

Newton St Cyres



Annual Report and Directory 2017

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NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2017/18

Chairman:	Cllr David Baker
Vice Chairman:	Cllr Jim Enright
Arboretum Management Group:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Boniface Trail Representatives:	Cllr Steve Parker
Community Engagement Officer:	Cllr David Baker
Community Liaison Officer:	Cllr Jim Enright
Community Speed Watch Officer:	Cllr Steve Parker
Creedy Local Action Group:	Cllr Gina Quicke
Development Sub-Group:	Cllrs David Baker, Gina Quicke, Adam Reeves & Paul Taylor

Flood/Emergency Plan Integration Officer:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Highways and Railways Liaison Officer:	Cllr Chris Southcott
Link with Primary School:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Neighbourhood Litter Officer:	Cllr Jill Baker
Neighbourhood Watch Officer:	Cllr Jim Enright
Parish Car Park Management Group:	Cllrs David Baker & Jim Enright
Parish Footpath Officer:	Cllr Steve Parker
Parish Hall Representative:	Cllr Gina Quicke
Press Officer:	Cllr Jill Baker
Raddon Hills Group of P C's:	Cllrs David Baker, Steve Parker & Jill Baker
Recreation Ground Representative:	Cllr Chris Southcott
Snow Warden Co-ordinator:	Cllr Adam Reeves
Staff & Personnel Committee:	Cllrs David Baker, Gina Quicke and Jim Enright
Training Officer:	Cllr Paul Taylor
Website & Facebook Officer:	Parish Clerk

Meeting Dates: (ALL Thursdays, 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall Clubroom)

6th July 2017	3rd August 2017	7th Sept 2017
5th October 2017	2nd November 2017	7th Dec 2017
4th January 2018	1st February 2018	1st March 2018
5th April 2018	3rd May 2018	7th June 2018

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 26th April 2018

Parish Council Surgery: (to be held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall)

Dates (all Saturdays):

1st July	5th August	2nd September
7th October	4th November	2nd December
6th January 2018	3rd February 2018	3rd March 2018
7th April 2018	5th May 2018	2nd June 2018

Times: 10.30 am to noon

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

If you have any issues you wish to have raised at a Parish Council meeting, and you wish to talk this over with a Councillor –

Why not come to the Parish Council Surgeries to be held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings on the dates and times above.

Parish Council Notice Boards

**There are Parish Notice Boards at the following locations
which are available for local organisations to use.
They are not available for commercial advertising**

**Langford - Half Moon
Tytheing Close - Sand Down Lane
Station Cross - Smallbrook
Village Green**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

The Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council, Cllr D Baker presided.
Attending were Parish Councillors, Cllr P Hare-Scott (MDDC), Cllr J Daw (MDDC), the Parish Clerk, those representing local groups and organisations and members of the public.

Cllr D Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the local organisations/clubs for attending.

1. Apologies

Cllr K Anstey, Cllr M Squires, Matt Barrow – Connecting Devon and Somerset

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2016

The Chairman requested those present at the last Annual Parish Meeting to approve the minutes. They were signed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Parish Council has held 10 meetings during the year plus an Annual Parish Meeting. These meetings have been regularly attended by our District Councillor, Peter Hare-Scott and where possible by our County Councillor Margaret Squires to whom we are very grateful for their contributions and continued support. It has been an extremely busy and active year with regular items relating to planning, Police reports and Highways matters.

The ongoing problem of dog fouling continues to be an issue for the Council despite the Council paying for numerous dog bins around the parish. The

Council also intend to provide disposable dog poo bags free of charge at the Parish Surgeries. There are many very responsible dog owners but the problem appears to be caused by a small minority.

The continued developments in Crediton and north of the Parish raises concerns with the increased traffic flow and pollution through the Parish and this matter has been raised with our MP, District Council and County Council.

The Parish allotments continue to be a concern to the Council with the lack of take-up. Our current allotment holders continue to look after the area as best they can, and for this we are grateful.

The Parish Council have spent considerable time liaising and working with the many groups in the village including the Flood Resilience Group, the Arboretum, the Recreation Ground, the Parish Hall, Boniface Trail and the Church. The Parish Council pays for the Churchyard to be kept tidy.

The Parish Council have worked very closely with the Recreation Ground to install a defibrillator and for the ground to be available for the Devon Air Ambulance to use at night. The Recreation Ground have been most co-operative in both these matters.

The Community-led Parish Plan has been produced and circulated and an Action Plan will be available with the Annual Report and Directory which is circulated to every household in the Parish.

The Parish Council have endeavored to be as transparent as possible and will this year produce two newsletters, Winter and Summer, and the Annual Directory and these will be delivered to each household. Regular Parish Surgeries are held in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings held in the Parish Hall on the first Saturday of the month. We now also have a Facebook page and a website.

This year continues to be a difficult year with the County Council withdrawing services and expecting them to be picked up by Parish Councils but still continuing to impose unacceptable levels of regulations. We have contracted Thorverton Parish Council's handyman to keep the parish tidy as there was no response for this role from our parish.

