

Hi all

It's getting a little chilly, have you updated your contact details if we get another 'Beast from the East'? You may want to consider checking your Snow Warden details with DCC and checking those salt bins before you need to use them.

If anyone knows how to keep warm in a chilly village hall at this time of a year and be able to take minutes with three pairs of gloves on please do share!

Carole

Ramblers is calling on people to help them save thousands of miles of historic paths which are missing from the maps in England and Wales.



On the 1st of January 2026 unrecorded rights of way will no longer be added to the definitive map (the legal record of public paths) based on historical evidence. There are at least 10,000 miles of unrecorded rights of way that could be lost forever when we reach the 2026 deadline. Many of these paths have been created by use over centuries, dating back to medieval times or even earlier and they form a vital part of our heritage – we need to act now, so that we don't lose them forever.

Don't Lose Your Way is the Ramblers project focused on making sure these historic rights of way are properly recorded and protected for generations to come. The first step will be to identify where these paths are, and the Ramblers would love your help. They are launching an online mapping platform in February 2020 with the aim of making sure every single map grid square in England and Wales is checked for lost paths.

The path network is an incredible asset that makes it possible for us to access and explore our beautiful landscapes and green spaces – in villages, parishes, towns and cities across the country. Some paths missing from the map might be overgrown and long forgotten or in regular use but missing from the map – getting them back on there will help to protect them for the future. They might have historical significance or create new and useful walking routes perhaps by linking people more easily to local green spaces or improving the path network by linking up existing routes.

To get involved in the fight to save historic rights of way and help map lost paths, download the Ramblers guide at www.ramblers.org.uk/dontloseyourway or follow @RamblersGB on Twitter/ Instagram and @Ramblers on Facebook

MDDC Annual Civic Church Service

The Chairman of Mid Devon District Council is holding his annual Civic Service at Cruwys Morchard Parish Church on Sunday 15th March 2020 at 3pm. The church service will be followed by afternoon tea in the village hall.

All Parish Chairmen and a guest are invited to attend.

If you wish to attend it is imperative that you contact the Chairman's PA by Friday 28th February to let her know you are coming to the service and whether or not you will be staying for afternoon tea. This is important for catering purposes.

Her contact details are:

Mrs Sarah Lees, Tel: 01884 234310 Email: slees@middevon.gov.uk

Dear Colleague

A little while ago I contacted you about the Visit Mid Devon website we were developing (www.visitmiddevon.co.uk). I was seeking information that we could use to promote your parish and we had a great response – thank you.

I'm pleased to inform you that the website has gone live.

Please see the link to our latest press release issued today:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/exciting-news-for-mid-devon-leisure-and-tourism/>

Please note: this is only a soft launch at present in preparation for the official launch on Wednesday 26 February 2020. We have done this in order to test the site whilst it's live. This gives us time to identify any glitches and finish uploading all the information we have received to date. Therefore, please do not worry if the parish or walking information you supplied is not listed at present; it will be uploaded over the next couple of weeks, in time for the launch.

The website also features a 'What's On' section listing local strategic events. We'd be pleased to share information about your local markets, town or village events and parades (events a visitor to the area would be interested in attending). Feel free to send us information about your upcoming events.

Please have a look at the site and share it with your local leisure and tourism businesses and residents. We will be running a number of campaigns, creating itineraries and monthly featured walks. Thank you again for your support. Please keep an eye on the site and get in touch if you have something you would like us to share through the website or our social media platforms.

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DEVON & SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Is your home protected from fire? You could be eligible for a **FREE** Home Safety Visit.

Many people across Devon & Somerset are eligible for a **FREE** Home Safety Visit from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

These visits are offered by Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service as part of a public service to ensure we are doing everything possible to help people live safely in their homes.

Please see the attached information sheet for details.

Permit will help care and health workers 'to do their jobs' - Devon County Council

A new Care and Health Worker Parking Permit has been launched, and it allows professionals visiting people at home to park on double yellow lines in certain circumstances.



Currently care and health professionals who hold the existing permit can park in on-street, limited waiting and residents' parking bays for no charge when delivering essential services to residents in their homes.

