

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 4th November 2024 at Magelake

Meeting Open – 19:03

24.11.01 Apologies for absence

Chairman: P Cornish

Present: R Kingdom S Lane T Edwards P Hallchurch A Logue
R Keeling P Blackman S Levick

Apologies M Bodger (holiday)

24.11.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 7th October 2024

The minutes were agreed as an official council record, with a slight amendment (manually updated).

Public Session

There were 6 members of the public in attendance. 2 members were interested in the councillor vacancies, 3 members from Scouts, representing cubs and scouts in support of their grant request and 1 representative from Uffculme Lights Committee and Uffculme Show, representing in support of the grant request for both organisations. It was advised that the Uffculme Show has a new committee in place and the estimated annual cost is £20k. £3k has been raised so far and that council support will be appreciated going forward.

24.11.03 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford was not in attendance and provided a report ahead of time (appended). The question was raised as to why glass is not an acceptable product as part of their recycling services. Clerk to raise with Councillor Radford. Clerk also advised that there is a locality budget still available, with a total pot of £1500-2000.

24.11.04 District Councillor's Reports

The Lower Culm Ward Councillors provided a collated written report (appended). No questions were raised for the Councillors and the feedback was positive to the receipt of a written report being provided. Councillor Poynton was in attendance and in addition to the report raised the following:

- 1) The previously raised issues with the zigzag walkway has been raised with Westward Housing for attention and an update is still awaited.
- 2) Damage to the public areas around Highland Terrace were also noted.

Councillors Bradshaw and Clist did was not in attendance and did not provide a written report.

24.11.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that there are 2 vacancies currently, with a 3rd becoming available after the standard period, as a result of the resignation of Councillor Tim Pointing. Precis received for the two vacancies from Katharine Poynton (interested in green and open spaces, in addition to youth provisions) and Peter Cornish. All in agreement to proceed with co-option. Katharine Poynton Proposed by Councillor Lane, Seconded by Councillor Logue, all in agreement. Peter Cornish Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

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24.11.06 Finance

24.11.06.01 To approve October Financial Statement

The October financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

24.11.06.02 Grant Request – Uffculme Show

Budget allocation request received (appended). Positively received by Councillors. Question raised regarding how many of the original members were in the new committee – 3 members. There are further local community groups involved. £7500 allocation to the 2025-2026 budget. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Cornish, majority in agreement. Insurance for the event to be included as part of the budget allocation.

24.11.06.03 Grant Request – Lights Committee

Lights and insurance - Grant request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Lane, all in agreement. Positive feedback was provided in regards to the illuminations in the village.

Trees - Grant request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Hallchurch, all in agreement.

24.11.06.04 Grant Request – Cubs and Scouts¹

Grant request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Lane, Seconded by Councillor Logue, all in agreement.

24.11.06.05 Grant Request – Bowling Club

Grant request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement. Invoices to be issued directly to Uffculme Parish Council.

24.11.06.06 Magelake – Fire Alarm

Quotation received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement.

24.11.06.07 Square Planter Project

Quotation received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Keeling, majority in agreement.

24.11.07 Business Arising

24.11.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

Councillor Edwards advised of the consultation that took place in Square Corner and feedback is awaited, after the meeting and tour on 18/11. The tour is due to take place at 3pm, at Hillhead Quarry. Councillors interested in attending are Councillors Keeling, Blackman, Lane, Levick, Poynton and Logue. The council were reminded of 3 representatives from the community and a pre-meeting is due to take place with these members.

24.11.07.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill

No updates were provided. Previous Councillor Pointing to provide a handover. Allocated Council representative to now be Councillor Lane. All in agreement.

¹ Councillor Hallchurch declared a DPI and therefore abstained from discussions and voting in regards to this item.

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24.11.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club

It was advised that the last meeting was postponed and that Councillor Keeling was unable to attend the rescheduled meeting. No issues have been raised. Clerk advised that the plans to update the windows has been discussed with the Conservation Officer at MDDC for their advice and further feedback is awaited from the Mens' Club.

24.11.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

No updates were provided. The kitchen is due to be refurbished.

24.11.07.05 Green Team

A report was provided from the Green Team (appended). The apology was acknowledged and it was raised that there is a risk of volunteers not knowing the scope of works agreed and that it appears that the Green Team now have this in hand. It was suggested that the planned works could be communicated prior to taking place, if feasible. Councillor Hallchurch advised that there is currently a Village Volunteers' WhatsApp group and that works are discussed on that platform. It is not deemed necessary to pre-approve all works prior to take place at this stage and discussions will be had to see if there is a better way forward, to alleviate concerns. The question on whether (bat) boxes can be put on trees themselves was raised. Clerk to liaise with the MDDC Tree Officer to get their advice.

24.11.07.06 Allotments

No updates were provided.

