

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton & Whiddon Down

# DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH



**POST**



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## News from the Parish Council

Our latest Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 7.30pm, at the Whiddon Down Village Hall.

Public speaking time heard a report on the success of the Drewsteignton Bonfire Night, to raise funds for new equipment at the Drewsteignton Playing Field.

The new MVAS will be installed by the end of the month to remind errant drivers of their responsibility to respect the 30mph speed limits on roads in the Parish. Better a smile than a frown!!!



DNPA Planning matters. PRE/0108/25 Land Adjacent to A382 (Thompson's Field), Exeter Road/barn Close, Whiddon Down. Mixed use development comprising residential development of up to 26 units and employment development under Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) comprising a number of 'starter' units (total up to 575 sq. m) on serviced land on an area of up to 0.245ha. DNPA Pre-Planning Advice has determined there is insufficient need for the affordable housing proposed and the employment units could be served within existing provision. DNPA's site assessment determined the development proposed, would not conserve and/or enhance the character of part of National Park in its current form and deliver efficient use of land. DNPA have suggested there may be scope for a scaled down scheme utilising only the eastern portion of the field where it adjoins the settlement boundary. Following the determination, the developer Heritage Homes have decided to withdraw. Jackson-Stops and Thompson's will now review their options, whilst "wishing to thank both current and previous Parish Councillors for their tacit support to the principle of what we were trying to achieve" and "also the residents of Whiddon Down who have shown great patience whilst a scheme was worked up and whenever they came to PC Meetings were always polite, asking sensible and well-argued questions and took a positive approach, which is greatly appreciated. Thank you". The PC noted the missed opportunity to develop the site for the benefit of the community and the rejection of specific DNPA requested elements of the plan. Feedback will be sought as the PC had not been invited to comment on the pre-application.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm, in the Church Space, Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton**. All are welcome to come along, engage and participate in matters affecting the Parish. Please note that any changes to meeting dates or venue will be posted on the website. [www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)



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East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge and West Devon councils have been working together to shape the proposal. Torbay Council has collaborated with the districts in developing the case but is pursuing its own submission which would see it remain as a unitary authority. The districts' proposal, known as the 4-5-1 model, includes:

- Torbay and Southern Devon - a unitary authority South Hams, Teignbridge, Torbay and West Devon
- Exeter and Northern Devon - a unitary authority East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon and Torridge
- Plymouth City Council remaining a standalone unitary authority

The 4-5-1 model has been designed to create three robust and balanced unitary authorities in which services are designed and delivered close to communities, as well as unlocking place-based economic growth that will ensure no community is left behind. It facilitates the transformation of public services and promotes integrated delivery across health, social care, education, housing and community services. Financial modelling conducted as part of the proposal forecasts savings of at least £77.1m from year six, and a cumulative saving of £508m by 10 years. The initial investment associated with setting up the new councils would be recouped within three years.

Councils' leaders said: "We believe this proposal truly delivers the best possible outcomes for all of Devon's 1.2 million residents, with three authorities that are big enough to be financially sustainable and deliver major services while remaining local and accessible with communities at their hearts. This proposal has been built by rigorous evidence-based analysis and assessment, and extensive engagement with residents, businesses, partners and community groups. The result, this reimagining of Devon, will give our residents the local services they want, tailored to their needs, and ensures our councils are future-proof and resilient for generations to come." Each council will formally consider approving the proposal at their own respective meetings between 25 November and the deadline for submission of proposals on 28 November.

The full proposal, *Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better*, is available to view at [www.reimaginingdevon.org](http://www.reimaginingdevon.org)

## HOLY TRINITY, DREWSTEIGNTON

### Observations and news from Holy Trinity

George MacLeod famously said, ‘*only a demanding common task builds community*’, and we repeat this with a groan as we clean toilets or chop vegetables together. But in our hearts, we know it’s true. We know from experience that the quality of relationship, of trust, of mutual respect and increased understanding is significantly different when we have to depend on others as partners in a shared venture or a common cause.