Holders of the improved permit will additionally be allowed to park on yellow lines for up to an hour – but only if there is no other parking available, if they are making a home visit, the permit is clearly displayed and the vehicle is not causing an obstruction.

The parked vehicle must not block access or pose a danger to road users by, for instance, parking on a corner.

The improved scheme is being launched initially as a year-long pilot and the changes are in recognition that in some communities parking can be difficult to find and can add to the stress of an already demanding job.

The new permits will be in the form of a time clock, like those issued to Blue Badge holders, which must be displayed.

For those working for care and health companies, agencies or organisations, including the NHS, the permits will be managed and distributed by their line manager who will allocate each permit to eligible staff.

Devon County Council's Traffic Management Team has been contacting care and health companies, agencies and organisations with staff who could be eligible for the permit directly.

A separate process to allow eligible sole practitioners to apply will be phased in next year. Sole practitioners providing care and support to Devon clients in their homes can register their interest here by emailing careandhealthpermits@devon.gov.uk.

The new scheme follows a consultation in which 89 per cent of respondents agreed that including yellow lines in the scheme would make their jobs easier and 80 per cent said it would help them care for their clients. Almost 65 per cent said it would help them manage stress and most said that parking near their clients' homes would help them feel safer if they were working alone.



'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



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Ends 15th March 2020!

**Win up to £1000 for your Village Hall and
£500 for the photographer!**

Submit Your Entry & Vote For Others.

Open to ALL RURAL UK Village & Community Halls.

Entry is FREE. No purchase necessary.

Details of prizes, theme and entry dates are in the
RULES available from our Facebook page:

 <https://facebook.com/AlliedWestminster>

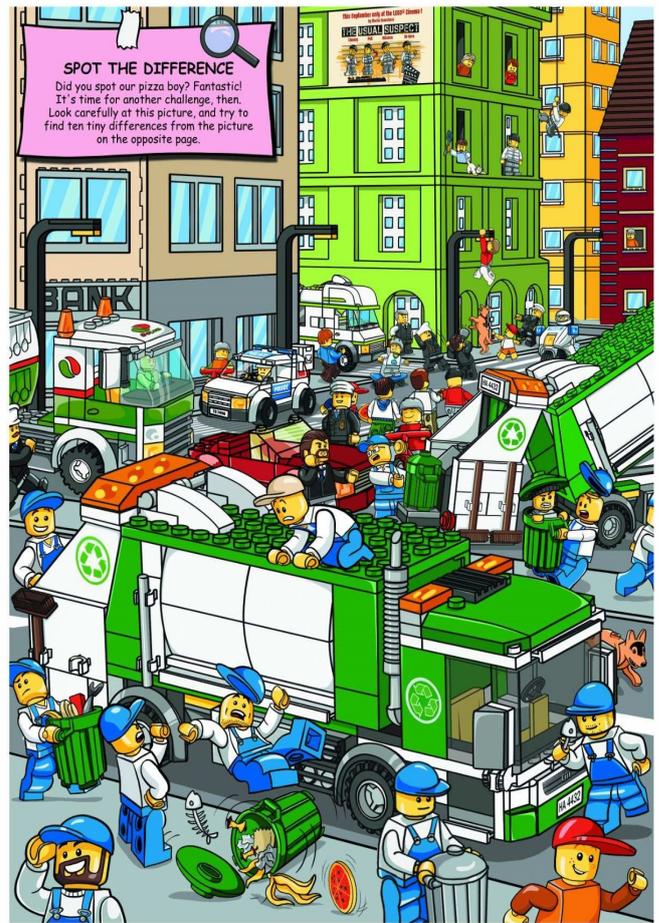
AND on our website detailing free rebuild valuations:

 <https://villagehallsurvey.com>

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Keeping up to date

Press Releases Issued

<https://www.middevonnewscentre.info/>

Dates for Mid Devon District Council Meetings

<https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

5th February—Standards Committee—6.00pm

12th February—Planning Committee—2.15pm

13th February—Cabinet—6.00pm

24th February—Scrutiny Committee—2.15pm

26th February—Council—6.00pm

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