24.11.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

The weed clearance within the village was raised, as there appears to be areas missing. R&R to be requested to carry out an additional day of weeding. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement. Councillor Logue to provide a visual map to highlight areas required. R&R to also be requested to carry out 2 village weed clearances per year, for the duration of 4 days. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement. Area in front of the Bowling Club wall to be left to the Village Volunteers, unless at any point in the future they no longer wish to maintain this area. Clerk to liaise with NHO regarding the brambles at Pippins, Bridwell, Chapel Hill, Ashley Close hill hedges, which are all overgrown (and raised previously). Clerk updated re vandalism in the park and CCTV was considered. Parish Consultation to take place to get the view of the Parishioners. Proposed by Councillor Levick, Seconded by Councillor Logue, all in agreement. Reported to the police and social media (and Spotlight) to be used to raise awareness. It was confirmed that UUC had carried out branch works to trees that were causing issues for the double decker bus. All land around that area is UUC owned. Pencarrie has been in touch recently regarding FP3 and bagging plant regarding the sewing chair. Fencing is broken nearby. It is hoped for repairs to FP50 erosion (old quarry) will be forthcoming from Pencarrie and Aggregates.

Diary entries included the following:

- 1) Tree works in the Square – request a consultation and alternative approach to works. Clerk advised that correct process had been followed, including gaining planning permission to carry out the said works, with the agreement of MDDC Tree Officer
- 2) Road closure necessary for works to a property on High Street advised by NHO. Parish Council unable to alter this.
- 3) Flag pole requires maintenance
- 4) Minutes not online – clerk advised process of redacting for online publishing and that copies are available upon request

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24.11.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

The clerk advised that there were still no updates regarding the next joint parish meeting. Councillor Hallchurch to look at 20MPH sign locations in the rural areas for best placement.

24.11.07.09 Schools Update

No updates were provided.

24.11.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall

Councillor Cornish advised that there is currently £12,260 in the bank, with the treasure hunt raising £280 and the coffee morning raising £170. Funding from Bernard Sunley Foundation is being sought.

24.11.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs

Clerk advised that charity figures and accounts have now been uploaded with the Charity Commission. There is a working group meeting due to take place to discuss the structure of the Magelake building and maintenance concerns.

24.11.07.12 Youth Working Group

Report provided (appended). Meeting due to take place with the schools with Councillor Hallchurch to also include Councillor Logue. Mutually agreeable date to be arranged.

24.11.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

A grant request was received from CHAT, to provide support to residents (appended). Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in agreement.

24.11.07.14 Play Areas

The Clerk advised that the annual inspections had taken place and that works required were to be requested to be carried out.

24.11.07.15 Community Road Warden Scheme

Councillor Edwards advised that online training had been issued to volunteers. There are 9 people in total (7 x Ashill, 2 x Uffculme), with 1 found through Spotlight. Once training has been done, Chapter 8 training can be arranged. There is flooding in Ashill and flood pits have been put on farmer's land to assist with the problem, which has been successful. Discussions to take place with DCC to see whether this can be useful to other sites.

24.11.07.16 Budget 2025-2026

Clerk advised that the budget needs to be agreed at the next meeting (December). A budget vs spend will be provided ahead of the next meeting for review, and to assist with thoughts regarding what is needed for the next financial year.

24.11.08 Police Report

A report was provide (appended). A question was raised as to whether traffic offences and collisions can be included. Councillor Logue to investigate.

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24.11.09 Clerk's Report

24.11.09.01 Financial Regulations

24.11.09.02 Cemetery

24.11.09.03 HATOC and Highways

24.11.09.04 War Memorial

The above items were deferred to a future dated meeting as the time limit of the meeting (as stated in the Standing Orders) did not allow for discussions.

21.10.09.05 King Charles III Portrait

Clerk advised that a portrait of King Charles III was in hand and that a public location within the parish was to be suggested for siting of it. Village hall deemed most appropriate. Proposed by Councillor Hallchurch, Seconded by Councillor Keeling, all in agreement.

Meeting Close: 21:00

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 2nd December 2024, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

FW: Nov Report

1 message

Councillor Ray Radford

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 12:07 PM

To:

Dear Gemma & Members.

Subject: Nov Report

Please could I give my apologies.

This is just a flavour of what has been happening at County. We will be getting into the budget preparation within the next two months, we have to have the budget agreed by Feb.

More than 1,600 primary school children from across Devon got 'Farmwise' this month and saw for themselves where our food comes from and how it's made.

We invited Key Stage 2 primary school children from 40 primary schools and they rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into a range of activities.

It's the 11th time this annual event has been held and teachers and children tell us it's the absolute highlight of their year.

The event is a collaboration between South West Norse, Devon County Agricultural Association, Mole Valley Farmers and us and takes place at Westpoint.

This year it was attended by our Leader, Councillor James McInnes, Chair of the Council, John Hart and members of our Strategic Leadership Team; Maria Price and Maria Chakraborty.

The Council's Revenue Budget for 2024/25 was £743 million, which was 6.3% higher than the previous year (£699 million) and made provision for £48.5 million on inflation and national living wage (NLW), £44.8 million for growth and other pressures and included savings, alternative funding or additional income of £49.5 million.

- For the Children and Young People's Futures Directorate, the Budget was set at £227.7 million, an increase of 10.4%. This excludes the Dedicated Schools Grant which is allocated directly to schools.
- The Council receives funding for its services in a variety of ways. This includes general funding through local taxation including council tax and a share of business rates; general grants from Government through the annual finance settlement for example revenue support grant, rural services delivery grant, social care grant; and other grant funding specific to services such as the Dedicated Schools Grant. The Council also receives income directly from service users in some cases, for example in contributions towards social care.
- The additional £21.5 million investment in Children's Services was made up from £30.6 million in inflation, national living wage and other pressures, £8.5 million in savings and £564,000 in alternative sources of funding and additional income.