We learned this week of the surprising finding of the Harvard Longitudinal Study of Adult Development that good relationships – and especially community involvement – are absolutely critical in terms of longevity. “*Loneliness kills. It is as powerful as smoking or alcoholism,*” writes Professor Robert Waldinger. Good relationships – especially in the middle years of life – prove critical, more so than the cholesterol or fitness levels of the adults surveyed. And these relationships are cemented through sustained community involvement. Working together playing or relaxing



and striving to attain shared goals (like trying to get those blinking photovoltaics on the church roof!) all help us to feel better and live longer.

Science may have ‘proved’ this in the

Harvard Study, but as George MacLeod (quoted above) shows us, many working in the area of spirituality and religion, have for centuries argued the same thing. “*Real communion with others is only possible when we are able to be honest with one another, to admit our vulnerability and need, to share our struggles and our achievements, to disagree deeply and yet remain in relationship and work though our differences.*” All this we do through a deep engagement with our community.

**6th December – 6:30pm  
Exeter Lucia Singers Carol  
Concert**

Ex-Swedes and friends celebrate the Swedish yuletide tradition of St Lucia with candlelight and beautiful Swedish harmony singing. FREE Event – all welcome.



**December Services:**

**7th December 5pm – Family Service** Chaos and cheerful community go hand in hand at this relaxed service – with baked potatoes and cake!

**14th December 11:15am – Holy Communion**

**21st December 6pm – Drewsteignton Carol Service** Children and dogs welcome with well-behaved adults, especially those with good voices!

**24th December 9:30pm – Midnight Mass.** Candlelit Christmas service, all welcome

**24th December 10am – Family Communion** crackers, presents and dog treats!



**16th December at 7:30 – 9:30pm**

Tim's live shows are a stunning mix of world music, instrumental virtuosity and passion, with a strong Celtic theme – a highly entertaining night of musical genius. **Tickets £10 from WeGotTickets**

**January 2026 Services:**

**4th January 5pm – Family Service** and high tea – welcome to 2026!

**11th January 6pm – Choral Evensong** with the Chagford Singers.

**18th January 6pm – Quiet Communion Service**

**25th January 11:15 – Morning Worship**

**25th January 6pm – Music and Meditation** – for those of all faiths and no faith. Come to our beautiful church and sit in the musical quiet of the candlelight to meditate.

Ruth Merttens –Church Warden [ruth@merttens.co.uk](mailto:ruth@merttens.co.uk) or 0778133466

 **National Trust** - News from the Moor

Hi everyone

I hope that you are all keeping well. As I write, it is racing towards December. We are celebrating another successful inter-school run with over 200 children from local primary schools racing down the main drive and out on to the estate. I am sure you heard the cheers from the children. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of us hosting this brilliant event and it continues to bring such joy and a great experience for young runners. Huge thanks to the OCRA team for working so hard to plan and deliver this with us.

Castle Drogo is ready to open for a 70s Christmas and is looking fabulous. You can see the full opening dates on the website, but it is mainly Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout December. Please do check on the day of your visit just in case of any extreme weather. After the positive feedback from last year, the Castle will once again be open from Saturday 27 to Wednesday 31 December for some post-Christmas mooching.

The Visitor Centre, Gardens and Castle then close on Thursday 1 January, re-opening on Saturday 14 February. The car park and estate walks will still be open throughout but don't forget that the toilets will be closed. During the closure, we will be completing the annual deep clean, polishing the floors throughout the castle and working our socks off to get ready for the 2026 season.

Just a reminder that the next community meeting about Glebe Cottages will be on Thursday 15 January, starting at 6.30pm in the Long Room at the Drewe. Huge thanks to The Drewe Arms for once again hosting us.

All that's left for me to say is that I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your continued kindness and support, and I hope to see you all either over Christmas at Drogo or in the new year.

Best wishes all,

***Paula***

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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## Drewsteignton Playing Field AGM

The **Drewsteignton Playing Field Committee** will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, either in the Long Room of the Drewe arms or the Church Space, starting at 7pm.

All persons with an interest in the village Playing Field are welcome, either from within Drewsteignton or further afield. We will be electing 2 new committee officers and welcome new committee members to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our very special playing field.

