

Colin Marshall – Handyman Report for TPC (June 2018 meeting)

1st June 2018

Duties completed in MAY:

1. sprayed all village cobbles
2. cleared the leat of leaves and debris and weeded the pavements outside the church
3. grass cutting at The Glebe, Broadlands bank and the Sheep Dip area

Hours: 22 @ £12.50 = £275.00 gross

Materials: n/a

Outstanding agreed duties:

1. Strim along the road at the Rec
 2. Strim around the play equipment at the Rec
 3. Re cork both noticeboards
 4. Cement a metre along the base of the leat outside of the Church to stop a leak springing up through the road outside of Bell House
 5. Clear the village leats of leaves and debris
 6. Cut grass as required – working around the MDDC cutting rota
 7. Purchase pot hole materials and repair agreed pot holes (The Glebe/Fursdon Road/Silver St)
- NOTE one of the deep Silver St pot holes is actually to do with a utility company so I can't repair this.
8. Investigate surface water on roads to the North of the parish – towards Fursdon and Higher Trey Mill

Authority needed to do the following work:

- There is an unsafe tree along Dark Lane – a large branch has already fallen off and I have dragged this down to my garden to cut up and burn – does the PC wish me to remove any other unsafe parts of this tree?
- I have been booked onto a DCC Strimming Course, as previously agreed by the PC, and will report back on this in due course.
- w.e.f today, 1st June, I am back on PC duty, as and when required, and will be catching up on work over the next few weeks.
- The Holly trees at the Church are causing a lot of mess again as their leaves are dropping. Should the PCC be asked to clear the leat regularly, as it is blocked again, or to contribute funds towards clearance?

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Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces – 25 June 2018

1 message

Sally Gabriel <sgabriel@middevon.gov.uk>

Fri, May 11, 2018 at 9:39 AM

Armed Forces Day will take place this year on Saturday 30 June. The day will be an opportunity for the whole nation to show its appreciation for the contribution made by all those who serve or have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The Chairman of Mid Devon District Council, Councillor Peter Heal, will be supporting the Armed Forces Day by taking part in the "Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces" by flying the flag outside Phoenix House simultaneously with other local authorities. The raising of the flag will take place on Monday 25 June at 10.30am. The District Council will be flying the flag for the duration of the week before Armed Forces Day.

Councillor Heal welcomes representatives from Town and Parish Councils to join him at Phoenix House for the flag raising Ceremony at 10.30am.

Please contact Sarah Lees by email to slees@middevon.gov.uk or by telephone to 01884 234310 if you will be attending.

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Gmail - Please fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September C 30/5/18

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1 message

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Please help to raise public awareness of our island nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping by flying a Red Ensign ashore on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September.

The Red Ensign is the official flag of the British Merchant Navy and those men and women on whom we depend to keep our island nation supplied with food, fuel and other imports.

Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September has been commemorated since 2000 and for the past three years has been the focus of our UK-nationwide campaign to raise awareness of our

Flying the Red Ensign on a civic building or prominent flagpole in your neighbourhood provides an ideal opportunity for you to issue a press release with a photograph and to use soc

You may also wish to organise a flag-hoisting ceremony, inviting Merchant Navy veterans to attend alongside your own Councillors and local VIPs? In which case please feel free to re guide, that contains plenty of other helpful information.

This is a free service! So please let us know what you are planning to do by completing the online registration form at <https://www.merchantnavyfund.org/merchant-navy-day/> or ema

All participating Local Councils and Parish Meetings will be added to our prestigious 'Roll of Honour' on the website. And all those who send us a photograph will be rewarded with a participated in previous years - to enable us to keep our records up to date and in accordance with GDPR requirements).

On behalf of Seafarers UK may I thank you in advance for supporting this important initiative.

Best wishes

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Council consults on ways to improve library services to rural and isolated communities

1 message

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Tue, Jun 5, 2018 at 9:37 PM

Dear Parish Clerk,

Devon County Council and Libraries Unlimited, which runs Devon's library service on the County Council's behalf, have launched consultation today regarding improvements to the library service in rural and isolated communities in Devon. While libraries (static libraries) have evolved a lot over the years, introducing improvements to the services they offer and broadening their popularity to appeal to many, the mobile library and outreach service has remained unchanged. We want to consider the opportunities now to improve our mobile library and outreach service, to consider new ways that we might be able to reach more people in our rural communities.

