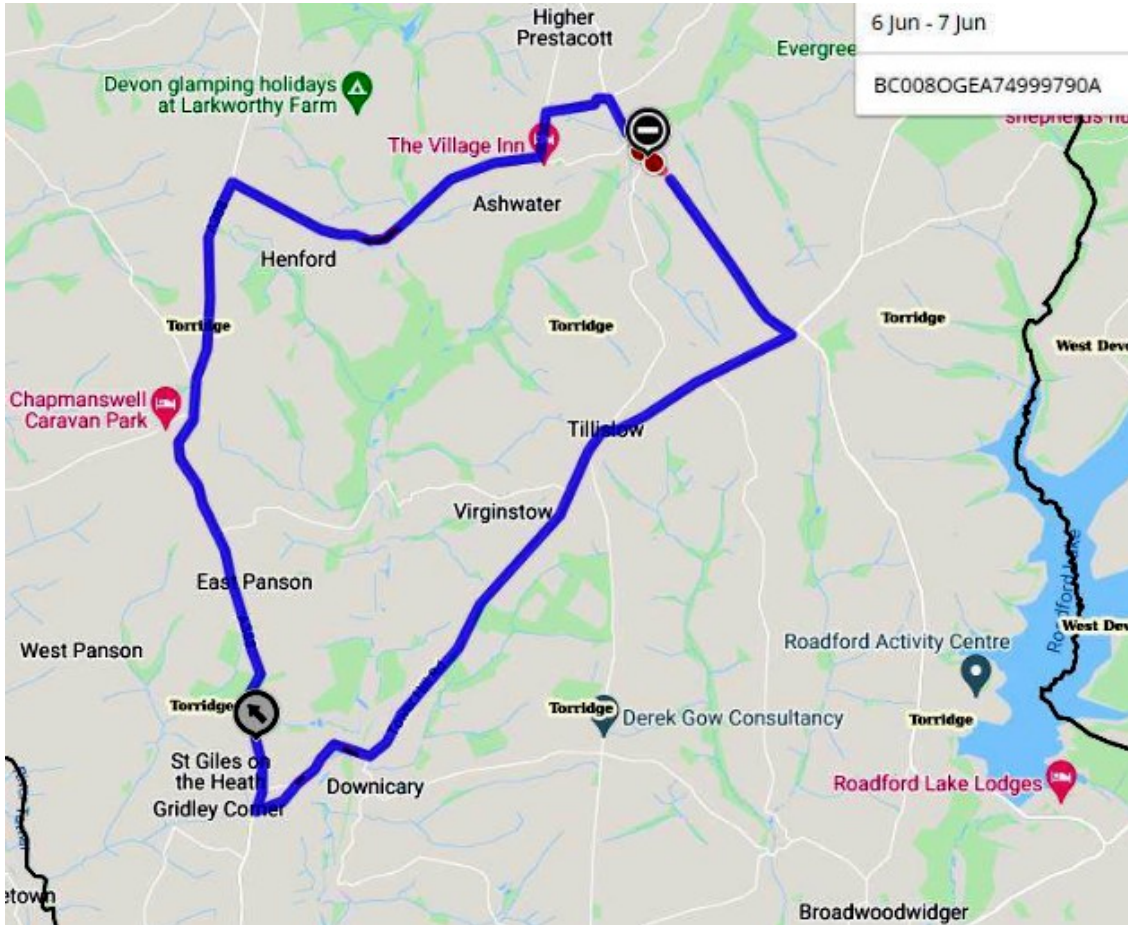
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## Torrington District Council

May Bank Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collections



# May Bank Holiday

## Monday 2nd May 2022

There will be no collections on **Monday 2nd May**. All collections that week will be a day late, running from **Tuesday 3rd** to **Saturday 7th May**.

# Thank you!



Just a quick reminder that there will be **no Waste, Recycling or Green Bin collections on the May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May**.

All collections for that week will be one day later than usual, running from **Tues 3rd to Sat 7th May**

Find your collection dates at any time by clicking the button below

[Check your collection dates here!](#)

## Garden Waste Collection Service

# GARDEN WASTE SERVICE

## Sign up now

[torridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste](https://torridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

or call 01237 428700 and select option 3.



Now is also the time to renew or sign up to the Council's fortnightly Garden Waste collection service. For those of you that have not used the service before we provide a 240L wheelie bin as part of your subscription, which runs from 1st June-31st May and costs £45 for the year.