All our regular volunteers are most welcome to come along and hear what the new year holds in the way of play equipment and functions. We especially welcome those with children who use the Playing Field.

We intend to have post meeting refreshments with nibbles and drinks. [drew.playingfield@outlook.com](mailto:drew.playingfield@outlook.com)



## Bonfire Night - Thank You!



**Drewsteignton Bonfire Night** - what a night! The weather was kind, the fireworks by **Dave Woolston and his team** were spectacular, and the parish came together for a fabulous evening. A huge thank you to Dave for ten brilliant years of firework displays. This is Dave's last year and he's trained a new team who will take over from next year.

Thank you to all our volunteer helpers and a special thanks to our sponsors—**TrilanIT, Fingle Farm Building, Fingle Bridge Inn and Drewsteignton Parish Council**—for making it all possible.

We're delighted to announce that the event raised **just over £4,000**, which will go directly towards improving the facilities at the playing field.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the night such a success. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

The Playing Field Bonfire Team

[drew.playingfield@outlook.com](mailto:drew.playingfield@outlook.com)



**Friday 12th December - Fingle all the Way!** An evening of festive songs from **The Red Dirt Band** and your favourite Dartmoor Musicians. Music from 7pm. Tickets available at Ticket Lab, event name 'Fingle all the Way'. Bar Food available 6pm – 8pm, please call to book a table. Perfect to get the festive season underway!

**New Year's Day - Jazz by the River**, playing 12noon – 3pm. Bar Food 11.30am – 3pm, Carvery 12 – 2.30 pm. No bookings required for Bar and Outside tables. If you'd prefer to book in the Restaurant, you'll need to be quick, it's filling up fast!

Our Christmas Opening Hours will be posted on our Website, Facebook page and Google in the coming weeks.

**We'd also like to let everyone know that we will be closed for our annual break from Monday 12th January until Sunday 25th January**, re-opening on Monday 26th January.

Many thanks for your continued support, The FBI Team  
[info@finglebridgeinn.co.uk](mailto:info@finglebridgeinn.co.uk) 01647 281 287

## WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

Whiddon Down Village Hall wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year**. Stay warm & safe but mostly enjoy!

Final reminder –

### **Christmas Bingo Monday 15th December**

- Doors open at 7.00 pm
- Eyes down 8.00 pm.

See you in 2026. Best wishes Jenny

07708634426 or email [jennyturner21@gmail.com](mailto:jennyturner21@gmail.com)






# Drewsteignton GARDENERS' CLUB



Our  
first talk of 2026 starts

7.30pm on 12th January 2026

Whiddon Down Village Hall



Call Alison Chapman  
for more information

01647 281197



# Celebrate Christmas at the Drewe Arms!

When you're getting together with colleagues, friends or family this Christmas, why not celebrate at the Drewe? We can accommodate parties of any size, up to 60 people. Make your food selections and reserve your table in advance by calling the pub on 01647 281 377



**THE DREWE ARMS**  
 COMMUNITY PUB

## CHRISTMAS MENU

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**STARTERS**

Duck liver parfalt, chutney, warm crusty bread and orange segment salad  
 Mushroom and truffle soup, warm crusty bread  
 Smoked salmon, pickled veg and beetroot puree

**MAIN DISHES**

Rolled turkey & stuffing, wrapped in bacon with roast potatoes, caramelised parsnips, carrots, brussel sprouts & chestnuts, miniature pigs in blankets, bread sauce and gravy  
 Honey roast gammon with roast potatoes, caramelised parsnips, carrots, brussel sprouts & chestnuts, miniature pigs in blankets, bread sauce and gravy  
 Celeriac cutlet or Butternut squash vegan welly - roast potatoes, caramelised parsnips, carrots, brussel sprouts & chestnuts, redcurrant jelly and gravy

**DESSERTS**

Christmas pudding, brandy crème anglaise  
 Orange and cinnamon passet, shortbread  
 Cheeseboard, chutney, quince jelly and a selection of crackers (extra £5)

Coffee, mince pie & brandy butter

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Two courses **£28.50**  
 Three courses **£32.00**



**THE DREWE ARMS**  
COMMUNITY PUB

The annual Drewsteignton 'Office Party' began as a way for local people who are self-employed or run small(ish) businesses to have a proper Christmas Lunch. It's since become a highly popular (long!) lunch and get-together for anyone in our community. Everybody is welcome!