In 2023-24, the average recycling rate (N192) for Devon's WCAs was 50.1%, an increase of 1.3% on the previous year. For authorities signed up to the mutually beneficial 'Shared Savings Scheme' (SSS), the average rate last year was 54.3%, with founding SSS member East Devon returning to 60%+ performance which it first achieved in 2019-20. During 2023-24, East Devon (60.1%), Mid Devon (57.9%), Teignbridge (54.2%), West Devon (53.7%), and Torridge

(53.5%) all achieved recycling rates over 50% which places these authorities in the top 20% of English WCAs. With the exception of West Devon (- 0.2%), all DASWC authorities increased their recycling performance. Devon's rate, as Torbay, also includes Recycling Centres, and achieved a recycling rate of 54.5% (+0.5%) following consecutive reductions in performance since its peak performance (56.6%) achieved in 2019-20. Torbay also showed a welcome return to performance growth at 40.1%, but this is 4.6% lower than its highest rate achieved in 2012-13 (44.7%)

Homes England: Mid Devon District Council has recently announced securing £34m towards the Cullompton Eastern Relief Road, which will relieve congestion in the town and open up opportunities for improved walking, cycling and more reliable bus routes. Devon County Council has been a key partner in securing these funds, being the lead on the planning, design and will likely be responsible for delivering the scheme.

If anything comes out of your meeting you want me to deal with, please let me know.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division



MDDC Overall Report for November 2024

Please note this report contains some things for surrounding areas.

For regular updated news please follow <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/news-items/>

Could local council please email or call with any work they would like us to uptake.

ARMISTICE DAY

Councillor Jane Lock, one of the Deputy Leaders of Mid Devon District Council, will join with representatives from Cullompton Town Council and the Royal British Legion at the War Memorial in the Bull Ring. Maroons will be set off at the commencement and end of the silence.

The Chair of Mid Devon District Council, Councillor Frank Letch MBE, together with the Mayor of Tiverton, and representatives from the Royal British Legion will observe the two minute silence in Phoenix Lane. As in Cullompton a maroon will be set off to mark the commencement and end of the silence.

We hope as many people as possible will join us.

Devon Community Action Group Skill Share

[CAG Devon](#) are having a SkillShare24 on 9 November at The Mint, Exeter. A day focused on environmental action, inspiration, and building resilience through community connections.

This year's theme, "Resilience Through Connecting," explores how working together strengthens individuals and groups, helping us achieve more locally. Expect practical workshops, creative activities, and discussions on the latest local climate initiatives. You'll have the chance to network, share ideas, and make meaningful connections, all while enjoying good food and planning next steps for taking action in your community!

Book your free spot, invite friends, and join us at **The Mint, Exeter, on Sat 09 Nov**. We sold out last year so make sure to secure your place. More workshop details to come! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/CAGSkillShare24>

An Introduction to Community Action on Energy

Councillors may be interested in learning more by joining this online event. Webinar. Wednesday 6th of November 10-11am on Zoom. Reserve a spot here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-community-action-on-energy-tickets-927908568507>

Residents' Survey 2024

We're keen to evaluate the way we provide our services to the public and we'd like to get some feedback from our Mid Devon residents. We've created a ten-minute survey asking questions about how you feel living in Mid Devon and the services we provide. If you'd like to take part, the survey is available online at letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/residents-survey-2024. The survey is open until Wednesday 11 December 2024.

Household Support Fund

[Residents' Financial Support - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](https://MIDDEVON.GOV.UK)

Mid Devon District Council has been given funding from the UK Government to help support those who are struggling to afford food and energy bills this autumn/winter. When our allocated fund has been spent the scheme will close.

- This fund will run from the 28th October 2024 to the 31st March 2025 or earlier if the funds run out.

PLEASE NOTE: You can only apply **once** per household for **one** of the above funds.

Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road

The Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road has taken another major step towards delivery, as Tesco has confirmed its willingness to sell a key piece of land required to deliver the relief road.

Building on the back of significant recent progress in securing funding, and commencing the relocation of Cullompton Cricket Pitch, this latest announcement marks the achievement of another key milestone and paves the way for the delivery of the long-awaited relief road.

Cllr Andrea Glover, Cllr Cathy Connor, Cllr John Poynton. (4th Nov)

Re: Parish Council vacancy

1 message

peter cornish [REDACTED]
To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 5:35 PM

Dear Gemma

Thank you for your email. the areas i am interested in; are as followed. As an avid jogger, use the footpaths and open spaces regularly and see the advantages for these areas to maintain for the enjoyment of the community and our rural environment.

My other interest is in Magalake and making a more viable resource for those in the surrounding area. As someone who worked in the management of the hospitality industry and has a good knowledge of how it works. I feel this is an area, in which could contribute. I Hope these attributes can be of benefit to the local community at this present time, if needed. I await your further kind reply.

