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2026**



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Ashcombe	Eleanor Rayner	ninirayner@yahoo.co.uk

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Cllr. K. Gearon
Cllr. Ron Peart 01626 362260

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Ideford Village Hall

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Booking Clerk	Angela Fox	01626 859599 E-mail: idefordhallbookings@yahoo.com

Ideford Millennium Green

Chairman	Jane Hill	07871 103235
Booking Clerk	Jane Hill	07871 103235

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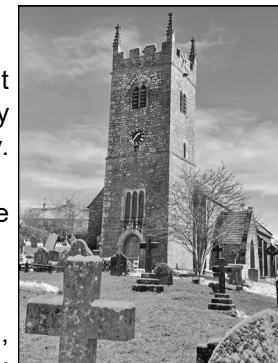
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Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC 10392 Ben Chadwick	07710076780	
	e-mail: 10392@dc.police.uk	

Letter from Ruth Sewell

As I write this it is June. I have been thinking about time and as an older person I can assume it is my age that makes life and time seem to be flying-by. But, in talking with others, of all ages, I hear that others are noticing the increasing quickness of time passing. Often accompanied by many things to do.



Whatever age we are, we have expectations of ourselves and others, as we go about our daily lives, whether it is working outside or within the home; school-runs, after-school clubs and in the taking care for others. Often it can cause us to feel like we never stop, just onto the next thing.

It has been said, '*There is more to life than increasing its speed.*' If we take a moment to consider this, what might this mean for our lives and those we care about?

I believe it is in the slowing down that allows us to savour moments, to connect with others and nature, to hold precious, what we have, no matter how little or great and to live in the moment, as much as we can.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful place, 'betwixt land sea'. I wonder how many times, like me, in rushing from place to place, we do not fully take in all that surrounds us, the familiar losing its awesomeness. One day, when very briefly paused at the traffic lights exiting Morrison's supermarket, I realised it gave me a chance to look over the Teign. I could see the tops of the fields above Ringmore. I saw shapes of lush fields and trees that I hadn't noticed before. I have come to think of it as my 'red-light' pause! Since then, I take more moments to pause, to pay attention, to take a mental and physical deep breath.

I recently spoke to a man, early forties, family man, with two children. He said he felt he was burning out, constantly trying to balance the demands of work with family life; few if any meaningful pauses, just moving from one thing to another. I asked how he might slow down; how might he give himself a moment to connect with himself; he wasn't sure. I suggested watching the National Trust Octavia Hill lecture, on YouTube, given by Kathy Willis, *health- giving power of nature*. After he watched it, his first change was to move his working-desk at home, which faced the kitchen to turning it to face a window, where he could see greenery and changing skies. He made a conscious effort during his working day to look out of the window.

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Over the following few days, he noticed his breathing, taking slower deeper breaths, and feeling more relaxed. His brief pausing helped him to do all he had to do, accepting that it was not being selfish but self-caring. He built more pauses into his life and encouraged his family to do the same. A simple act of kindness to himself and others.

How might you decrease the speed, how might you find your 'red-light' moments. Breathing is one of the best ways to slow the busy mind and reduce the stress/pressure responses. Slow, gentle deeper breaths in and slightly longer in breathing out. Just a few minutes can make the difference that calms and helps us to connect to ourselves, others and nature.

With love, Ruth

Licensed Lay Minister.

July Services

Sunday July 5th 6.30pm	5th Sunday after Trinity Evening Service	Ideford
Sunday July 12th 6.30pm	6th Sunday after Trinity Evening Service	Luton
Sunday July 19th 11.15am	7th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Ideford

August Services

Sunday Aug. 2nd 6.30pm	9th Sunday after Trinity Evening Service	Ideford
Sunday Aug. 9th 6.30pm	10th Sunday after Trinity Evening Service	Luton
Sunday Aug. 16th 11.15am	11th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Ideford

*For other services in the team please see the team website:
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*Details of services at Ashcombe will be found on the
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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July Nicola Aylmore and Christine & Libby
August Nicki Horseman and Vanessa Morby

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Websites and Sat. Nav.

Haldon Team Website **www.haldonteam.org.uk**

Ideford Parish Website **www.idefordparish.org**

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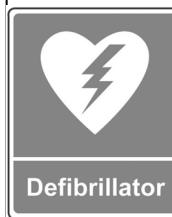
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20th September	Horse & Dog Show
10th October	Race Night
24th October	Harvest Supper

For more details please see - www.ashcombe-villageclub.co.uk

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting **Thursday July 9th at 7.30pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm till 9pm with a break for tea.