Make your food selections from the Christmas Menu and reserve your seat/s by paying at the bar.

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!**

**THE DREWE ARMS**  
COMMUNITY PUB

**NEW  
YEAR'S EVE**  
*Party*

Festive Beers

Delicious Street Food throughout the night

Live music from: Carl Alaphelt and Tony Bayliss

Everyone out into the square for Auld Lang Syne  
as the church clock chimes midnight!

**DATE:** 31 December, 2025

**TIME:** 7:30pm

**LOCATION:** Drewe Arms and the Long Room

**FREE EVENT,  
NO TICKET REQUIRED!**



The flu season has hit the NHS more than a month earlier than usual, with cases three times higher than this time last year.

The UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA's) latest surveillance data published today shows cases have increased this week from 6.1% up to 8.2% – largely driven by a spike among school-aged children – and is up from 2.9% this time last year.

This early increase has prompted concerns of flu spreading into the wider population in the coming weeks and triggering a “long and drawn-out flu season”.

NHS teams are ramping up efforts on its [autumn/winter flu vaccination campaign](#) to prevent further spreading of the virus, with 12.2 million flu vaccines delivered so far this autumn (12,219,568).

Parents are also reminded to complete their child's vaccination consent forms to schools, or to book an appointment for 2 to 3-year-olds, to ensure their child gets vaccinated against flu ahead of the Christmas period.

“Anyone with flu or COVID-19 symptoms – including high temperature, cough, and feeling tired or achy – should minimise contact with others, especially those who are vulnerable. If you need to go out with symptoms, consider wearing a face covering, wash hands regularly and ensure indoor spaces are well ventilated.”

**Dr Alex Allen, Consultant Epidemiologist at UKHSA**



### **Stone Lane Gardens: open all year for visitors and community groups**

Many of you know our beautiful gardens. Maybe because you visit our Music Fest every year or you enjoy our outdoor theatre in the Summer. But not many know that our gardens are open all year, and every season brings their own atmosphere and beauty. There is a lot of work going on now: selling our trees from the nursery (there is a nice 20% discount if you buy a tree and collect it yourself), seed collection, pruning and planting in our new arboretum and brainstorming about the upkeep of the many water features in our gardens. The work is mainly done by our Garden Manager Paul and his assistant gardener Jesse. Every Friday they are supported by a nice group of very enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about what they do.

**Activities to join.** Not many people know that Stone Lane Gardens is a charity, so we depend on volunteers to support us in the gardens, as trustees and for donations. As a charity we also like to take on an active role in the surrounding communities. You will see more activities being organised with and for community groups, schools and garden enthusiasts. We are also reaching out to craft lovers, photographers and scouts by organising specific activities, like our winter events and seasonal photo competitions. We offer a limited number of trees to be planted in our local communities as well.

**Our Nursery.** This time of year, is the perfect time to plant some birch trees in your garden, to be enjoyed by you and future generations. We sell UK grown trees for every size garden. You can order them from our website. There is a generous 20% discount if you collect them yourself from our nursery.

**Visit and stay in touch.** The main feedback we receive from our visitors is how tranquil our gardens are, and we can all do with a bit more of that from time to time. Your visits would mean a lot to us and we are open year-round, from 10 - 6pm (winter till dusk). For five days a week, only closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Normally our Tea room is closed for the winter but on Fridays we offer a self-service in our tearoom, so you can still enjoy a hot drink after you have walked around the gardens and the arboretum.

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If you would like to stay informed about our activities, please email [publicity@stonelanegardens.com](mailto:publicity@stonelanegardens.com) to subscribe for our bi-monthly newsletter. Please feel free to also email us if you have any questions or would like to become involved as a volunteer or Trustee.

