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## WHPC Newsletter – Sep 2021

### Have your Say!

It's important for the Parish Council to understand West Hill resident's views and needs.

Parish Councils play a vital role in representing the interests of the community and improving the quality of life and local environment. WHPC may have limited "powers" but we can influence other agencies who deliver services to West Hill.

We hope many residents will take part in our upcoming community survey. The Parish Council is keen to hear from **you**.

### Parish Council News

- We have created an online **community survey** to seek your feedback. It's simple to use and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help us to prioritise our activities for the next 3 years and to inform our response to the upcoming East Devon District Council Local Plan review. The item below gives an overview of this important issue.

The survey is now open and will close on **Friday 15th October**.

The survey is available on our website [www.westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk) and WOIWH on Facebook.

Postage paid paper copies of the survey are available from the Parish Clerk. Please see below for contact details.



We encourage all residents to participate in helping to influence our decision-making

- East Devon District Council (EDDC) is preparing a **new East Devon Local Plan**. The decisions and planning policies in the Local Plan will affect West Hill in the years to come. It will outline how the district addresses such issues as



- how many new homes should be built and where
- how many new jobs should be created
- where employment sites should be built
- and how to deal with the climate emergency.

We'll do our best to ensure that West Hill residents' views are heard. A draft Plan should be ready for consultation in March 2022. The Parish Council is committed to keeping West Hill residents informed as the review progresses. We've created a dedicated "East Devon Local Plan" webpage on our website and will update this as information becomes available.

The emerging Local Plan is discussed in the monthly EDDC Strategic Planning Committee. Agendas, Minutes and Reports can be found on the EDDC website [eastdevon.gov.uk](http://eastdevon.gov.uk).

- We are hoping to add an additional piece of equipment to the **Children's Playpark** before Easter 2022. An online survey will be available for all primary school aged children/their parents in September, via West Hill Primary School, our website, WHPC noticeboards and WOIWH on Facebook.





## Other news

- The old **memorial bench** by the War Memorial needed urgent maintenance but on removal it was found to be beyond repair. A new bench is on order and will be delivered in the next few weeks.
- There will be a four day bank holiday weekend in June 2022 to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. We are aware that a number of clubs and community groups in West Hill want to organise an event to celebrate the occasion. The Parish Council have offered to co-ordinate a timetable to cover the whole holiday to avoid unfortunate clashes of dates or times between similar events. We will be holding a planning meeting in the Autumn to put a programme together. Anyone proposing to organise an event is invited to come along to help us create a celebration for the whole village to remember. If you already have a plan or idea and a preferred date/time it would be helpful to let us know so we can have a draft programme to discuss at the meeting. Details will be available on our website.
- Concerns were raised over the entrance signage to the **Woodland Trust plantation** that had been placed by the Parish Council. As a result these signs have been removed and usage of the woodland is a matter for the Woodland Trust. In the clearing the two picnic tables provided by the Parish Council will remain to be enjoyed.
- The Parish Council is aware of residents' concerns about **traffic speeds and anti-social parking** issues, particularly in and around Bendarroch Road and St Mary's View. The Parish Council has no authority on highways issues but we are trying to bring together the various agencies involved and make them aware of the problems. Highways have agreed to consider yellow lines on the south side of the road and we're also working with them to consider another site for a Vehicle Activated Speed device.
- WHPC is pleased to support St Michael's initiative to create a **West Hill Welcome Pack** for new residents to the village. The pack will include the West Hill map, details about clubs, societies, Parish Council +more. If you're new to the village and want to find out more please contact the Parish Clerk.



**In an emergency is your property easy to find?** Please check your house name/number signage is clearly displayed so it can be easily seen whichever way the property is approached. We encourage you to check outside your property - you may be surprised how difficult it is for the emergency services (or parcel couriers) to find your house!

- **It's hedge cutting season** - Did you know that it is householder's and landowner's responsibility to ensure that hedges and verges are cut so that footpaths and road signs are not obstructed?

*And finally ... Thank you* to the many people who applied for wildflower seeds earlier in the year. We hope you enjoyed growing them. Our local bees and insects will certainly have enjoyed them.



### The winning entries are

Best Wild Patch (under 11yrs) – **Harry Pocock**

Best Wild Patch (18+yrs) **Alec+Judy Sandison**

Best Container – **Gladys Jose**

Highly Commended – **Harry Pocock**



 Winners received £15 plus a wildflower book