A very successful tea party was held for the over 90 year olds in the Parish to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and commemorative mugs were presented to them and to the school children.

We have undertaken an Affordable Housing survey which has indicated a need for a number of affordable houses which hopefully will be built on the old school site.

The Parish Council have been very actively involved in ensuring that the new School and associated housing development takes place in Station Road and it is pleasing to note that work has already started.

The Parish Council has purchased both telephone boxes in the village for £1 each. The one at the Station will be used as a Book Swap Shop under the guidance of Cllr Chris Southcott. The phone box in the village will house the village defibrillator (which at present is on the wall of the Crown & Sceptre) and provision for some book swaps.

The Parish Council has been represented at the Raddon Hills Group of Parish Council meetings which involves all parishes from Bickleigh to Cowley and back to Crediton and involves 13 parishes in total. This has proved a valuable vehicle through which to pressurize the higher authorities. We are pleased that Jane Hole (our Clerk) is also Clerk to the Raddon Hills Group.

Finally thanks to our MDCC and DCC Councillors for their work during the year and my fellow Councillors for their contributions and hard work during the year.

Our Parish Clerk, Jane Hole, continues to provide us with excellent service and it has been a pleasure to work with her. She has dealt with the business of the Parish Council in a most efficient manner and is now a qualified Parish Clerk which has allowed the Council to adopt General Power of Competency. This allows the Council to undertake any action it wishes as long as it is legal!

Thanks also go to Daphne Clague who has taken over the role of Auditor for the Council in an honorary capacity.

To all our Parishioners, thank you for your support for our many ventures. The Parish Council will continue to strive to help all its Parishioners.

Councillors' attendance at Parish Council meetings 2016/17

There have been 10 Council meeting and Councillors attended the following:

Kate Anstey	6	David Bake	10
Jill Baker	10	Gina Quicke	8
Steve Parker	8	Adam Reeves	9
Chris Southcott	10	Paul Taylor	9
Jacqui Ward	-	Jim Enright	5
(resigned Oct 2016)		(elected Oct 2016)	

4. Parish Council Unaudited Financial Statement for year ending 31 March 2017

Circulated to all present and noted

5. Speaker

Matt Barrow, Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Connecting Devon and Somerset had e-mailed the following report:

Phase 1:

- Village well served by Newton St Cyres cabinet 1 - Standard Fibre to the Cabinet (FttC) – 196 total premises / 170 at superfast speeds
- Parish to the east served by Newton St Cyres 4 – Exchange Only FttC – 91 total premises / 51 superfast seeds
- Still some EO lines in and around Half Moon currently

Phase 2:

- Approximately 230 premises will be covered under Phase 2 with Fibre to the Home (FttH)
- Mainly around Marsh Mill Court & Half Moon (from Crown & Sceptre to New Bridge Cross)
- Also Langford Road, New Estate and others
- Probably due mid-2018 but awaiting finalised details from Gigaclear which we should have by June

6. Speaker – Cllr John Daw, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council (MDDC)

Cllr J Daw thanked the Parish Council for the invitation and praised the council for its wide range of activities and achievements and for the excellent way it is run under the chairmanship of Cllr D Baker. He gave a brief overview of how MDDC is run: the council is a cabinet run council with 42 councillors. There are various committees including audit, scrutiny and standards, environment and

enterprise. He highlighted the efficient running of the councils housing department and the improvements in waste management and recycling. Following staffing cuts over the years, the current staff and officers were performing well. The council is well placed to ensure it can maintain its services to the community. Cllr D Baker thanked Cllr J Daw for his input

7. Presentation of Community Award

The Community Award for voluntary services was presented to Joyce Rooke. The presentation had taken place on Monday 24 April at the weekly bingo session.

8. Public Participation/Questions

Dog fouling – a parishioner reported that another local authority had introduced a byelaw which meant that dog owners would receive a £100 fine if they were unable, when requested by an authorised person, to show they had a means of collecting dog waste. It was noted that dog waste was a problem through-out the village and in the arboretum. The Parish Council agreed to investigate further.

A representative from the Parish Hall/arboretum said how helpful it was to have a Parish Councillor as a nominated contact, who attended meetings and acted as a link between the organisations.

A parishioner reported that they had received different advice from BT to that given in Matt Barrow report regarding the likelihood of broadband services to Sweetham. The contact details for Connecting Devon and Somerset would be made available for individuals to make contact directly

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and support and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

The Newton Wonder community magazine is produced monthly (with the exception of January) and can be delivered to your house. If you would like to receive a copy please contact Gerry on 851504. The magazine is always looking for articles, coming events etc. Copy date is 15th of the month. If you wish to advertise please contact Richard Nicholls on 851877.

