

Jan 2021

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

**THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (SCHOOL LANE, THORVERTON)
NOTICE 2021**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

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

On **TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021**
for a maximum of 5 days

Anticipated Finish **TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

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

Roads affected -
SCHOOL LANE, THORVERTON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - SILVER STREET, A396, STOKE HILL, STOKE ROAD, A377, UPTON PYNE HILL, BURRIDGE ROAD, DUNSFORD HILL & VICE VERSA.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
REPLACE BT POLES.

For additional information contact:
USL-ON BEHALF OF OPENREACH
Telephone: **01884 763100**

Dated: **TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

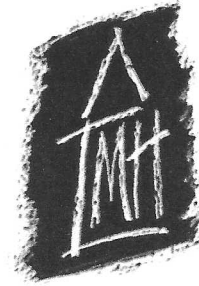
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Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee

Mike Baldwin, Secretary
Colaton Cottage, Jericho Street, Thorverton Devon EX5 5PB Tel 01392 860853

Alison Marshall
Secretary of Thorverton Parish Council



December, 2020

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Dear Alison,

Christmas Tree

On behalf of the Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee, I have been asked to thank the Parish Council for providing and erecting the Christmas tree.

The lights and both the trees raise the spirits of everyone in the village in these rather sad times, and remind us all that things will get back to normal.

Many thanks once more, and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Baldwin
Secretary Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee

Reg. Charity No. 203778

Jan 2020



alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

FW: Mirror on junction of School Lane, Thorverton.

1 message

Councillor Margaret Squires <margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk>
To: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Sat, Dec 12, 2020 at 9:27 AM

Dear Alison

Please see below – when speaking with Steve he referred to an incident where there was an accident because of a mirror.

Kind Regards

Margaret

From: Stephen Tucker <stephen.tucker@devon.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 December 2020 08:53
To: Councillor Margaret Squires <margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk>
Subject: Mirror on junction of School Lane, Thorverton.

Good morning Margaret,

Having had a chat with the safety officer we are of the opinion that a mirror at the above location would not be appropriate.

At the moment people know that it is a difficult junction and edge out carefully.

If we allow for a mirror to be erected evidence shows it will have the effect of creating complacency with the local users and increase the risk of an incident.

Thanks

Steve.

Stephen Tucker

Neighbourhood Highways Officer

Neighbourhood Highways Team – North

Tel: 0345 155 1004

THE VALUE OF OUR VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY HALLS



Deborah Clarke, Village Halls and Rural Evidence Manager, ACRE, and Dr Tom Archer, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University, discuss the role of village halls on the back of the latest national village hall survey.

In a climate of increasing loneliness, mental and physical health crises, and with services evermore distant from rural communities, village and community halls play a fundamental role in strengthening local communities. This may become even more significant as we navigate a course out of the current pandemic.

A TEN YEAR SURVEY

The ten-year National Village Hall Surveys have provided a snapshot of these crucial community assets, their funding, use, and changes over time. In 2020, ACRE re-ran this survey¹.

Village halls make a significant contribution to local economies. With an estimated total value of between £5.2-£8.9bn, and improvement works in the region of £46-£96m in the last five years, these are valuable physical assets which create employment and spend money in local economies. Halls are often the community facility in an area, and increasingly the last meeting place left, creating a great deal of social and financial value.

The relationship between halls and their local council is important in this, as local councils play a key role in representing and meeting the needs of local people. Our national survey highlighted this, with 82% of respondents confirming they had a positive relationship with their parish council, having rarely or never suffered from a lack of support.

HOW CAN LOCAL COUNCILS SUPPORT VILLAGE HALLS?

So, how can parish councils and village hall committees work together for the mutual benefit of both organisations and the community particularly in these difficult times?

Local councils have power under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to give financial assistance for work on village halls, or in support of their running expenses.

The survey revealed that two thirds of halls receive regular financial support towards their running costs from parish councils, helping to make many halls viable enough to deliver the significant social impacts seen. Also 29% of parish councils had raised a loan for improvement projects in halls.



Some parish councils might not be able to make regular grants or access a loan, but they can support the hall charity by promoting its use or making use of the hall for their own meetings.

Loneliness and isolation are addressed by activities and events in the hall. Three quarters of the respondent halls are used for coffee mornings and afternoon teas, with a wide range of other activities from sports to arts crafts, recreation, and education. Some of these activities are run by the 10,000 individuals who hire the hall to earn their living.

Finally, it is vital that the parish council understands its legal role as there are several different constitutional structures. 88% of halls are registered charities and of those that are not, half are managed wholly by the parish council. Overall, 7% are the sole managing trustee and 24% are the holding or custodian trustee.

When we begin to recover from Covid-19, halls will be at the forefront of re-establishing face-to-face relations and addressing important local needs. Collaboration between halls and councils will need to be as strong as ever.

For queries regarding a village hall or similar building, contact the ACRE Network member in your area - <https://acre.org.uk/in-your-area/network-members/>²

¹ACRE (2020) The English Village and Community Hall Survey 2020. [online] Available at <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/village-hall-survey-report-2020-final-digital-edition.pdf>

²The survey and report was funded by ACRE and Power to Change with the independent analysis carried out by the Centre for Regional Economic Social Research (CRESR) at Sheffield Hallam University.