Looking forward to seeing you at Stone Lane! [www.stonelangardens.com](http://www.stonelangardens.com)  
Stone Lane Gardens is situated in the northeast corner of Dartmoor National Park, OS map ref: SX 708 907 (OL28 Dartmoor).

Stone Lane Gardens, Chagford TQ13 8J What3Words: keys.trombone.crab

**STONE LANE GARDENS** - An RHS Partner Garden

OPEN ALL YEAR [www.stonelanegardens.com](http://www.stonelanegardens.com)



## Cheriton & Tedburn Young Farmers Club

Christmas Bingo

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Tedburn Village Hall

DOORS OPEN 7PM



**MORECARE** - Providing transport to get you to your medical and other healthcare appointments.

Morecare volunteers can provide transport services to and from medical facilities, collect prescriptions and help with other needs, where possible, to those registered at Chagford Health Centre or living in Chagford and the surrounding area. Instead of set charges, donations are suggested for our services. **We need more volunteers** to ensure that we can meet the community's needs. **Volunteer drivers** can claim back their mileage expenses. **Volunteer call handlers** answer requests from clients and put them in touch with volunteer drivers. If you can help, or if you need health-care related transport, please contact Morecare by phone or text on 07914 853 726 or email via our website [www.morecarechagford.co.uk](http://www.morecarechagford.co.uk)



## Rural Communities Cancer Project

FCN are involved in a UK-wide partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support called the Rural Communities Cancer Project, which is helping to improve the support available to those living with cancer in farming communities and rural areas.

As part of this partnership FCN is working closely with Macmillan Cancer Support, including raising awareness in rural communities of the signs and symptoms of cancer and building referral bridges to and from Macmillan's services.

In partnership with

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Farmers, farm workers and people living in rural communities can have lower access to cancer services and support due to the nature of their work and rural life in often isolated areas. Farmers can be particularly at-risk of certain types of cancer – such as skin cancer, prostate cancer, or cancers caused by exposure to carcinogens.

Cancer can impact a family business that may employ many people and can have significant impacts on an individual and their families – including their housing and extended family situation, or immediate welfare issues for livestock.

- FCN can be contacted in confidence on 03000 111 999, 7am-11pm, 365 days of the year. Speak to an empathetic volunteer who understands farming life.
- The Macmillan Support Line is available on 0808 808 00 00, seven days a week, 8am to 8pm.

Further information about cancer and support available is available on FCN's FarmWell website: [farmwell.org.uk/cancer/](https://farmwell.org.uk/cancer/)

Over 10,000 people a year benefit from FCN's support and we can help with a variety of issues. **Please call our Helpline 03000 111 999** or email [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk) – we may be able to help.



## Acorn Community Support

““No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.”

~ Hal Borland

Acorn would like to wish you ALL a very Magical Christmas and Happy New Year! It's been another busy and joyful year of outings, lunches, coffees and cakes in abundance and a good helping of laughter and fun too!

**Please note that the Office will be closed for the holidays from 1pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 until 9am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### Activities From Cheriton Bishop

**Lunch Clubs**, at **The Kings Arms** - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025** - contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). **6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** will be first one of the New Year.

**Shopping** at Sainsburys Alphington – **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. (*Just one week apart to ensure you get your Christmas goodies*)

**January 2026 dates are 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

**Outings** – **9<sup>th</sup> December 2025** to Otter Nurseries and **10<sup>th</sup> January 2026** its Panto season at Dunsford Village Hall and this year it's the turn of **Aladdin** to keep you amused -oh yes, it is!!!

### For those in any Area of Acorn's domain!

**Tea @ the Hub** –at the Young Farmers Head Office Building in Cheriton Bishop. Join us for Tea, Talk, Coffee, Cake and a mingle, making new, and catching up with old friends. Fortnightly on a **Friday 2-4pm 12<sup>th</sup> December** and to start the New Year **2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026** No need to book just turn up.

**Memory Lane Café** –**11<sup>th</sup> December** and in the New year the dates are **8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below.