All articles should be sent to the Editor, editor@newtonwonder.net

Village Website:

www.newtonwonder.net

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NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT – UNAUDITED
Year ending 31 March 2017

Receipts

Precept	£12,051.70
Grants	
MDDC Council Tax Reduction	£716.30
MDDC Village Green	£100.00
Public Rights of Way (Footpaths)	£520.00
DCC Locality	£1,000.00
Community Support Group (CSG)	£1,305.00
Devon Community Trust (DCT)	£792.30
Allotment rent & topping reimbursement	£280.00
VAT Refund	£1,026.58
Raddon Hills admin payment	£110.00
Various re Queen's birthday celebration	£129.80

Total receipts current account **£18,031.68**

Payments

Grants		
Community Resilience Group	£125.92	
Parish Hall	£1,400.00	
NSC Recreation Ground	£495.00	
Boniface Trail	£250.00	
Citizens Advice	£100.00	

Admin/running		
Audit	£100.00	
Clerks wages incl PAYE/Raddon Hills	£3,533.23	
Expenses – Clerks	£127.57	
Expenses – other	£39.96	
Fees and subscriptions	£413.56	
Hall expenses & electricity	£371.00	
Insurance	£399.05	
Printing (newsletters and parish plan)	£765.00	
Training (Clerk and Councillors)	£315.00	

Repairs & Maintenance		
Allotment costs	£802.00	
Bus shelter cleaning	£48.00	
Gardening/Maintenance	£384.89	
Grass cutting	£1,175.00	
Grass cutting – Churchyard	£500.00	
Noticeboards	£12.83	

	Signs	£142.70
Miscellaneous	Transfer to Footpath account	£645.59
	Work to parish hall (DCC Locality grant)	£1,000.00
	Purchase of defibrillator (CSG grant)	£1,305.00
	DAAT Landing electric (DCT grant)	£660.20
	Churchyard maintenance of old graves	£250.00
	Purchase of scanner/printer/care plan	£205.17
	VAT	£818.69
	S137 (souvenir mugs/refreshments)	£239.52
	Electricity cost for Vodafone Surestart	£30.00
	Adoption of BT Kiosks	£2.00
	Contribution to cost of housing survey	£300.00
Total payments current account		£16,956.88
Financial Summary Current Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2016	£9,054.67
	Add receipts for y/e 31 March 2017	£20,075.34
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2017	£18,354.95
	Less transfers for y/e 31 March 2017	£645.59
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2017	£10,129.47
Financial Summary Footpath Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2016	£541.68
	Add transfers for y/e 31 March 2017	£645.59
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2017	£779.98
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2017	£407.29
Financial Summary Reserve Account		
	Balance b/f as at 1 April 2016	£841.01
	Add receipts for y/e 31 March 2017	£0.28
	Less payments for y/e 31 March 2017	£0.00
	Balance c/f 31 as at 31 March 2017	£841.29
Financial Summary All Accounts		
	Current Account	£10,129.47
	Footpath Account	£407.29
	Reserve Account	£841.29
Total of all Accounts as at 1 April 2017		£11,378.05

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

It has been another interesting and challenging year for Mid Devon District Council. We have faced a further cut to our central government grant and, with regret, had to increase Council Tax for the first time in five years. We are no longer offered a grant to freeze the tax. Despite the financial pressures we have maintained high standards within our frontline services.

The changes we have made to our waste and recycling operation have settled down and the move of the headquarters to one joint site near Willand is proving successful. Recycling rates have increased.

Social Housing continues to be well managed. We are amongst the top authorities with our low rent arrears. Virtually all our homes meet the expected standards. We do, however, have a long waiting list for our properties and have plans to build more ourselves as well as ensuring developers provide affordable homes as part of their schemes.

Much emphasis this year has been spent on developing the local plan for the next twenty years. It has been subject to much public consultation and is due for submission to the Inspector at the end of March. We are under pressure to build more houses, the bulk of which will be close to the M5 at Cullompton. This area just been included in the Government's Garden Village initiative. The plan also places great emphasis on the allocation of sites for economic regeneration. The most significant of these is the ambitious plan for a retail, leisure and Eden style development at junction 27 on the M5. I believe it has the imagination and scope to be one of the most exciting developments in the country.

The government is keen for all authorities to encourage development and will pay on results. We now get 'New Homes Bonus' on houses we build and are able to keep 40% of rates collected on any new businesses - we retain only 13% on existing ones. Pressure is, however, mounting for major reform of the rates system.

We continue to invest in our leisure centres - the recent improvements at Lords Meadow have increased visitor numbers and we are currently upgrading the Tiverton site.

I am delighted all the necessary consents have been obtained to move the village school. The new site will be much safer and both pupils and staff will benefit from having a modern new building.

I never cease to be amazed at all the different and wonderful things that go on in the village. There is a tremendous community spirit that is sadly lacking in some other places. I feel privileged to represent you at MDDC.

Cllr. Peter Hare-Scott

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

No report this year due to elections.

NEWTON ST CYRES PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The academic year began with lots of hard work from everyone at school to ensure that the new school would be given the all clear. After Mid Devon Planning Committee rejected plans for a one-way priority system leading to the school, a revised travel plan and an appeal lodged at Mid Devon Council Offices in Tiverton, meant that the new access was approved. Since then, in March 2017, Kingswood have begun to lay the foundations for their new housing development and Station Road has been widened to give greater visibility to traffic.