We encourage new members of any age, from 11 years upwards, to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

IDEFORD LUNCH CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 07775 593551

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday July 1st 10am - 12noon.

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There will not be a Church Clean in August, next date - September 2nd.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Why not come along and have a chat over coffee and biscuits - we're a friendly bunch and would love to meet you.

Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (07517 231757) for more information.

Decorating St Mary's for Christmas.

We were delighted with the response to our appeal for wreaths made of recycled materials last Christmas. This year we want to try Nativity scenes in a shoe box (front side removed). Any part of the Christmas story:- kings, sheep and shepherds, angels or the stable BUT we would like it made mainly of ORGANIC materials. e.g. wood, pine cones, vegetation, clay, wool, fabric, pebbles - I'm sure you can think of more.

More details after the summer break.

Libby 01626 852291 or eme.brendon@gmail.com

P.S. We know Christmas is still 6 months away, but we wanted to give everyone plenty of time to be creative and to gather their materials.

COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



Pop up Café summer dates and times

Friday June 26th 11am -1pm

Friday July 31st 11am -12noon

Friday August 28th 11am -12noon

Ideford Village Hall

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Friday September 25th

10am - 12noon

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**Please note the slightly earlier time of 10am until 12noon -
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*If you would like to make a cake or help at any of the café dates, please
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To find out more or register your interest as a **volunteer driver**, visit:
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your name attached or if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you! Janet Aylmore

After our AGM last year it was decided to ask for dogs to be kept on leads, when other people are in the green. This was a result of our annual ROSPA report recommending that dogs be banned from the green, which it has said for many years, and after a dog bite incident on the green, with police involvement, advice was then sought through the council and insurers on assessing liability for future, leading to the compromise suggestion of advising dogs to be kept on leads. Signage we put up recently was met with a number of negative remarks and then the signs were illegally removed, which was not helpful and has incurred a cost. Further signs will need to be sourced to replace the signs.

Dogs At last year's AGM it was agreed that dogs should be on a lead on the green when other people are on the green. This was because of a dog bite on the green. Signage about this didn't go up until this year. The signage has caused mixed responses from people, and as has already been mentioned, they were unhelpfully illegally removed. All the green is asking for is responsible dog ownership. Not all people like dogs, and if you cannot keep you dog away from other people and under control it should be on a lead. Sadly there have been reports of dog poop on the green which sadly suggests people are still not keeping their dog under control or deliberately not bothering to pick up after them.

Fundraising We had a great 25th Birthday party last year, raising £589 pounds and we held a race night last month in the Village Hall which raised about £8-900, many thanks go to Mike Batting for organising. We were also very grateful to receive £887 from the vintage fayre last year.

As a gentle reminder all of the upkeep of the green is done by volunteers in the village. No one gets paid, our expenses consist of fuel (although a lot is donated), mower upkeep, electricity and the ROSPA report.

Jane Hill (Chair)

The Millennium Green Committee needs your help!

After the AGM held at the beginning of June, we desperately need some more people to join the committee and become trustees of the Green. After 7 years as chair, Jane stood down as chair. Also, during that time she has intermittently acted as treasurer and secretary. We ideally need a new chair and treasurer, but Jane has agreed to stand as treasurer, if no one comes forward. Jane has also said she will continue to oversee the new build, until it is completed.

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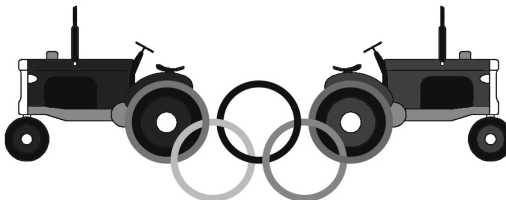
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Millennium Green Annual Report for the AGM

The Green has had another successful year, many thanks to our small committee and helpers for all of your support.



New Build The new storage unit is slowly reaching completion, this has been slower than we would have liked but finance has been a huge challenge and the weather equally so. The timber joists have been installed last year by a team of joiners, who were paid from our funding available at that time. The roofing sheets were put on, a couple of weeks ago, by Anthony French, Rob Coombes, Tom and Jane Hill, we just need to put up the apex. The roller door is ready to be fitted. We now just need to buy and fit the cladding.

We are aware that there is concern about the speed of the build, but I would like to remind the village that the majority of what we have achieved has been down to very kind donations of time, and materials.

