

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As this is my last chance to look out over a sea of faces, I'd like to thank all of you residents who come regularly to these meetings. It buoys up our parish councillors to feel we are not alone in acting on your behalf and a public audience is a privilege not every parish council experiences. So... Thank You.

A few cherries on the cake of 2022/23:

- Re-opening the Pickwick Inn under the care of publican Ashley Collins. Thank you Stuart Watts as the councillor who galvanised financial support and administered the protection which the 'Asset of Community Value' status confers - on our local and well supported watering hole. Long may it last...
- this year saw the continuation of work on the Affordable Housing at St Anne's Chapel. Holywell Meadows is our District Council's first foray into building its own housing for local people. An excellent initiative - I do hope it will be Bigbury folk who benefit from it.
- Our church of St Lawrence is undergoing repair and the graveyard wall and new gate are now erected. The bells are being refurbished after considerable financial input, in particular from some locals residents.
- Sadly our community cafe at Bigbury on Sea is no longer, but Charlie Murray and her volunteer team provided fabulous food, atmosphere and views. Thanks to all for your long and hard work & to Giles Fuchs for so generously providing the cafe and footing the bills!
- Our beautifully located Club, twice nominated the Best Golf Club in Devon in this -it's centenary year, has gone from strength to strength, gaining a National award recently for 'Sustainability Project of the Year'. Many congratulations to Jason Pheasant, his green keepers and staff.
- Village celebrations, courtesy of the Royal Family, have been entertaining events organised by a team under Stuart Watts and Janie Grace. Administering such events takes considerable attention and effort, and have provided fun for all ages. Thank you.

- the Parish Council can't take any credit for our wonderful Holywell Stores but I would like to thank you Jas & Jaswinder Kooner and your staff, publicly, for all you do for Bigbury - I would hate to think of life here without you.

- Sadly, there have been some tragedies in this last year with people at the end of their tether or struggling in the seas. I'm always impressed by the attention, courage and speed with which our Coastguards, RNLI lifeboat and Rescue helicopter diligently search, sometimes for days on end, for missing people. You are a credit to us all. Thank you for all the effort you volunteer.

-our Tree and Footpath Wardens, Trish Bagley & Norman Botton advise us and oversee works within our Parish. Our thanks to you both.

- After much liaison, SHDC have now instituted a schedule of bins to cope with visitor waste near the beaches. The twice daily collections from our carparks alleviate many of the previous problems -and minimise gull activity - so a win/win move.

- SHDC's representative amongst us, District Councillor Bernard Taylor has spent many a long hour in conversation trying to improve various situations in our parish. Ever willing and ever helpful, I personally can't thank him enough for easing our way at District Council level and for supporting the people of our parish. I'm sure we all owe him a deep debt of gratitude. Thank you Cllr Taylor, congratulations on your re-election, and long may you stay to fight our corner...
- Higher up the administrative ladder County Cllr Rufus Gilbert has supported Bigbury, picking up on issues when we needed and keeping us informed on decisions that affect us. Though he may be forced to wallow in pothole & highways issues, these do affect the daily life of people here and we are grateful for his ongoing support in ensuring work gets done.

- Delighted we now have our own lengthsman. Stuart Marshall and Andrew Fish care for our buddle holes, floods and emergencies. It is a substantial bonus that they are now on board - thanks for all your work, and don't go anywhere, we need you!

- We are increasingly aware that Planning Officers are taking good note of our Bigbury Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Valerie Scott ably administers & encourages adherence to the Plan and steers the parish in consideration of planning issues which will affect our residents daily lives. We thank you for your diligence.

-Following in the footsteps of the District, Bigbury PC have declared a Climate Emergency. Bigbury Net Zero continues to gather momentum under Louise Wainwright & events have been organised by her and her team to highlight the dilemma we all face..

Handing on her previous job - the Bigbury News - to its new editor Jan Davies, has freed her up to concentrate on this and to welcome her new residents from Ukraine. Thank you Jan for shouldering this considerable undertaking.

Fortunately Henry Wainwright continues with Bigbury Drums & has now been elected onto our Council...

Tonight we welcome 3 new members, Henry, David Molesworth & Hazel Marshall. It is a sign of a healthy PC when an election is required - not something other councils in our ward have had to undertake. Thank you for your willingness to put yourselves forward - all of you Councillors.

Special thanks go to Cllr George Roseveare who as Vice Chair for a number of terms, has kept us on the legal & financial straight and narrow and to Cllr Sharon Smith, recently departed, for her contribution to Council decisions. The same thanks apply to Cllrs Cathy Case and Jon Fish who, despite substantial demands on their time at their farms and with family, have made the effort to attend meetings and help the council in its decision making process and offered their own creative & practical input.