There have been many staffing changes this year. Mr. Hamidullah joined the Newton St. Cyres teaching staff to replace Mr. Akhurst who commenced his position as Head of School in September. There were a considerable number of staff on maternity leave: Miss Scott-Hake and Mrs. Parkes left class 2 at Christmas and were replaced by Mrs. Fee. Miss Mayne, class 4's Teaching Assistant, left in February and was covered internally. Mr. Akhurst had two weeks' paternity covered by Mr. Jolliffe in late February and Mrs. Tempest left class 1 in March and has been replaced by Mrs. Rees for the rest of the academic year. Despite these changes, the appointments were very carefully considered and have been received very positively by parents.

The curriculum has also seen many changes over the past year. The new curriculum has increased expectations for all year groups and to meet these, a new resource based programme, Cornerstones, was purchased. This has provided a thematic approach to learning across all the subjects and has made a positive impact especially in writing. Staff have also had some intensive training sessions on "Talk For Writing" with other school in the Cridton Learning Community, which has also impacted on writing, improving quality and quantity.

To enhance the regular school curriculum throughout the summer we also organise residential visits which were once again very popular. The 3

federation schools attended; Escot for year 3, Beam House for the year 4s, New Barn for the year 5s and Grenville House for the year 6s. This year, the addition of New Barn ensures that each residential is unique. There are a mixture of physical and mental challenges with the overriding aim for children to overcome these by working together. It's great to see the children all mixing in together and forming new friendships.

Throughout the year, we have forged stronger relationships with the church by holding our annual nativity and also a Christingle and Mother's Day service which have been new additions this year. Sue Browne, who works closely with the school, has been keen to develop links with the church and it has been rewarding to see the children taking an active role in these services. Parents have also been very positive and attendances at these events has been high. Our main performance at Christmas, 'Porridge', held at the Parish Hall was a huge success and it was great to see our key Stage 2 children performing in front of big audiences and having such a presence on stage. We have also held a Harvest festival and a Spring Concert at school, both of which were well attended.

Fundraising always plays a big part in the calendar and this year has been no exception. The children are always keen to raise money for charitable causes and help others when they can. This year the school has help raise money for Children In Need, NSPCC and also the grandson of our lollipop man Derek who was taken critically ill earlier in the year. Thanks to our donation and others, it made a huge difference and he is receiving the treatment he needs to make him better.

The children enjoy a variety of sports during and after school in the summer months; cricket, netball, football, tag rugby, the exe valley challenge orienteering walk, Exmoor Challenge and athletics. They participate within the local learning community and the federation and have enjoyed great success at various tag and football tournaments. The key stage two children thoroughly enjoy using the tennis courts during the summer term and we all enjoy our wonderful sports day event at the recreation ground; of course, this is thanks to the generosity of the committee members of the two organisations.

Mr James Akhurst, Head of School

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH REPORT

This last year has been one of change and challenge in the church. With the departure of our Rector Revd Douglas Dettmer and Revd Dave Carrington our Curate, we have been without an Incumbent now for just over a year. Another

great loss as an active Churchwarden was that of Charlotte Dyer, who was taken ill last June and very sadly was unable to continue in this role.

We have been able to continue services in the church with the support of retired clergy, and with two lay led services each month. Sadly, the services do not bring in families from the village and this has been a concern to us for some time. We hope to find some way to rectify this.

We continue our relationship with our school, visiting twice weekly to keep in touch, and are pleased when the children participate in our services. They held their Nativity play in the church again this year, which was well attended and much enjoyed.

Our pastoral care continues by friendly communication for anyone in need of a helping hand or a wheel.

The social and fund raising committee not only brings in essential funds for the church but also engages with the wider community. We were also able to give to four charities this year.

The financial appeal has been well received with an increase in funds for the fabric of the church.

We regret we have not been able to meet our diocesan share lately due to many financial commitments, not least the continuing maintenance of Cowley church.

The Friends of the Church has unfortunately diminished somewhat, although Emma Hutchinson has organised some events, which were much enjoyed; and we hope that others may be encouraged to join her in this valuable and important group.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for their grant which goes a long way to help with the maintenance of the churchyard. We are also grateful to the many others who give voluntary help.

We look forward to working with our new Rector when she arrives in September.

Our church, which is used by almost everyone at some time in their life, is always open, and we offer a very warm welcome to everyone who comes. You will always find coffee and cake at our "Open Door" service on the second Sunday of the month at 10am so please pop in.

NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH HALL REPORT

This has again been a busy year for the Parish Hall with the 623 bookings, exactly matching the number in the previous year. Nine organisations had regular weekly bookings and a further eight used the Hall at least once each month. Unfortunately the monthly mini-market folded at the end of 2016, but a new regular activity was the model railway group. There were also many one-off bookings and we hired out equipment on a number of occasions.

The Hall participated in the Newton Village Revels in July 2016 and put on a very successful hog roast. A concert by the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir was organised jointly with the Church and the local branch of Cancer Research UK. In December the Hall combined with the Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society for a very successful musical entertainment in the Hall.