Yours Sincerely
Peter Cornish

On Monday, 21 October 2024 at 14:01:14 BST, Gemma Cole [REDACTED]:

Hi Peter,

Thank you for your email and interest in becoming a Councillor. Can you please let me know what areas of the Council interest you the most? Are there any specific areas within the parish that you are passionate about?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Gemma

Gemma Cole**Uffculme Parish Council Clerk**

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On Mon, Oct 21, 2024 at 1:47 PM peter cornish [REDACTED]

My name is Peter Cornish and i would like to express my interest in the Parish Council vacancy.

As being a resident in the village for over 38 years, i feel, i understand the dynamics of the village to contribute thoughtfully to help Uffculme thrive as an expanding village.

At present, i work part-time for [REDACTED] helping to look after a person with additional needs. In this role, you need patience and empathy to be viable. These attributes i feel are essential to be a useful asset within the council setting.

Working part-time; would give me time to commit fully to the work of the council in the village.

At present, I volunteer also at a local job club at [REDACTED] on a Tuesday. This role allows myself understand the local demographic and the challenges some people face finding employment in a rural area. The Job Club helps the participants understand the complex benefit payment system and what help can be on offer to their specific needs. Hopefully my skill-set would be a helpful addition to the Uffculme Parish Council, if needed. I look forward to a favourable reply

Yours Sincerely
Peter Cornish

Parish Council Application

Hello, having recently been encouraged in my having a heart for our area, I was drawn to explore becoming a Parish Councillor

I have always been interested in chatting, hearing people, and in the life and what 's going on, in and around our community.

Realising we have lived [REDACTED] over the last three decades, I appreciate the way this hub of village life, has grown, expanding into the future, it is so nice to see the collaboration between groups, too.

Over the years, my family and I have been involved in diverse groups, loving being part of and encouraging the various enterprises here, as opportunity arises; my faith meaning I believe our community can be one of joy & peace.

Also, with a heart for young people, my largish family have always enjoyed the local park spaces, and the newish skate ramps have been a real boon!

Having enjoyed volunteering with local charity, 'Kids Who Care ', my passion for the young and more vulnerable centres around the belief that people can thrive when they know that even just one person is truly 'there 'for them.

I love that members of our Parish Council have a heart for local youth.

We have and are actively involved in ongoing church groups, interested in local gardening, litter and parking, especially where we live, [REDACTED]

I have previously enjoyed also contributing, and at times even chairing, diverse groups as the Village Hall, 'WI ', Gardeners and History, and previously, Uffculme Toy Library.

It has been great to see so much growth and collaboration in our community over the years, shaping our village.

In short, I care about people, what 's going on, and would welcome the honour of being part of the Parish Council, even in a small part, following the suggestion of my passion for Uffculme.

Uffculme Show

1 message

COLIN WARD [REDACTED]

Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 8:08 PM

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Dear Gemma, another request for the Parish Council.

As you may know Uffculme Festival Committee have been helping Exe Valley Rotary Club to organise the Uffculme Show, over the past 3 years, the EVRC have now decided the 2024 show will be their last. We as a Committee are too small to organise this event although some members will help to organise it. We think it would be a shame for the show not to continue & have spoken to Justin the new owner at Bridwell, we have set a date for next years show of 31st August. I have a few Committees interested in helping to organise the show & and have raised seed funding of £3,000 for any outlay we may have to pay before the event. EVRC have never made a loss at this event over the last I think 15 years, I am just asking the Council that if in the rare event that we we should make a loss in the next couple of years if they would be willing to cover these losses up to a maximum of £7,500. This would put a new Committees mind at rest. This year the EVRC outlay was £22,000 and they made a profit of £9,500. I would aim to cut costs but still put on a decent show.

I will be at the next Parish Council Meeting if you require anymore information.

Best wishes

Colin Ward

On behalf of Uffculme Festival Committee

Sent from my iPad



161 Fleet Road, Fleet, Hampshire, GU51 3PD

01276 601690



1st November 2024

Our Ref: 

Dear Mr Ward,

Contingency Package Insurance

Further to our recent conversation, we have pleasure in enclosing our quotation which is valid for 30 days from the date of the quotation, together with the policy summary and our terms of business. In addition, we enclose our guide to the Insurance Act which came into effect from the 12th August 2016. Please take time to read this as it outlines your obligations under the Act.

The total cost of 12 months cover is £412.00, inclusive of IPT and our administration fee of £50.00.

Your quotation has been produced using the information declared by you in the enclosed Statement of Fact, which you should keep in a safe place. Please ensure you check the Statement of Fact very carefully and let us know immediately of any inaccuracies or omissions as undisclosed or inaccurate information that may invalidate cover.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide your quotation and we look forward to hearing from you to arrange cover.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Cooper

Dale Cooper
Commercial Account Executive

Grant

1 message

COLIN WARD

Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 7:19 PM

To: Gemma Cole

Dear Gemma, as requested I have attached the quote from Festive Lighting for the tree up-lighter's.

Following on from the budget request for a £1,000 grant & to pay up to £3,750 of the Committee's expenditure of VAT for this year's Village display.