Huge thanks goes to many people, but especially Anthony French and Simon Putt of MRP contractors, and Robert Coombes.

Once the roof is in place, the roller door will be fitted, which has also been purchased. We still need to purchase the cladding to finish the outside of the build, and buy some more concrete to finish the front of the building.

All of the donated time, materials and resources have saved the village 1000s of pounds. As an idea, building estimates ranged from £25,000 to £30,000, when we originally got estimates and costs have only been going up since then. So far we have spent £6770.52

Finances We do have £2,029 and £355 in the reserve account left in the bank account, but we need to keep money in the account for fuel and mower maintenance.

ROSPA Again, as noted in previous years the tarmac continues to shrink, but the report is happy for us to allow soil and grass to fill in the gaps. The handrail over the bridge was found to be loose, many thanks to Anthony for fixing this. Again dogs were mentioned. It was also noted the spring is rusting on the play equipment, and they are unable to check the chain due to the plastic coating.

The Green Our new hedge is thriving, many thanks to Robin for helping with this and the committee and Liz Lucas for helping to water this over the long dry summer. I would like to say a huge thank you to Robert Coombes for mowing the green this year. The green is looking lovely, also thanks to Tom and Anthony for general maintenance. The hedges around the Green have also been laid, and managed by Anthony and Robin.

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	10.03: Invoices relating to the Hall, HMRC and PAYE were approved.
	10.04: Administrative correspondence and governance matters were discussed. The council proposed a short part 2 meeting. Proposed by Cllr C. Hill and Seconded by Cllr M. Batting.
11/05/26	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING- The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday 11th June 2026 at 19:30. The chair to send his apologies.
12/05/26	ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA Future agenda items include biodiversity updates, asset transfer negotiations, boundary stone installation and highways matters.
13/05/26	PART ONE MEETING CLOSED
14/05/26	PART TWO MEETING - Outcomes, the employment contract to be reviewed. Additional matters to be considered in the budget at the end of the year.
15/05/26	PART TWO MEETING - The meeting was closed at 20:57

Parish Paths Annual Report

Over the past year (2025) there have been only a few minor issues where footpaths have needed cutting back and a couple of trees have needed removing. Steve Gardner, Devon County Council has been extremely helpful and prompt in dealing with these.

Bridleways

1. Watery Lane BP25 400m . A tree was removed from the bottom of this lane in January. I am going to request that a new replacement gate post is put in at the top of the lane as the gate post is very loose making it quite difficult to open/shut the gate without minor injury to hands.
2. Well Covert BP21 1710m. This has needed some cutting back and remains very muddy in winter.
3. Ideford Common BP19/29/28 2070m. These are maintained by Devon County Council and remain in fairly good condition.

Footpaths:

1. Back Lane FP20 270m (Rixafer Road to Tower Lane). All good and landowner keeps in excellent condition
2. Tower Lane to Rixafer Road FP3 80m. Been kept fairly clear. Landowner on one side has been regularly maintaining and I have also been clearing some brambles etc with assistance of neighbour.
3. Sentry Lane FP18 310 m. In good condition
4. Park Lane FP32 280m (Olchard back lane to A380). Is kept in good condition by landowner.

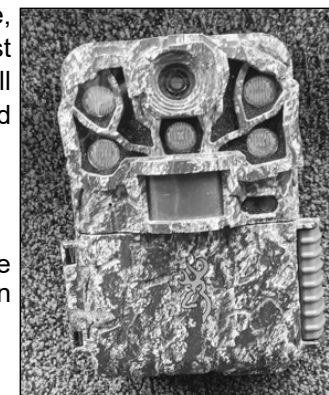
Suzanne Hill, Ideford Parish Path Partnerships (P3) Officer

Spot some wildlife with the Parish camera

The Wildlife Wardens would like to remind you that the Parish has a wildlife camera available for residents to borrow. You just place it in a likely spot, leave it for a day or so and then see what you've caught on camera. You can set it for videos or stills.

This is a great time of year for capturing wildlife, with lots of young creatures taking their first steps, hops or flights and devoted parents still bringing them food. Dawn and dusk are good times, but the camera will take night-time pictures too.

If you want a turn with the camera, please contact Robin or Dom (contact details on page 18). Remember that you can only place it on your own land, or with the landowner's permission.