**Rainbow Club** – Carers Support Group. **19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. (*The date for January has not yet been finalised. Do you care for a partner or a close family member? Then perhaps a monthly get together with other Carers in a similar position might be just what you need. Free informal/confidential chat with a cup of tea. Please call the office number below to learn more.*

**If you would like to book a seat on the minibus for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, then please contact Mandy or Fran at the Office on 01647 252701.**



# Acorn Community Christmas Carols 2025

This concert sold out in record time this year. A huge thank you to the whole community for your support and in particular our sponsors for 2025

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If you are interested in sponsoring  
Acorn activities or events in the future  
please contact [jeskasharland@hotmail.com](mailto:jeskasharland@hotmail.com)

*with*

The University of Exeter  
Chapel Choir

**12 December at 7pm**

**The Great Barn**

Higher Ashton, Exeter, EX6 7QP

[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

# West Devon recycles this Christmas

reduce, reuse & recycle [www.westdevon.gov.uk](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk)



## Advent Calendars

**REDUCE** – avoid single use calendars

**REUSE** – buy a reusable advent calendar and add homemade sweets and treats

**RECYCLE** –

- Card packaging
- Plastic tray
- Foil (scrunched into a ball)



## Wrapping Paper

**REDUCE** – gift experiences rather than stuff

**REUSE** – explore reusable gift wrapping

**RECYCLE** –

- Brown paper
- Any other wrapping paper
- Tape



## Christmas Trees

To help you decide between a real or fake tree, visit [www.recycledevon.org/christmas-trees-real-vs-fake](http://www.recycledevon.org/christmas-trees-real-vs-fake)

**RECYCLE** –

- Real Christmas Tree (6ft or less) if you are a Garden Waste Subscriber
- Real Christmas Tree (6ft or less) if you are **not** a Garden Waste Subscriber
- Real Christmas Tree (more than 6ft)
- Fake Tree (at end of life)



## Cards

**REDUCE** – send an e-card

**REUSE** – old cards can be reused as gift tags

**RECYCLE** –

- Cards with **no** glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits
- Cards with glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits



## Leftovers

**REDUCE** – plan your portions, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/portion-planner](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/portion-planner)

**REUSE** – be creative and make your leftovers into something new

**RECYCLE** –

- Turkey / chicken carcass
- Fruit / veg peelings
- All cooked / uncooked food leftovers



## Online delivery packaging

**REDUCE** – buy local

**REUSE** – use cardboard for crafts or upcycle into storage around the house

**RECYCLE** –

- Cardboard
- Polystyrene
- Plastic envelopes
- Bubble wrap



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## Healthcare Waste

WDBC provide different types of healthcare collections. A sharps collection for needles and syringes, and a high-grade medical waste collection which would include:





- Blood or other bodily fluids
- Swabs or dressings

A weekly service will collect your healthcare sacks and deliver empty sacks for the following week. WDBC will need to know where you would like them to be collected from, and how many initially you would like. They will continue this service until you tell us it is no longer required.

WDBC will collect or/and deliver a sharps box when you let them know it is required. If your existing box is 3/4 full, or you no longer require the service then let WDBC know and they will collect and replace as required. If this is a new request, or you do not require a replacement then you can let us know

online via this form.  
<https://westdevon.fccenvironment.co.uk/healthcarewaste>

## Recycling & Waste Collection Dates

					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dev</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dev</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	

## Check Bin Day!

<https://westdevon.fccenvironment.co.uk/mycollections>

## Useful Contact Information

### Doctors Surgeries

Cheriton Bishop	01647 24272	Out of Hours	111
Chagford Health Centre	01647 433320	Emergency	999

### Emergency Services

Electricity: 0800 365 900  
 Gas: 0800 111 999

### Police

Non-emergencies: 101  
 Crimestoppers: 0800 55 111

Water: 0344 346 2020  
 Highways Agency 0300 123 5000

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**West Devon Borough Councillor:** Cllr Steve Guthrie, **West Devon**

**Borough Councillor:** Cllr Steve Guthrie,

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**Devon County Councillor:** Cllr Sue Davies [sue.davies@devon.gov.uk](mailto:sue.davies@devon.gov.uk)

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