The Committee have already ordered £3,000 of new lights this year before we had this quote, we are therefore asking the Council to contribute £2,000 towards this project & to also pay the VAT on the full bill which will be in the region of £6,500 this year.

We plan to light the trees in the wreck red during the Remembrance week.

Best wishes

Colin

On behalf of Uffculme Festival Committee.

Sent from my iPad



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Festival of Christmas Tree Lights

1 message

Susan Kidd

Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 4:54 PM

To: Gemma Cole

Hi Gemma,

I have been beginning to think about our community project of Christmas Tree Lights, held in St. Mary's Church this year on Saturday 23rd November, concurrent with the 'Uffculme Light Switch On'. My understanding is that the Parish Council have set aside a grant for us of £282 for this year's project.

This as I have said before is a community event held in St.Mary's Church and it has become a tradition that after the 'Light Switch On', in the village people drift into the Church to view the trees decorated there by different organisations in the Community.

The event has also been an opportunity for us, on the night to collect for CHAT, (the Churches Housing Action Team), based in Tiverton and as well as financial contributions we have collected food and clothes. All these things have become valued activities. The different community groups have traditionally come together the day before to decorate their assigned tree, in a way that seems appropriate to them. This activity in itself has encouraged other people to join in. In all we provide up to thirty trees for this event, which is much appreciated in the village (last year we had over 400 people through the doors). The organisations taking part are as follows:

Kent Farm		Green Team	Amnesty		
Toddlers		WI	PEACE		
Kingwood Pre School		Gardeners	Karen Group		
Uffculme Pre School		Bell Ringers	Uffculme United Charities		
Uffculme Primary		History Group	Community Lunch		
Uffculme Bible Story		Memory Café	SPICELANDS		
Uffculme Top School		CHAT	St Mary's Church		
UADS		Culmside Support	Library Friends		
Rainbows		Scouts	Baptist Church		
Uffculme Walking Group					

Could you please confirm with me that this grant is still available to us and whether or not we are able to claim VAT in addition?

Kind regards,

Funding for Scout Group Flags

1 message

Sun, Oct 20, 2024 at 6:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Gemma

My name is [REDACTED] and I am 10 years old. I am the sixer of the Honey Badgers at 1st Uffculme Cubs. I have been going to Cubs for over 2 years and I really enjoy it.

I am working towards getting my You Shape award which is all about learning to lead and plan activities for the group and also represent us in the local community. I am working on the represent part of the badge where I need to visit a local decision maker, tell them why I like Cubs and ask you to help us.

I would like to come and talk to you at your meeting on Monday 4th November. At the meeting I am going to ask you to help us fund some flags for all the scout groups in Uffculme. We have 4 groups, Squirrels for small children, Beavers for 6 to 8 year olds, Cubs like me are 8 to 10 ½ years old and Scouts is where I will go when I am too old for Cubs.

My leader has given me the costs of a flag, flagpole, mount and carrier for each group which I have put below.

Squirrels - £132

Beavers - £132

Cubs - £321

Scouts - £321

Total £906

If we have these flags it will make our groups more recognisable at events and parades, especially Remembrance Parades, and help people in the village find out about Scouting so they can join in.

Thank you so much for considering my request and I will see you at the meeting.

[REDACTED]

UBC Grant request for Kitchen

1 message

steve wildey [REDACTED]

Sat, Oct 12, 2024 at 4:52 PM

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Gemma

As discussed on the phone the Bowling club is in urgent need to refurbish our kitchen. We invited 3 different company's to quote and the quotes are detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

At our recent committee meeting we discussed options and agreed that Dave the Handyman's quote best suited our needs and is our preference.

We would be grateful for the support from Parish Council in the way of a grant.

The T/Cs for the requested quote is materials to be paid for before work starts (£2137.40) and remaining paid on completion (£250). If in agreement we would request a 10% contingency.

We would instruct Dave to send invoice directly to you copying us in.

In regards to the Hob, not quite sure how this would work, we would be happy to order and pay direct and forward onto you or send you the link to place order. We intend to purchase Hob from [AO.com](https://www.ao.com)

So in short we are requesting

£2387.40 plus 10% contingency £238 Total £2625.40 and a max of £350 for the hob

Full Total £2975.40.

I have attached the 3 quotes and our internal spreadsheet

Any questions please contact me.

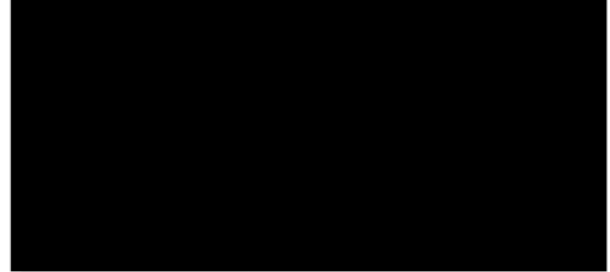
I would be grateful for acknowledgment of this request

Many Thanks

Steve Wildey

Secretary

Uffculme Bowling Club

QUOTE No. [REDACTED]Order No.
Valid for 30 daysMagelake Hall & Recreation
[REDACTED]

Dear Customer,

Further to our engineer's recent visit, he has noted the following:-

To replace the fuse spur with a fire alarm fuse spur.