BISHOPSTEIGNTON PRE SCHOOL CLIMB & EXPLORE PLAYGROUND

Bishopsteignton Preschool is currently fundraising to replace its much-loved outdoor climbing frame. Outdoor play plays a vital role in children's development, helping to build confidence, coordination, resilience and social skills from an early age. The current climbing frame has served the preschool well for more than 20 years, but it is now in need of replacement. A new, safe and stimulating play structure is being designed and supplied by Rhino Play. Thanks to a very generous donation of £5,000 from Bishopsteignton Almshouse, the fundraising project is already underway. However, the preschool still needs to raise a further £13,000 through fundraising and support from the local community to make the new climbing frame a reality. They are therefore appealing for donations from local residents and businesses to help support this important project. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a real difference and help to provide a safe, engaging and inspiring outdoor space for the children.

To make a donation please visit the Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bishopsteigntonpreschoolplayappeal>

Thank you!

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 14th May 2026	
Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - Vice Chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy Cllr C Hill Cllr M Batting TDC Peart WW - Mr Aaronson WW Mr Morby Mrs Clarke - Clerk 1 member of the public	
Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/05/26	ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 01.01: The existing Chair was reappointed, Cllr T. Hill, proposed by Cllr. C. Hill, Seconded by Cllr A. Carter-Woodwark, all in agreement. 01.02: The existing Vice Chairman Cllr A. Carter- Woodwark was reappointed, proposed by Cllr. D. Fox Seconded by Cllr C. Hill, all in agreement.
02/05/26	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies: were received from Cllr Gardner, Cllr Gearon, Cllr Dempster and Helen Frankpitt
03/05/26	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING The Council reviewed the minutes from the Parish Meeting and it was agreed that formal minutes should provide concise summaries, options for annual reports were discussed, including a phased inclusion within the parish newsletter.
04/05/26	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - There were no declaration of interests raised.
05/05/26	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Bridleway Update: An update was received regarding the newly installed gate and completed path repairs near the barns. Broadband Discussion: Councillors discussed ongoing concerns regarding rural broadband provision, fibre roll out plans and infrastructure challenges. National Emergency Briefing: A film that is being screened nationwide was discussed with a view to the village hall screening this in the future
	06/05/26 REPORTS 06.01 County Councillor: No County Councillor report was received. 06.02 District Councillor: Discussion took place regarding agricultural development works, concerns were expressed regarding the scale of earth movement and ongoing site activity at . Updates were provided on library services and community provision. 06.03 PCSO Bunce: No report was received.
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07/05/26	PARISH MATTERS 07.01 Highways and Roadworks: The Council welcomed recent improvements to the repaired gate and pathway near Olchard and noted improved access for riders and pedestrians. Vegetation clearance work was noted and ongoing maintenance was considered necessary. Updates provided by Highways included: A site visit was planned regarding the broken pipe on Church Road. Damaged railings at Lower Colleybrook remained unresolved despite reports already submitted. The missing arch sign near Longthorne Cottage would be replaced when funding became available. Highways had agreed to clear the heavily silted drainage area the Pound during the summer. The Council discussed continuing frustration regarding poor-quality pothole repairs, particularly on Rixafer Road, Longthorne Road and Hestow Road and agreed that photographic evidence should continue to be submitted to Highways representatives. The proposed road closure from Longthorn Cottage to the Royal Oak Inn scheduled for 27 –29 July was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding disruption, access arrangements and uncertainty over the duration of the works. 07.02 Sustainable Ideford: There was no report. 07.03 Local Land Matters: The Council discussed the possible asset transfer of the Broadlands site, and agreed to reply to Teignbridge District Council on the closed churchyard querying whether this was correctly listed as an asset. A discussion around the uses of the Broadlands site included concerns over financial limitations and access restrictions involving Westcountry Housing. It was agreed that the parish should formally express interest in the Broadlands site. The field next to the village green was discussed, however, the contract for this has been renewed. 07.04 Biodiversity Plan: Councillors agreed the biodiversity action plan should remain an active working document and the action plan would benefit from the inclusion of an additional progress update column to record completed, ongoing and outstanding actions. The Council owns very little land directly however the biodiversity planning remained important. The matter will return for further discussion when Cllr Gardner is present. 07.05 Dogs: No substantive update was recorded.
08/05/26	PLANNING 08.01: No formal planning applications were discussed. 08.02: No planning appeals were discussed. 08.03: No planning enforcement updates were recorded.
09/05/26	CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS Concerns included broadband provision, highways maintenance as previously discussed.
10/05/26	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE 10.01: Audit and annual return matters for 2025/26 were noted and approved 10.02: The balance of accounts and monthly bank reconciliation for April 2026 were approved.
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