Our quest for grant support for major re-development of the Hall met with little success and we have now suspended planning for this scheme. Attention is now focussed on improvement to the kitchen and plans are being prepared with the hope that the work will be carried out during 2017. A need has also been identified to re-roof the flat roof above the kitchen and store. Also windows in the Clubroom and kitchen need replacement. . A grant of £4219 was received from the Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme to contribute to the cost of a new store, as part of the re-development scheme, but with the change of approach, the new store will not be needed. We will look at the possibility of re-directing the grant towards the improved kitchen, but there is a possibility that the grant will have to be returned.

Wi-fi and telephone connections were installed in June and there is considerable use of the wi-fi in meetings held in the Hall. We thank the Parish Council for making a substantial contribution to the rental costs.

Overall income exceeded expenditure by £8653. However, as noted above, the grant of £4219 may have to be re-paid. Income from hire of the Hall and events held was broadly similar to that in the previous year, as were the proceeds from bingo, at £1096. We thank Joyce Rooke and her team for organising these sessions. Most expenditure items were somewhat higher than in the previous year, with the cost of utilities (gas, electricity and water) up by 49% and caretaking by 24%. There was a large increase in expenditure on maintenance, largely accounted for by the cost of £2340 to make the electrical fixed wiring system comply with current requirements.

We much appreciate the help that we have had from the Parish Council. We received grants of £600 in relation to the car park and £200 to contribute to the cost of wi-fi rental. The Parish Council also arranged for a grant of £1000 from the Devon CC Locality Fund to improve drainage in the car park and pays for the mowing of the hall surrounds. We also gratefully acknowledge the donation of £517 given to the Hall from the Community Support Group when it wound up.

During the year we lost two of our long-serving Trustees, with the unfortunate death of David Loo and the retirement of Anne Mitchell. We are very pleased that Anne continues to help the Hall at special events. We were delighted at our AGM to welcome four new members to our Management Committee – Nicola Baker, Julie and Roger Furniss and John Salter.

I thank all the officers, committee and friends who have helped so much during the year.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Hall Management Committee

NEWTON ST CYRES RECREATION GROUND CLUB REPORT

The Recreation Ground continues to provide many and various activities for local people.

We provide a Club building with a bar, which is used for indoor sports and recreation such as darts, pool and skittles, as well as a venue for events, parties and meetings and a place for the outdoor sportsmen and women to take some much needed liquid and solid refreshment.

Outdoors we provide the ground for 2 tennis courts, 2 football pitches, cricket, archery as well as a venue for the school sports day.

In addition events such as the Revels, the 5 a-side youth football tournament, the Kingfisher award and the fireworks display occur here.

A large part of our income to enable us to continue comes from the bar, and we are very dependent on a very small number of people to man (or woman) this. Anyone who would be able to help with this voluntary job (even one evening now and then) would be very much appreciated. Full training would be given!

An automatic defibrillator has been sited at the ground, thanks to Damien Hodge for sorting this out and the Parish Council for funding it.

I would like to thank all those on the committee for their continued work in making the Recreation Ground such a success, in particular Tony Lewis (Chairman), Ian Harris (Bar Manager), Wendy Lewis (Bookings), Kat Tremlett (Secretary) and Dave Phare (Groundsman) and others too numerous to mention, as well as our sponsors without whom we would struggle to continue.

John Quicke
Hon Treasurer
Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Club

IMPLEMENTATION OF PARISH PLAN

Following the publication of the Parish Plan in 2016, the Parish Council in conjunction with its Development Group has been working through the Action Plan and the following are the outcomes.

Grateful thanks to Roger Wilkins, Cllrs Gina Quicke, Adam Reeves and Paul Taylor

David Baker, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council

	Action
	<i>Household and community</i>
1	NSC Parish Council establish the needs for volunteer assistance for the community and for village organisations and seek ways of engaging the large number of people who would consider doing voluntary work, but do not do this at present, in helping satisfy the requirements. <i>Outcome:</i> <i>A list of requirements for volunteers for village organisations was obtained and this has been circulated via the Newton Wonder for people to make contact direct with local organisations.</i>
2	In view of concerns expressed by some residents of hamlets in the Parish that they feel marginalised, NSC Parish Council will explore steps that could be taken to serve the hamlets more effectively and to increase inclusiveness in the Parish. <i>Outcome:</i> <i>Comments and expressions of concern had been requested via the Newton Wonder but no response was received. Parish notice boards are situated as follows: Langford Road, Half Moon, Tytheing Close, Sand Down Lane, Village Green, Smallbrook and the Station. The take up of the Newton Wonder in the Station area and Smallbrook is only 50%.</i>
3	NSC Parish Council to continue to press for more trains to stop at Newton St Cyres Station.