****We will require a designated fire alarm fuse spur to be installed next to the fire alarm panel and this is to be supplied by a 3rd party****To install 2x new call points back office stairs top and bottom
To change the sounder tones so site matches.

Our charge to supply and fit a replacement item would be;

Fire Alarm - Installation

Sub Total ex VAT	£1,208.25
T1 @ 20 %	£241.65
Total Inc VAT	£1,449.90

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Gary Hyland
Technical Manager

Customer Signature [REDACTED]



Labdon Building Supplies
Station Road Cullompton Devon EX15 1BQ

01884 33405

Proforma Invoice /

Invoice To:

COUNTER QUOTES

Deliver To:

COUNTER QUOTES

Date	Your Reference	Account	Our Reference
18-10-24	GREENTeam	01/4027	

Quantity	Description	Reference	Price	Per	Net Value	Vat
2	PREMIUM REDWOOD DECKING TANALI 4800 X 32X125MM (28X120MM FIN)	234027	17.66	EACH	28.26	6
3	TANALISED FENCE POST 2.4M 4"X4" - 8' 100X100 UC4 TREATED	211490	19.53	EACH	46.87	6
33.60	22X150 (6X1) TANALISED (ENTER LENGTH HERE)	185821	1.75	MTR	47.04	6
3	6.7X60 TIMBER FRAME SCREW WAFFER GREEN	255441	8.62	EACH	20.69	6

Goods Value £142.86

Total VAT £28.57

Invoice Total **£171.43**

The Shambles Planter Project phase 3

1 message

Michael Lawrance [REDACTED]

Mon, Oct 21, 2024 at 4:58 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cornish

I refer to the Planter Project designed to revitalise The Shambles area - a collaboration involving the Green Team and the Gardener's Association originally proposed in correspondence dated 12th May 2023 (other correspondence of 6.10.23 and 17.1.24). The plan was submitted in 3 phases and we were delighted that the Parish Council approved phases 1 and 2, which have since been completed. UPC reserved the right to approve phase 3 at a later date, dependent on the level of satisfaction with the first two phases. Phase 3 was to cover the construction and installation of two more small square planters on the south side of The Shambles.

In the hope that this proves to be the case, I have sought an updated quote for materials totalling £171.43 including VAT from Labdon's in Collumpton. If successful, the intention would be to fabricate the remaining planters later this year, ready for installation towards early spring next year. I attach this for your consideration at the next suitable Council meeting.

Kind regards
Michael Lawrance

cc Gemma Cole, Clerk
cc Green Team Committee

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Notes for Polly for November 2024 Parish Council Meeting



Repair Cafe

At the Repair Cafe on Saturday 2nd November the very last item brought through the door for repair was the **1000th** since we started in April 2022. Quite a milestone! We estimate the success rate is between 70% and 80%. It tends to be electrical items with built-in obsolescence, inaccessible mechanisms or unobtainable parts which result in most of the unsuccessful attempts at repair. We've dealt with a great range of repairs over the course of this year thanks to an enthusiastic, skilled and determined band of volunteers.

Festive Hampers

The festive hamper collections are now under way in the run-up to the Christmas season for families and households who may need some extras. Posters are up around the Parish, requests for donations have been put out on Facebook and more details are in Spotlight. A number of businesses in the area have been approached for donations of goods or money. Just a reminder that if any Parish Councillors are aware of other households which might benefit from a hamper, please ask them to contact us with details (subject to the family's permission of course).

Planters in the Square

Permission is being sought for Phase 3 of the Planter Project (two more small wooden planter surrounds on the other side of the Shambles where the current small concrete ones are) – the Parish Council agenda should include that request. We are in touch with the Parish Clerk regarding the pruning of lower branches of the birch tree which was outside the scope of the original agreement. We have apologised for the error and offered to speak to MDDC if required.

Uff Comm Fridge

October was the month for lakes and mountains at Uff Comm Fridge! Milk lakes and tofu mountains to be precise. During October we were able to distribute 45 4-pint bottles of milk which we received via Willand Pantry. Coffee shop ordering errors and storage issues resulted in Willand Pantry getting a vast amount of milk (with long use-by dates) on two occasions in October. Thanks to a very effective Mid Devon Food Groups network to which we belong, a number of food projects across the area were able to rapidly collect and distribute the milk and none went to waste. Willand Pantry also passed on a couple of dozen bottles of Lemon Barley Water. We also received two very large donations of tofu from Dragonfly foods which our community benefited from (and we were again able to use the Mid Devon Food Groups network to send some to other food projects, community groups and individuals). These ad hoc donations are always very welcome additions at the fridge hub – social media and personal contacts mean we always manage to distribute these surpluses. We're grateful to the volunteers who, often at very short notice, race around to collect and distribute the bounty. A lot goes on behind the scenes!

Warm Space

The Warm Space team has restarted fortnightly session in Square Corner and they have been well attended. There will be a craft items give-or-take session on 22nd November and some 'crafternoons' are planned as there are some regular attendees who enjoy a variety of creative activities at Warm Space. Again, everyone is welcome to attend and please encourage Parish Councillors to drop in if they can. Soup courtesy of Roy's No 11 which is of course a significant attraction!