Our clerk Ian Bramble has been an erudite & encouraging administrator. His willingly available support has been a mainstay. Thank you Ian. Councillors Stuart Watts and Valerie Scott have given untold hours of advice, discussion and support on some of the major issues that affect this parish. I thank you all for your considerable expertise, willingly donated.

Elizabeth Huntley

DCC COUNCILLOR

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

- 1) Well, 2022/23 has been another very challenging year for local authorities and government.....
- 2) The housing of our Ukrainian guests and getting their children in to school, on top of assisting the Afgans and Hongkongers has been challenging and continues to be so for DCC.
- 3) Covid-19 The winter did not see another major outbreak and the flu also seemed not to have been a major problem.
- 4) Avian Influenza. This has proved challenging on top of the human virus and influenza.
- 5) Coronation celebration road closure party applications have predominantly been going well.
- 6) Scams are still proving a terrible blight and effecting some people horribly across Devon.
- 7) Highways. We had made headway in catching up with potholes and clearing drainage gullies, but the winter rains and frosts have set things back a bit. We are starting to catch up again and the recently announced £200M announced from of Govt to help, giving DCC £9.4M will help.
- 8) We now have a new Chief Executive and head of Children's services which should prove beneficial for all and not least the DCC budget.
- 9) This has been the most difficult DCC budget to set in memory. At one point it looked to be the end of DCC
10. Devolution deal for Devon to include Plymouth and Torbay at Level 2 has been agreed by the Levelling UP Minister subject a final business case being agreed by all parties along with parliamentary approval. This will assist in providing improved housing, public transport and Investment opportunities
 - a) Plymouth & South Devon Freeport. This is now up and running well, with CEO and Chairman etc being fully employed. I am a Director.
 - b) LEP's. Local Enterprise Partnerships were dissolved at the last budget statement and the roles will be undertaken by my DCC portfolio of Economy. The reason being to make the delivery of the service more democratically accountable.

LOCAL ISSUES.

- 1) I have attended to many matters concerning Bigbury over the last year.
- 2) I have given from my Locality Allowance £700.00 towards repairs of the church wall.
- 3) I have kept you informed on recent changes to buses.

S H D C COUNCILLOR

The last year has been much less eventful post covid, and after the waste collection was brought back in house, a lot of people would have liked it done sooner but the cost would have been colossal because the contract for what ever reason was signed five years ago in favour of the contractors, it will still cost a lot of money but not half as bad as some would have led us to believe, but this will provide a lot better service.

The financial state of South Hams is very healthy unlike many other councils.

S H D C has been proactive in finding host families and very supportive of our Ukrainian guests.

I would like personally to thank the parish council for your support over the last four years, and I hope I have been able to support in some small way your community.

I have now been re-elected and I look forward to working for the Parish Council and all the parishioners for the next 4 years.

Kind Regards

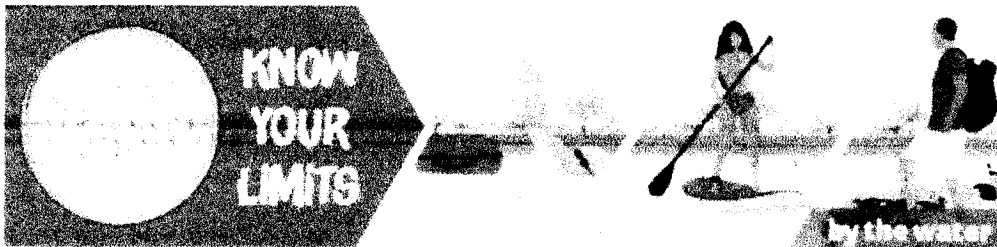
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Disclaimer

Kingsbridge Police report April 2022 to April 2023

Myself and my team of 3 Neighbourhood Beat Managers, PC Irving, PC Lonsdale and PC Cooper have been in post since Oct 2022. Our focus is firmly set on resolving community based issues using a problem solving approach. That said, as sworn uniformed officers, we are often redeployed to meet acute demand and support our patrol colleagues not only within our own area of Kingsbridge, Salcombe and surrounding villages, but across the wider South Hams district and then beyond across South Devon. Whilst this can be frustrating as it takes us away from serving our direct communities, it is necessary to meet demand to achieve Force priorities. As neighbourhood officers we have many functions and responsibilities ranging from ASB, crime prevention and investigation, public reassurance, events, schools liaison and multi-agency working. Where possible, we also aspire to tackle priority issues such as drugs, ASB and violent crime using proactive tactics. Sadly we cannot be as effective as we would like due to high demand and low officer numbers. However, it is my job to maintain a high level of performance by working smartly with the resources we do have. This does mean that we will be unable to carry out some of the functions requested of us.