	<p>Outcome: Letters have been sent to the MP and GWR asking for more trains to stop at Newton St Cyres and consideration also to be given for trains to stop should a service be run from Okehampton. There appears to be no change in the situation until the new franchise is awarded.</p>
4	<p>NSC Parish Council, in conjunction with the Boniface Trail Group, provide the strongest possible support for establishing a cycleway and footpath from Exeter to Crediton and seek support from MDDC and DCC.</p> <p>Outcome: The Boniface Trail group is now an official Charity and is working to obtain landowners permission.</p>
5	<p>NSC Parish Council to extend dialogue with DCC Highways Department to seek ways to improve road safety through the village.</p> <p>Outcome: The Chairman of the Parish Council has met with the Head of DCC Highways about the issues raised in the Parish Plan and Highways will take action where appropriate. Consideration will be given to a safe crossing in the middle of the village as part of the new School move to its new site. The issue of further development north of the parish thus increasing traffic flow has been raised with the appropriate authorities.</p>
6	<p>NSC Parish Council to seek more volunteers to further strengthen the Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>Outcome: There has been a lack of response for more volunteers thus the long term future of the Speed Watch group is in doubt.</p>
7	<p>NSC Parish Council to discuss with the Police further steps that could be taken to enforce speed limits.</p> <p>Outcome: In light of the lack of response for new volunteers the Parish Council are exploring the possibility of some form of permanent speed recorder in the village. This will work in the same method as the Community Speed Watch.</p>
	<p>Local and natural environments</p>
8	<p>NSC Parish Council to encourage Planning Authorities and landowners to take all possible steps to maintain the features considered most important by parishioners by maintaining the distinctive landscape, woodland, building styles and country lanes.</p> <p>Outcome: This is now Parish Council policy and the appropriate Planning Authorities have been informed.</p>
9	<p>NSC Parish Council to continue to provide strong support for the existing Community Support Group, Community Resilience Team and Neighbourhood Watch and to take actions to encourage further volunteer contributions to these activities.</p> <p>Outcome: The Parish Council have a Councillor representing its interest on all these groups and these representatives report back to each Parish Council meeting.</p>

10	<p>NSC Parish Council in conjunction with the Gardening Club to explore the possibilities of introducing a community gardening scheme for the elderly and a community composting scheme.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>If anyone is interested in a Community Gardening Scheme they should contact the Parish Clerk on 851148. A composting scheme appears not to be viable as the District Council will collect garden waste.</i></p>
11	<p>The Newton Wonder should advertise and promote the bulk oil purchase scheme operated by Devon Communities Together.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>There are currently two very effective oil buying schemes and parishioners should be directed to them. Devon Communities Together Oil Buying Scheme. Tel: 01392 248919 OR Boilerjuice which is available online.</i></p>
12	<p>NSC Parish Council to explore possible community-owned energy schemes, including consideration of a community biomass boiler.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to develop this idea and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk on 851148</i></p>
13	<p>NSC Parish Council to encourage MDDC in considering Planning Applications to note wide support in the Parish for solar panels on houses and commercial buildings, provided they are sensitively installed.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>This is now Parish Council policy when considering new buildings and encouragement should be given to installing these on commercial and agricultural buildings.</i></p>
	Community facilities
14	<p>NSC Parish Council to take actions to endeavour to ensure the continued availability for the community of the post office, village shop, village hall, recreation ground and the parish church.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>All except the Post Office are listed as Community Assets and therefore can only be sold as a going concern without offering the opportunity to buy by the parish. It was agreed to try to register the Post Office at the next renewal date.</i></p>
15	<p>NSC Parish Council to discuss with the Recreation Ground and the Parish Church approaches that could be taken to encourage greater use by the wider village community.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Greater use will only be achievable if more people volunteer to help at the Recreation Ground and Church.</i></p>
	Leisure and recreation
16	<p>NSC Parish Council, in conjunction with Parish Footpath Warden, the Newton Ramblers, DCC and landowners, to explore the possibilities for further enhancing the footpath network including circular routes and access to woodland.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Not achievable as landlords are unable to offer any additional</i></p>

	<i>land for footpaths.</i>
17	<p>NSC Parish Council to explore the possibility of further volunteer support for the Footpaths Officer in the overview and maintenance of footpaths in the Parish.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Parish Councillors have dedicated footpaths to look after and report back to the Footpath Warden.</i></p>
18	<p>NSC Parish Council to ascertain the demand for new clubs or groups to meet the needs of parishioners and to take appropriate actions.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>A flyer has been circulated to all households seeking support for new clubs/groups.</i></p>
19	<p>NSC Parish Council to continue to assist and support the Friends of Newton Arboretum in further developing this well-used village facility.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The Parish Council hold the licence for the Arboretum and receive regular reports from the Friends of Arboretum through their representative on the Friends.</i></p>
	Technology, communication, information
20	<p>NSC Parish Council and MDDC to continue to press for improvements to broadband in the Parish</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The majority of the Parish should be connected by the end of 2018.</i></p>
21	<p>NSC Parish Council to take further steps to obtain improved mobile phone reception in the Parish.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The MP has been approached to change Government policy to allow roaming facilities to take place.</i></p>
22	<p>NSC Parish Council to encourage village organisations to assist the effective establishment of the Community Web Site.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The Newton Wonder now host a community website and if anyone is able to volunteer to assist they should contact the editor, Peter Hawkesley on 851269.</i></p>
	Local services and facilities
23	<p>NSC Parish Council and the Community Support Group to further their efforts to contact and support those members of the community who experience problems with tasks and accessing services.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Cllr Steve Parker has set up a Next Door Neighbour website for Newton St Cyres. www.nextdoor following the demise of the Community Support Group through lack of support.</i></p>
24	<p>NSC Parish Council to consider ways to improve the quality and effectiveness of the village mini-market.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Following the demise of the current Mini Market, the Parish Hall are looking at re-introducing a smaller version in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings in 2018</i></p>