Community Litterpick/Clean-up 19th October 2024

The litterpick on Saturday 19th October was less well attended than usual but we still had a good number of people (aged 9 to 90) who turned out with a significant amount of rubbish collected the following week by MDDC.

Wildlife Pond and Commercial Road

Volunteer sessions continue every Sunday morning at the pond or along Commercial Road. We currently have a Duke of Edinburgh bronze award scheme student from Uffculme Academy volunteering at the pond on Sunday mornings. He is enjoying the challenge and being very helpful. As with other DofE students who have volunteered with the Green Team over the past few years (regular litter picking and a role with Uff Comm Fridge), he has an assigned assessor (one of the Green Team officers) who obtained parental consent and ensures appropriate H&S measures and supervision are in place. We also had 3 other students join us for a session in October to do some pond-life studies. One was an Environmental Science student at Richard Huish College (daughter of one of our regular volunteers) and was the 'chief scientist' for the highly enjoyable and revealing pond dipping/studies session. It was great that these young people got involved and we're hoping to repeat the exercise at intervals.

Foundations for the Station Garage wall re-build are in place and we await news of when the wall will be fully re-instated and what the arrangements are for purchase of replacement planting. We also await news of the removal of the two unsafe trees behind the pond.

Annual Volunteer Celebration

The date has been set for Saturday 18th January in the Garden Room at the Village Hall, from 6.30pm. Please ask Parish Councillors to put it in their diaries! We will be inviting them individually by email in due course and hope that as many as possible will be able to join us for drinks and a light buffet supper.

Thanks for your support and please contact us if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Notes for Polly Hallchurch, Green Team liaison with Uffculme Parish Council
UGT Officers
November 2024

Councillor Andrew Logue

Council Meeting Report

Date: 04/11/2024

Youth working group update

With the 2024/25 school year under way, I intend to contact the headteachers of Uffculme Primary School and Uffculme School directly to discuss distributing a youth group survey, with their input on the content and best format for their students and/or parents.

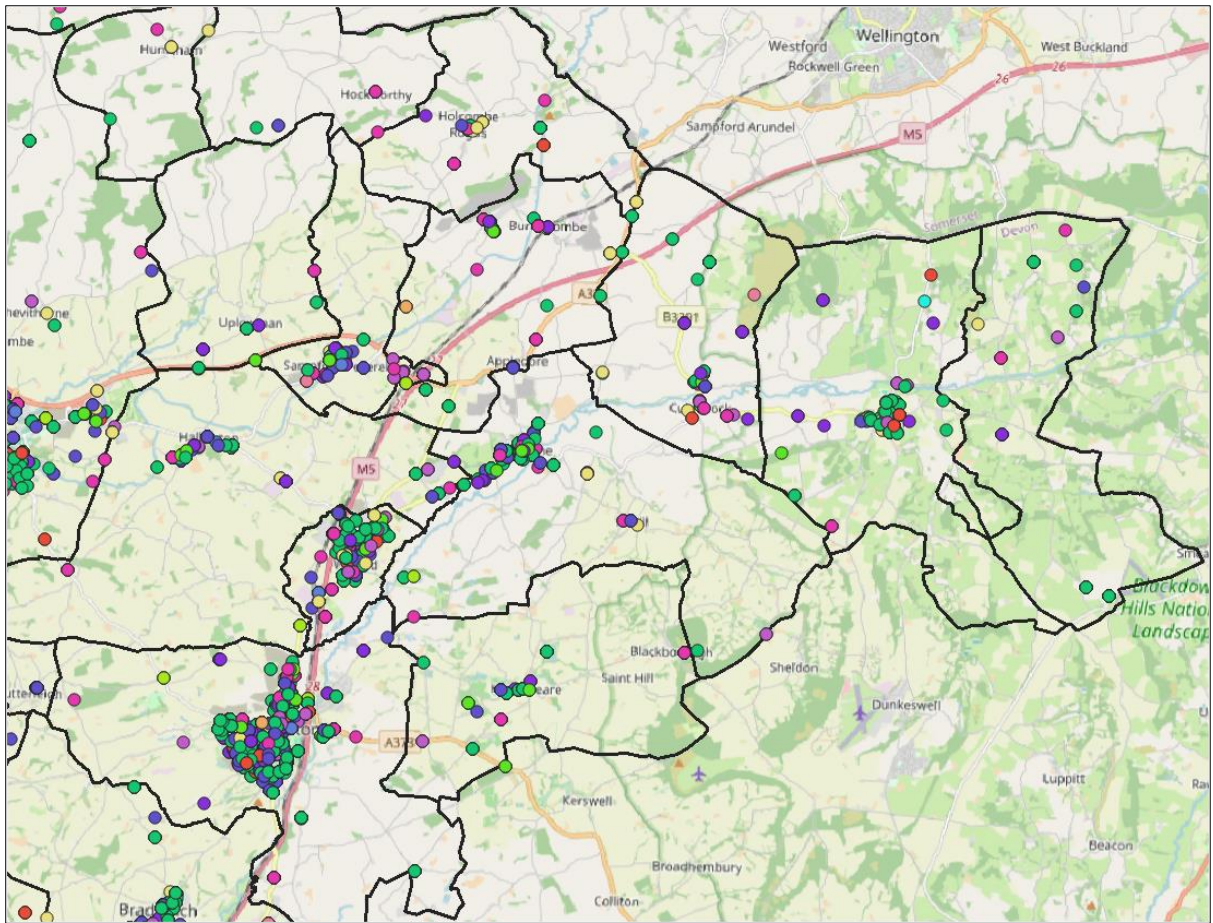
Police working group

Spreadsheets for Uffculme crime data ("Lower Layer Super Output Area" Mid Devon 003A) set up for all available data since May 2021. Additional spreadsheets set up to automatically filter data for crime types per month, and outcomes for each crime type.