We are acutely aware that our presence at your monthly meetings is very much sought and please be assured that we want to be present to build relations with our parish councils as well as being able to answer any questions you may have. At this time it is simply not possible to attend all of the meetings with so few staff. I hope to be in a position in the future where we are able to attend at least one meeting in your parish. I also appreciate that police reports, in the main, have not been provided to you to keep you informed of news and crime figures.

Without wishing to sound negative, this is the stark reality we face at present, but rest assured we are working extremely hard to meet demand and provide the reassurance to our communities that we will address your priorities and make this area a safe place to live and visit. In the absence of our presence and reports, please can I ask you to keep us informed of your concerns, issues and ideas for the future either via our team email address Kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.police.uk or direct to me if more appropriate. Reports of crime or incidents must continue to be made through the 101 system, either by phone or online

The following is a rough summary of the reported crimes and incidents in the Bigbury area from April 2022. Apologies for the vagueness but I have not permitted to disclose detail due to data protection.

- 1 x sudden death at Burgh island – adult male
- 2 x attempt theft/theft from motor vehicle
- 1 x minor assault within family setting
- 1 x theft from a dwelling

1 x fraud by employee

1 x verbal abuse during a licence application hearing

2 x minor domestic assaults

1 x theft from church donation box

1 x anti-social behaviour report

2 x argument only domestic incidents

3 x missing persons reports – all found

1 x theft of heating oil

1 x suspicious incident involving an approach to a young male by a stranger

1 x Road Traffic Collision – damage only

1 x criminal damage within holiday park

Finally, you will no doubt have heard that the Crime Commissioner has sanctioned the reopening of Kingsbridge Police Station. This is hoping to take place by the end of the year.

PS 136 Shotton

Kingsbridge Police Station

TREE REPORT 2022/2023

TPO October 2022

A Monterey cypress and a clump of Monterey cypress have had TPOS placed on them at Avonmouth Shantee down at cockleridge.

April 2023

Permission has been granted within the conservation area for several ash trees to be felled at Bigbury court due to the disease ash die back and the proximity of them to the road.

The Golf club have been doing a lot of replanting over the last few years and have now set up a tree regeneration sponsorship , donate £50 buys 2x 6ft trees plus stakes and guards and each donation will be matched from the course improvement fund.

Tree planting

Folly farm has been busy again planting up the hedgerows and a large area around the new barn . If anyone else has done any planting please let me know so I can add it to the south hams survey. Hopefully all those in the new houses at st. Ann's chapel will be planting away.

Never hesitate to contact me for any tree issues and I will do my best to help.

Thanks

REPORT FROM BIGBURY NEWS

- 6 editions of BN in 2022
 - 500 copies of BN printed each edition.
 - Approximately 30 BDs sent out to 500 email addresses.
 - Income: £6,241
 - Expenditure: £7,660
 - Deficit: £1,419.
 - Bank balance at Dec 2022: £5,855
 - Louise Wainwright gave up the editors job after 5 years
 - Welcome to Jan Davies as the new editor.
 - BN has been approached by Ringmore News to consider a joint publication as RN can not find a replacement editor. Jan Davies has confirm she is willing to do both (Bigbury and Ringmore News) and the first joint publication is planned in October 2023.
 - Thank you to Louise for being the editor for 5 years, to all the contributors, advertisers, distributors, donations and for the Parish Council's support.
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my speech, but i will be there

1 message

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9 May 2023 at 16:59

Hi Ian,

This is my speech for tomorrow but i will be there.

FOOTPATH WARDENS REPORT 2022-23

NOT SO MUCH TO REPORT THIS YEAR WHEN COMPARED WITH LAST YEARS
INSTALLATION OF NEW GATES AROUND THE PARISH AND THE BIG WORK UNDERTAKEN
TO IMPROVE THE FOOTPATH FROM CHALLABOROUGH TO BIGBURY ON SEA.