25	<p>In view of wide concern for the standard of maintenance of minor roads, major roads, highway drainage and field drainage, NSC PC to consult with appropriate authorities and land managers to seek improvements, possibly using innovative approaches.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Following the reduction in County Council Highways budget more self-help schemes are required. The Parish Council have a small amount of money in its budget to do some work on verges etc. There is a need for parishioners to make sure that any situation near their property is dealt with safely by themselves. A Road Warden could be employed if there was a volunteer.</i></p>
	<p>Further development</p>
26	<p>NSC Parish Council to explore the possibility of more affordable houses in the Parish and other actions to increase the number of younger people in the Parish.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>A Housing Survey has been undertaken which indicates the need for a small number of affordable new homes and hopefully these can be built on the current School site once the School has been moved.</i></p>
27	<p>NSC Parish Council together with other village organisations to seek to establish more clearly the facilities that should be developed for young people, young adults and older people and take steps to improve facilities for these groups.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Ideas are sought from parishioners on what is required in the village for young people and older people and these ideas should be sent to the Parish Clerk on 851148</i></p>
28	<p>NSC Parish Council to promote dialogue on tree planting to establish better the requirements and possibilities and to develop actions. The group were surprised by the support in the Survey for additional tree planting, in view of the extensive woodlands and hedgerows in the Parish and the Arboretum</p> <p>Outcome: <i>There is a new open space area with trees in the new development in Station Road. If any parishioner has an area that they own where they would like trees planted, please make contact with the Parish Clerk on 851148. This is not for individual trees but is for small plantations.</i></p>
29	<p>NSC Parish Council to explore the possibilities of setting up schemes for bulk waste collection and garden machinery.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>The regulations around the setting up of these schemes make it impossible for this to be implemented.</i></p>

YOUR OPPORTUUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

When the Parish Plan was being prepared about a quarter of the respondents indicated that they are already involved in community-based voluntary service, but even more said that they would consider helping with community well-being initiatives, volunteer for local recreation groups or community safety and security initiatives if they were asked.

We want to unlock these potential volunteers for the benefit of our community. I'm sure volunteers will also get much satisfaction through providing help and increasing involvement. We have prepared a list of requirements expressed by local organisations and groups and are now asking parishioners to make contact if they are able to help.

This list below details requirements for organisations based in the village. For these, please contact the person listed who can provide further details. ***There are though many organisations that help people in our village (and elsewhere) that are not based here – eg Help the Aged, Citizen's Advice Bureau. If you are interested in volunteering for these organisations, several of which provide care in the community, and you would like a contact just let me know.***

Roger Wilkins (01392 851337)

Organisation	Contact	Need
Friends of Newton Arboretum	Roger Wilkins, 01392 851337, rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com	Volunteers to help with occasional working parties and to act as volunteer warden required to make occasional walks around the arboretum (instruction given)
Gardening Club	Jill Baker, 01392 851752, davidbaker687@btinternet.com	Person to write up press reports after meetings (3 per year)
Newton Nappies	Suzanne Pearman, suzanne.pearman@gmail.com	Would appreciate volunteers to come to the Wednesday morning sessions occasionally or more regularly to the sessions by doing things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do a craft read stories to kids show and tell about something exciting help us "bake" something sing nursery rhymes with us make tea and prepare snack (would be amazing as it would mean that we didn't have to leave our little ones unattended or have them under our feet
Newton Nappies contd.		

		<p>when we are making drinks with boiling water!)</p> <p>Also, if you don't like toddlers , but are still able to help: In the summer (lighter evenings) we'd LOVE helpers to clean the toys in the shed one evening (has involved cake eating, cups of tea and glasses of wine in the past).</p>
Newton Wonder	Peter Hawksley, 01392 851269, editor@newtonwonder.net	Volunteers to help with reporting events and taking pictures. With collating, organising information and incorporating in the magazine and the website.
Parish Council, FLOOD GROUP	Adam Reeves, 01392 851150, adamrichardreeves@gmail.com	Area representatives to cascade information
Parish Council, SPEED WATCH	Tom Clague, 01392 851639, tom@tclague.plus.com	Volunteers to join Group. Full training given and commitment is as and when you can volunteer for a one-hour session
Parish Hall	Roger Wilkins, 01392 851337, rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com	<p>(a) A Treasurer – training given,</p> <p>(b) volunteers to do occasional relief caretaking and/or help at events (eg Concerts and Coffee Mornings)</p>
Recreation Ground Club	Wendy Lewis, 01392 432287, tonyandwendylewis@googlegmail.com	Help with the bar from time to time – training given
200 Club	Daphne Clague	Require a coordinator and collectors for West Town, Tytheing and Sweetham.