To provide further regional context, I've filtered crime data for the surrounding Mid Devon parishes using available LSAO regions (Hemyock, Culmstock, Burlescombe, Halberton, Willand, Cullompton, Kentisbeare) and will duplicate table formatting to generate comparable data.

Once I've filtered the data for surrounding parishes, I will distribute a report to the council members to consider, and we can request a police representative to discuss any notable concerns and their current initiatives to report back to parishioners.

Devon and Cornwall crime data are being released withing a month or two reliably for 2024 but there some ongoing issues affecting the quality of Uffculme police data. 1) Court outcomes from June 2019 onwards are still unavailable. Police working with the MoJ to rectify this. 2) Implementation of new record management system in November 2022 means some outcomes data are unreliable. They're still trying to address this.



Most data have anonymised locations that indicates the general area they occurred.

RE: CHAT request for Parish Council support

1 message

Holly Sutton [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

To: Gemma [REDACTED]

Hi Gemma,

Id love to request £500 please, especially with our work we are now doing 1 day per week in Uffculme dedicated to residents, it would really help us continue this.

Kind regards,

Holly Sutton (she/her)**Fundraising and Development Manager
CHURCHES HOUSING ACTION TEAM****BRINGING HOPE ACROSS MID DEVON**

We are proud to have achieved the Advice Quality Standard & Investing in Volunteers Awards. These demonstrate our commitment to volunteers and that we are easily accessible, effectively managed, and have a team with the skills and knowledge to meet the needs of our clients.

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From: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]**Sent:** 28 October 2024 16:35**To:** Holly Sutton [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: CHAT request for Parish Council support

Hi Holly,

Can you please advise of the £ figure you are requesting is granted please?

Gemma Cole
Clerk & RFO
01884 693023

On Mon, 28 Oct 2024, 12:29 Holly Sutton, [REDACTED]

Dear Gemma,

Please find attached a letter regarding CHAT's work in the local community and if Uffculme Parish Council, could offer any support.

Any questions, please do feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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CHURCHES HOUSING ACTION TEAM (CHAT) GRANT APPLICATION

28th October 2024

Dear Parish Council Clerk,

CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team) works to tackle homelessness, avoid evictions, and bring hope to the communities of Mid Devon. I am writing to tell you about the work we do and what we have achieved over the last year in our local community.

We believe that everyone should be entitled to food to eat, decent, secure, affordable accommodation and somewhere to call home.

Our core values ensure inclusivity and accessibility in every aspect of our work. Our hub in Tiverton provides a warm, safe space for clients to enjoy a hot cup of tea, receive expert advice, access our foodbank, and get information about other services. We also offer outreach and home visits when needed.

At CHAT, we bridge gaps in local services by offering prompt tailored support. We are open 6 days a week, providing face-to-face assistance. This accessibility has made us a trusted provider in the community.



"If it wasn't for CHAT, my family would have lost me. I was at my lowest, but CHAT guided me through debt, housing, and paperwork. I'm now in a new job, and my family is thriving—all thanks to CHAT."



CHURCHES HOUSING ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

GRANT APPLICATION

We are seeing unprecedented demand for support, driven by rising energy costs, rent, and food prices. We collaborate with local landlords to find suitable accommodations and offer an Assisted Tenancy Scheme, providing landlords with security through a deposit guarantee. ***Last year we saw a 22% increase in housing advice given; 37% of clients were rough sleeping or in temporary accommodation.***

Our support is tailored to each client's unique needs, whether short or long-term. We offer shower and washing facilities, emergency clothing, and a home bank with items like kettles, toasters, tents, roll mats, and bedding. ***Last year we gave out approx. £12,500 worth of second-hand items.***

The CHAT Foodbank plays a crucial role in providing essential food and household items to individuals and families facing financial difficulties. Each client receives personalised attention to assess their needs, often leading to further guidance from our advisors. While emergency food provision remains necessary, we understand that the reasons behind this need are evolving, so we introduced an affordable food pantry, bridging the gap between emergency assistance and budgeting for food. Clients contribute a subscription fee, which is reinvested into our food fund.

“Life became very difficult for our family with a sudden change in circumstances our bills started to mount up and finances not stretching far enough to put food on the table. We prioritised feeding our children over ourselves. At this point we knew we needed help, we felt lost, alone, embarrassed and confused, it was all overwhelming”.



A contribution would be invaluable, if you are able, towards providing our support, advice, and food for both individuals and families who are struggling in many ways. We are grateful for your support and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards



Holly Sutton
Fundraising and Development Manager