I have attached a news article that we have sent to Devon media this afternoon. We would like all of the Devon Town and Parish Councils to be aware of the consultation and invite you to contribute to it. Details of the consultation and how to take part in the consultation are online here <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/devon-library-outreach-service/>. Details are also available via our library service, including the mobile and outreach library service.



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Council consults on ways to improve library services to rural and isolated communities

Devon's libraries attracted 2.7 million visits and welcomed over 135,000 regular library users last year.

Devon County Council and charity Libraries Unlimited, which is commissioned to run Devon's libraries, says the high visitor numbers are a reflection of the broad range of services that appeal to a variety of audiences.

But while the diversity of services on offer in Devon's public libraries has expanded beyond the traditional book lending service - with digital technologies such as 3D scanning and printing in FabLabs in Exeter and Barnstaple libraries; support for businesses and entrepreneurs; partnerships with health and wellbeing organisations; a growing range of arts and cultural events; and hosting local community activities - the county's mobile library and outreach services in rural areas has remained largely unchanged.

Now, the Council wants to consider ways to increase take up in rural areas in order to reach more people who can't easily access Devon's 50 public libraries.

So it's launching a review to find out what people think is most important about mobile and outreach library services, to shape the design of an outreach service that better meets people's needs and offers access to the wider range of library facilities.

Options could include extending the Home Library Service, which delivers books and audiobooks direct to people's homes. This service is currently intended for people who are unable to visit a library due to ill-health or disability or are too frail to carry heavy

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books, but it could be extended to include other people who need it.

Alternatively, there could be transport arranged to take people to their nearest library. The Council could work more closely with local community transport providers to provide regular stops at libraries, so that people from outlying villages can access the full range of library services, including local events and activities.

Another consideration would be to introduce a Good Neighbour Scheme, a new type of membership that would enable friends, family members or neighbours to collect and return books on someone else's behalf.

Or there could be adhoc, 'pop-up' libraries in some villages. The Council could work with local communities to use local venues on a regular basis to make library services available.

And in response to the increase in usage of digital services, the move could involve investing in a wider range of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines to increase the range of online material, which all library card holders could access at any time.

The Council also wants to consider what to do with their four ageing mobile library vehicles, which have become unreliable, increasingly expensive to run, and carry limited stock. The number of people using the mobile library service has fallen by almost a quarter since 2014/15 and the number of mobile library loans has reduced from over 90,000 to 64,000 in that time.

Councillor Roger Croad, the Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for the library service said:

"While many Councils elsewhere have reduced their library provision, we took steps with Libraries Unlimited that have kept our 50 static libraries open, with longer opening hours and an increased range of services on offer. The result is, we've got a far more resilient and innovative library service, which is acclaimed nationally as a good model, and that continuously strives to improve ways to meet people's needs.

"But Devon is a large rural county that presents many challenges particularly with dispersed communities and an ageing population. And while we have a system of making library services accessible to people who can't get to their nearest library, it's dated and it's time we looked for ways to improve it.

"Everyone should be able to access our library services, and new technology and smarter ways of doing things offer new opportunities for us to think about, that could help us reach more people in Devon's rural areas.

"We've got some ideas that we will share in our consultation, but importantly we'd like to better understand how people use the current mobile and outreach service and how they'd like to use it in future, so that we can come back with a proposal to improve the service and make it more tailored to what they need."

Ciara Eastell, Chief Executive of Libraries Unlimited said:

"We're working closely with Devon County Council to look at ways of reshaping our mobile library and outreach service to ensure it is efficient, effective and designed to meet the needs of communities now and in the future. Our mission as a charity is to reach and support as many people as possible with our high quality library services. We know that society is changing, and we therefore need to reflect that in the way that our library service is designed.

"We're looking forward to hearing from users of the mobile service, outreach services and from users of our network of libraries about what is most valuable to them, so that we can remodel a service that really reflects what people want.

"We know from our latest figures that people are still using public libraries in huge numbers, almost 3 million people in Devon alone. We also know that the number of people accessing our digital services, such as our online catalogue, digital magazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks continues to increase year on year, whilst the number of people using our mobile library has been declining steadily for a number of years.

"It's important that we use this information to make sure we are serving people in the best way possible and that libraries continue to focus on the needs of local people and communities across Devon."

People can take part in the consultation by visiting devon.cc/librariesoutreach. You can complete the consultation online in any of our 50 libraries, and paper copies of the consultation are available at all our libraries and at mobile library service stops. The deadline for responses is 28 July 2018.

Kindest Regards

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