Town/Parish Clerk

Financial Services

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Date 11th November 2020

Dear Clerk,

Town/Parish Precept 2021/22

Please find attached the 2021/22 precept information. I would be grateful if you could complete the payment form (found on the first tab on the attached worksheet) and return it by **Friday 22nd January 2020**. It would be helpful if you could meet this deadline as it impacts on the council tax setting process, therefore please do notify us if this deadline will cause you a problem.

You will note on the payment form that there is a section to allow us to deduct your subscription for the Devon Association of Local Councils. In order for this council to be able to make the deduction from your precept you must complete this section. I will have a schedule of the sum to be deducted from each town/parish so there is no need to enter an amount on the form.

Please also find attached the interactive calculation form (please see same worksheet as payment form, second tab). This will give you the number of Band D properties at 96% collection rate for your Town/Parish, and will help you calculate the Band D Charge.

You will have noticed that we have reduced our estimated council tax collection level for 2021/22, from the usual 98% that has prevailed in the previous years. Clearly this is a reflection of the ongoing Covid19 situation which is having a detrimental impact on both our collection rate and the number of residents who are making claims against our council tax reduction scheme. Both of these factors have an adverse impact on your precept setting ability, as you will effectively see your residents individual council tax level increase in order to generate the same overall level of precept as you would in the current financial year.

If your level of precept is £10,000 or over this council will pay your precept amount in two instalments, 50% paid in April and the remainder in October. Please provide your bank details on the enclosed payment form.

If you have any administrative queries regarding the 2021/22 precept, please do not hesitate to contact Jan Moreland, for any other queries please use my contact details.

Requests for alternative formats will be considered on an individual basis.
Please telephone 01884 255255 or email customerfirst@middevon.gov.uk

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL – 2021/2022 BUDGET AND PRECEPT PREDICTION (version 1 05/01/2021)

PAYMENTS	PREDICTED SPEND AS AT YEAR END 31/03/2021 Updated 05.01.2021	PREDICTED BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2021/2022 01/04/21 - 31/03/22	Notes
Clerks salary	6100	6360	
Administration	1200	1400	Room hire, stationery, Audits, Payroll, Website, Xmas electric, etc.
Handyman salary	3200	3000	Best guess £250 per month
Handyman expenses	50	50	Mileage, fuel etc.
Handyman equipment	200	100	£124 in reserves currently (gritter?)
Parish Maintenance	900	1000	Gardening, stream, car park, trees
Recreation Ground	500	500	Trees, seats, inspections, repairs/garden
Equipment Sink Fund	0	1000	£5,000 in sinking fund reserves currently
Allotments	200	200	Maintenance/refund of deposits
Grant Funding	1000	2000	Local support eg. Memorial Hall (Covid)
Training	200	100	
Elections	0	0	
Insurance	560	600	
Memberships	300	320	
Legal fees	1000	1000	ICO, SLCC, DALC
Garage rental	550	550	12 months net rent
New tool store	1500	1000	£1,500 in reserves currently
General Reserves	1000	5000	Unexpected expenditure/projects
TOTAL PAYMENTS		24,180	
ADD?			
Allotment Field purchase?		?	Possible use of S106 funding
Silver Street footpath?		?	Possible use of S106 funding
New Cemetery?		?	
Other projects?		?	
OVERALL TOTAL PAYMENTS SUM		£24,180	
LESS EXPECTED INCOME:			NOTES:
Allotment rent		290	
Garage rent		700	
Wayleave		41	
Bank interest		5	
Sale of old mower		?	
Mower underspend		?	(new mower reserves underspend is £2,440. Use to off-set precept? or keep in reserves for 'other' new mower spending requirements?)
Grant Funding credits		?	
Any other income		?	
		£1,036	Total to be deducted from payments

Sub Total		£23,144	
LESS ANY UNSPENT RESERVES as at 31/03/2020		£1,818	Anticipated 'free funds' at year end after monthly outgoings
LESS ANY PENDING VAT RECLAIM FUNDS		£1,614	As at 05.01.2021 this amount is available for re-claiming
TOTAL ESTIMATED DRAFT PRECEPT CLAIM REQUIRED		<u>£19,712</u>	Draft figure only – Council to decide on final figure

NOTES:

1. All spending figures exclude VAT as this can be re-claimed.
2. All underspent funding from this tax year, as at 31/03/2021, will be auto-carried over to reserves.
2. No viring has taken place between budget lines this tax year, to date, but is allowed by resolution.

RECOMMENDED DRAFT PRECEPT CLAIM FOR 2021/2022 IS £19,712.00

Summary:

- The predicted 'best guess' Precept request for the year 2021/2022 is £19,712 taking into account known spending, estimated spending and expected income.
- 'Spare funds' as at 31.03.2021 are expected to be in the region of £1,818 but this is dependent on unexpected spending or underspending between now and year end (31.03.2021). Any highlighted underspent funds at year end, excluding earmarked or ring-fenced reserves, can be used to lower the Precept demand figure, as recommended in the above calculation, should Council wish.
- General reserves should be maintained at a level of approximately £5,000 as would be expected for a council the size of Thorverton.

Historic Precept Claims:

2020/2021	£15,739
2019/2020	£15,602
2018/2019	£19,518
2017/2018	£19,518

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