You can renew your subscription or sign up to the service by clicking the button below!

[Sign up now!](#)

## Home Composting



Alternatively you may wish to compost your own food and garden waste at home. Torridge works in partnership with [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) who can supply a range of subsidised low-cost home composters delivered to your door!

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## News from Devon County Council

### In this update:

- Public Health Devon warns of Lyme disease this tick season
- Trading Standards issue warning as rogue builder complaints hit two a day
- Naturally Healthy May starts this weekend!
- Congratulations as Exeter City FC join League One

... And so much more!

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Spring is a great time to be outside, but don't forget to **#BeTickAware!**

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Swipe to follow our tips on how to stay safe...

Devon  
County Council 

## Public Health Devon warns of Lyme disease this tick season

It's tick season, and with our woodlands and favourite countryside paths becoming thicker with vegetation, the chances of us getting ticks at this time of year is greater, warn Public Health Devon.

"Ticks thrive in warmer weather and in lush vegetation," says Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon. "And with warmer weather and people taking to the outdoors for recreation, woodlands and overgrown paths are likely to have ticks living among them."

There are around 1,500 cases of Lyme disease each year in England and Wales, commonly spread by ticks. And case levels here in Devon are routinely higher than England's average.

Early symptoms include a 'bullseye' rash around the site of the bite, and flu-like reactions such as fatigue, fever, chills or muscle aches.

- walking on defined paths
- covering up as much as possible
- wearing light coloured clothing so that ticks are easier to spot
- wearing an insect repellent that can deter ticks from climbing onto skin
- carrying out regular checks after outdoor activity, as spotting them early allows you to act promptly

For more advice about how to properly remove a tick, and what to do if the removal's unsuccessful, [read the full story on the news page of our website.](#)

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## COVID-19 vaccinations available across Devon

Letters are now arriving on the doormats of families with five and six year olds inviting them for their first COVID-19 vaccination. Primary school children are not being vaccinated in school, so they need to attend a vaccination centre.

The school immunisation programme for secondary school children has now ended, so 12 to 15 year olds who haven't yet had their first or second dose will also now need to attend a vaccination centre.

There is plenty of availability this bank holiday weekend for children, as well as for people eligible for a spring booster and, of course, adults who have not yet had their first, second or booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

you can [find your nearest one using the NHS website.](#)

**Job of the week**

Devon  
County Council 

**“ WE ARE HIRING ”**

**Public Rights of Way  
Technical Officer**

 Exeter

 £29,174 - £32,798 per annum


 Full time


 Closing date - 9 May


[Devonjobs.gov.uk](https://devonjobs.gov.uk)



## Job of the week - Public Rights of Way Technical Officer

 We're looking for a technical officer with experience in Geographic Information System mapping and data collection to support our Public Rights of Way and Country Parks service.

 We are responsible for some of the UK's most popular and well-regarded recreational paths and trails. This role includes undertaking path and site surveys, maintaining the digital record of public rights of way in Devon and co-ordinating arrangements for the publication and review of the register of highways and landowner statements and declarations.

 You'll need practical knowledge and understanding of countryside access and public rights of way, as well as good communication and project management

📄 In return for your vital contribution, we offer a salary of £29,174 to £32,798 per annum, 25 days annual leave per year (rising with length of service) plus bank holidays, membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme and access to our confidential Employee Assistance Programme – available 24/7 to support you with your work and personal life.

👉 [Visit the Devon Jobs website for more information and to apply.](#)

🕒 Don't delay – applications close on Monday 9 May!

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## Devon set to achieve 100,000 cycle training milestone

More than 100,000 children in Devon will have received important cycling skill training, helping them cycle safely and confidently, thanks to our Bikeability training instructors.

Additional funding for the scheme this financial year will tip [the total number of young cyclists trained since 2006 over the 100,000 milestone](#).

Bikeability offers three levels of training for different abilities, with the final Level 3 stage equipping riders with the skills for more challenging roads and situations.

The scheme also has places available for family cycle training. And two-hour cycle confidence sessions are available free to adults to either learn to ride or brush up on their cycling skills, as well as providing advice on suitable routes.

For more information [visit our cycle training webpage](#).