HOWEVER WE MAINTAIN VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH ROS FROM DEVON
COUNTY COUNCIL,

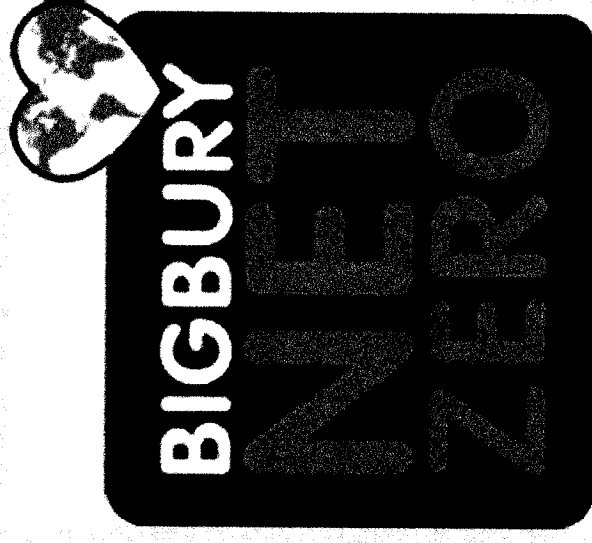
IN FEBRUARY WE PROVIDED HER WITH OUR ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE STATE OF THE
PARISH PATHS IN WHICH WE INDICATE WHAT NEEDS IMPROVING AND WHAT SIGNS AND
GATES NEED REPLACING. ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL ARE SHORT STAFFED THEY DO TRY
TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO MEET OUR REQUESTS PROMPTLY. LAST YEAR THEY DID THAT
IN TWO IMPORTANT AREAS AS WELL AS REPLACING SOME OF THE SIGNPOSTS THAT
HAD ROTTED. FIRSTLY, WE THOUGHT THE STEPS DOWN FROM THE HUERS HUT ON
BURGH ISLAND WERE QUITE DANGEROUS. ROS HERSELF CAME TO VISIT AND
INSTIGATED THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WERE MADE BEFORE THE SUMMER SEASON
GOT FULLY UNDERWAY.


WE ALSO HAD HER ENORMOUS HELP IN REMOVING THE FALLEN TREE ON THE ROUTE
DOWN TO THE FOOTPATH FROM BIGBURY GREEN -JUST BEYOND YOUR HOUSE VALERIE.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ONLY OBSTRUCTING THE WAY DOWN TO THE FOOTPATH - AND
PROBABLY NOT WITHIN HER OR INDEED OUR REMIT- ROS GOT A SMALL TEAM TO
REMOVE IT WITHIN DAYS OF US ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE.

EVERYTHING IS GROWING QUICKLY IN THIS WEATHER AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL
VENTURE OUT TO STRIM THE BIGBURY PATHS TWICE A YEAR TRISH AND I ARE CLEARING
SOME OF THE FOLIAGE OURSELVES. IF ANYONE WHO WALKS THE PATHS WOULD LIKE
TO TAKE SOME SHEARS OR CLIPPERS WITH THEM TO HELP WE WOULD BE VERY
GRATEFUL. FAILING THAT IF ANYONE NOTICES SOMETHING THAT NEEDS OUR
ATTENTION PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH WITH EITHER OF US

Annual Parish Meeting

10th May 2023





Projects

Energy & Insulation

Biodiversity and Nature

Gardening & Composting

Local businesses & Shop Local

Inform and Support

Encourage collaboration with groups in neighbouring parishes



Energy & Insulation

Raise awareness of issues and opportunities (Bigbury News)

Thermal imaging camera – household surveys (Henry Wainwright)

Encourage and support businesses to decarbonise and consider community renewable energy projects

Liaise with National Grid, Sustainable South Hams and AONB – access to low voltage grid maps and workshops (on going)

Encourage collaboration within Ward and Primary sub-stations on renewable energy

NEXT: Open Doors and Energy Fair with suppliers (autumn)



Biodiversity & Nature

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- Raise awareness of issues and opportunities (Bigbury News)
 - Wild Pub Garden (Pickwick Inn, Lynda Kelly, DWT, Men in Sheds, Force4Nature, Bigbury Gardeners)
 - Historic land use maps (Jan Davies)
 - Discussion Group (Trish Bagely, Jan Davies, Lynne Kenderdine (DWT) Hetty Lewis (DWT), Lynda Kelly, Beccy Wilson (Fram Carbon Toolkit and LW)
 - Avon River Champions – South Devon River Champions
www.south-devon-river-champions.org
 - Devon County Show exhibition – (Seadreams Education Ocean Discovery Zone)



Gardening & Composting

▲ Raise awareness of issues and opportunities (Bigbury News)

Spring Seed Swap (Lynda Kelly and Bigbury Gardeners)

Plant Swap (Lynda Kelly and Bigbury Gardeners)

Community Questionnaire – results Bigbury News

Liasing with SHDC officer for Community Compost – variation on the grant scheme – local landowners – potential service providers

On going liason with local businesses understand their needs, achievements and current practice.