CURRENTLY THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO NOT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE:
HISTORY, YFC AND TABLE TENNIS.

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DID NOT RESPOND: BONIFACE TRAIL, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, TENNIS, SCHOOL, FANS, CHURCH, TWINNING, NIPPERS AND ART GROUP

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Litter Pickers

The following people have volunteered to litter pick in the areas indicated.

The Parish Council is indebted to them for their community spirit.

Name	Address	Area
Chris Southcott	Barn Owl Cottage	Station area, Sweetham, Creedy View and New Estate
Clive Lawrence	Elm Cottage, Pump Street	The Village, Godolphin Close, Pump Street
James Akhurst	c/o The Primary School	School area
Kim Clarke	4 Tytheing Close	Tytheing Close, & Sand Down Lane
Kate Anstey	Moon Ridge Farm	Half Moon & Castlands
James Walters	Ford Farm	Castlands to the School
Lesley & Graham Tucker	Byways, Langford	Langford
John Perkins	Sa-Cala West Town Road	West Town & Woodlands
Kate Anstey	Moon Ridge Farm	Smallbrook
Tom Clague	23 Woodlands	Court Orchard & Station Road

SERVICES

FIRE..... Dial 999

(nearest Station is in Crediton)

POLICE Emergency 999

..... Non Emergency 101

GAS EMERGENCY 0800 111 999

POWER FAILURE 0800 365 900

BUS SERVICESTel: 0871 200 2233

(Times)

StagecoachTel: 01392 427711

TRAIN SERVICESTel: 09065 500 000

SECONDARY SCHOOL– QE, CreditonTel: 01363 773401

RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION -

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILTel: 01884 255255

HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTINGTel: 0845 155 1004

DEVON COUNTY COUNCILTel: 0845 155 1015

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILTel: 01884 255255
HOSPITAL– nearest Accident & Emergency is the R D & E, Exeter
..... Tel: 01392 411611
NHS DIRECT (Out of hours advice) Tel: 111
TRADING STANDARDS Tel: 01392 499499

LOCAL MP Tel 01392 823306
Email mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk

DENTIST– four dentists in Criditon

LIBRARY– nearest is in Criditon

Mobile Library comes to the village on the second Wednesday of the month outside the Post Office between 9.45 am and 10.45 am. Tel: 0845 155 1001 for information

VILLAGE SHOP – opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.15 pm – 5.30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday 7.00 am – 12.30 pm

QUICKES FARM SHOP – open Monday – Saturday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres>
This contains copies of Minutes, Policies and other important Council documents. Every month the agenda for the forthcoming meeting is posted on the website. There is a link to the Footpaths map on this website.

PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE: The Parish Council now have a Facebook page which is interactive. This also contains up to date information on Planning Applications received and any Road Closure notices

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

<u>MINISTRY</u>		
Priest-in-Charge	Revd Katie Cross Katie.cross@netherexe.org	01392 759612
Church Warden	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands	01392 851 460
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt.	01392 851 410

PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Mary Quicke	07729 844945
<u>DOCTORS (Credition)</u>	New Valley Surgery, - Drs Hall, Harris, Saunders, Cameron, Wride & Anderson	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Braddick, Towmey, Griffiths, Fearon, Parker & Kirwan	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawkesley Email: editor@newtonwonder.net	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk – Jane Hole	01392 851 752 01392 851 148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman – Roger Wilkins Booking Sect - Mary Long, - maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker – Chris Barlow	01392 851 337 01392 851 624 01392 851 125
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – James Akhurst Administrator - Maxine Pople	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Michelle Gidley	01392 851 267
Newton Nappies	Emily Rickard	01392 851 899
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Gill Doe	01363 83410
Football Club	Roger Furniss furniss740@btinternet.com	
Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	Paul McCutcheon	01392 851 266

Community Policeman	PCSO Nicola Payne, Police Station, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 82345
County Councillor	Margaret Squires	01363 84337
Local MP	Mel Stride	01392 823306
Neighbourhood Watch	Jim Enright	01392 851859
Snow Wardens	Adam Reeves	01392 851 150
Friends of NSC Station	Chris Southcott	01392 851 569
Luncheon Club	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
Newton Ramblers	Rosemary Chambers	01392 851 400
Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
Twinning	Lorraine Mitchell	01392 851 596
Upton Pyne PC	Jacqui Ward	01392 851 918
Young Farmers	Rob Davie	07801597703
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Jane Timlett	01392 851 361
Honky Tonks Line Dancing	Paula Benford	01392 210 830
History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851 337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Footpath Warden	Steve Parker	01392 851 505
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Newton Revels	Eric Fee	01392 851 595