## Naturally Healthy May starts this weekend!

Being active needn't be as hard as it might sound. Yes, there are many of us who like a good run or a challenging cycle ride, but being active doesn't have to mean intense exercise. Getting out and into nature, at whatever level of activity, has tremendous benefits for our body and mind. And with Devon's coast lines, moorlands, areas of outstanding natural beauty, our city, towns and villages all to explore, we've got the perfect opportunity to do just that.

[This weekend marks the start of Naturally Healthy May](#), encouraging us to head outside, connect with nature, and enjoy the fresh air and spring sunshine.

Whether that's going for a walk, stretching on the beach, gardening, having a picnic in the local park, or going out for your daily walk with the dog...it all counts.

Naturally Healthy May is being run by Active Devon and ourselves for the Devon Local Nature Partnership. [Read more about activities happening this May](#) and visit [Active Devon's Activity finder](#).

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## Trading Standards issue warning as rogue builder complaints hit two a day

Our Trading Standards Service is seeing an increasing number of complaints coming in every day about rogue builders.

In the latest financial year, the Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service received nearly 800 complaints from householders across Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay, regarding building work totalling more than £9.5 million.

Complaints relate to work including loft conversions, extensions, roofing, chimney work, paving, driveways, decking and general building work.

The latest methods of tricking homeowners into using them include fake online reviews, posting on social media sites and advertising on non-verified online platforms.

Charging upfront and asking for more money for apparently increased material costs were also common complaints put to Trading Standards.

Sherry Carter, from the Trading Standards service said:

"We're really keen that people arm themselves with the knowledge they need to make the right decisions and they can do that with advice and guidance available on our [Trading Standards South West website](#)."



[Read the full story on the news page of our website.](#)

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## July reopening on the cards for Rock Park Bridge

A jack-up barge, a large crane, and a team of specialist divers is what it'll take to complete [essential strengthening work to Barnstaple's Rock Bridge](#).

The bridge, over the River Taw, was closed for safety reasons in 2020 after a routine inspection discovered holes in one of the supporting columns below the water level. Repairs have since been delayed after the original contractor went into administration, but have begun in earnest this week.

Both supporting columns on the bridge will be strengthened by bolting on 'steel jackets' that extend down to the riverbed, protecting the columns for many years to come. The jack-up barge will support the bridge while divers install the protective jackets, and serve as the base for a large crane to be used during the repairs.

[Read the full story on the news page of our website.](#)

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Artist impression of Queen Street proposals

## Consultation launched on proposed improvements for Queen Street, Newton Abbot

People are being invited to have their say on [proposals to enhance Queen Street in Newton Abbot](#).

We, in partnership with Teignbridge District Council, have launched a public consultation today on a scheme to make Queen Street a more attractive, safe and healthy place for visitors and businesses.

Currently, the pavements are too narrow in places for large numbers of pedestrians, and side roads can be difficult to cross. So proposals, of which there are several, include widening pavements, improving crossings, enhancing planting and street furniture, and reducing parking spaces but increasing disabled parking.

People have until Friday 24 June to comment on the proposals. As part of the consultation, people can register to join online webinars that will take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 17 May for residents and shoppers, and 6.00pm on Wednesday 18 May for business owners or representatives. And there will be a virtual 'drop-in' event from 6.00pm until 8.00pm on Tuesday 24 May, for people to dial in at any point during that window to give feedback directly to the project team.

[Read more about the proposals and consultation on the news page of our website.](#)

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Photo credit: Exeter City Football Club

## Congratulations as Exeter City FC join League One

[Exeter City FC](#) fans celebrated as their team's victory over Barrow AFC this week took the Grecian's from League Two into League One, for the first time since 2012.

Devon County Council leader John Hart said:

"We want to send our congratulations to the club on winning promotion. Let's hope they can now finish the season as champions.

"Congratulations to Matt Taylor and all the players, and Julian Tagg and all the directors and support staff, as well as all the Grecians' fans across Devon."

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## Parish Hall Bookings and Enquiries

Email: [ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com) Tel: 07787 290 292



The Parish Hall is now registered as a charity with [AmazonSmile](#)

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Ashwater Parish Hall CIO. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon – same products, same prices!

All you need to do is to go to: [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk). Log into your Amazon account as normal and choose Ashwater Parish Hall CIO as your charity.

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## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Monday 30th May 2022, 5.00pm**

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Download from the Ashwater Parish website: [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter)

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