

# THELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our 6th annual newsletter.

## Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held in the Thelbridge Parish Hall. The annual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 19:30**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Elections

You will be required to provide photo id before being given your ballot papers. If you do not have id, then you can apply through Mid Devon District Council. After the election Thelbridge Parish Council will be in the Mid Devon Way Ward (previously Sandford and Creedy).

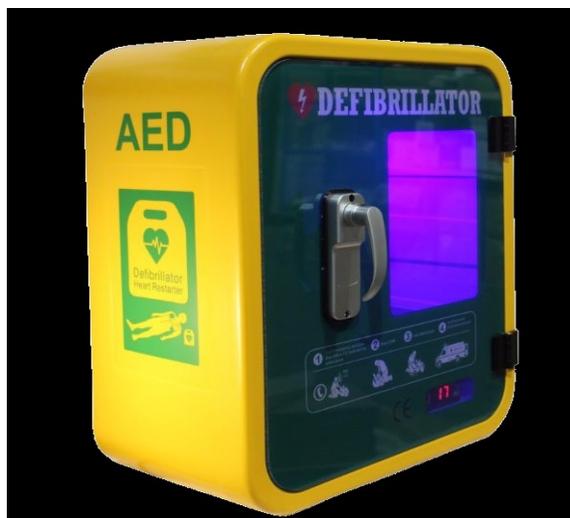
If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, nominations must be made between **20th March** and **4pm on 4th April** to the Returning Officer at Mid Devon District Council. Nomination forms and further details are available on the Mid Devon website at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/voting-elections/2023-elections/information-for-candidates-and-agents/>

## Defibrillator

Thanks to the sterling fund raising efforts held at the Cricket Club and other donations, a defibrillator has been purchased and installed at the Thelbridge Cross Inn. A donation has been made towards the replacement of the one at Nomansland, which together with those at Black Dog and Witheridge, means the area is quite well covered.

*If you would like to receive updates by email, please enter your email address on the website [thelbridge-pc.gov.uk](http://thelbridge-pc.gov.uk)*

*If you would like to raise an issue with the Parish Council, please call one of your councillors or email the Parish Clerk (see back page for contact details)*



# Vacancy

## Thelbridge Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

The post is part-time, about 100 hours per annum, and requires the applicant to have suitable facilities for home working. Working hours are flexible, however the applicant must be able to attend the evening meetings held at the Thelbridge Parish Hall, usually six times each year.

Experience of local government would be an advantage, but training is available. Good IT skills to include Word, Excel and website administration are essential.

Key responsibilities include servicing the Parish Council meetings, implementing decisions, monitoring and managing the Council's finances, dealing with enquiries and maintaining the website. Further information is available on the website [www.thelbridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.thelbridge-pc.gov.uk)

Salary £1,121pa, starting date 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Applications by Friday 26th May 2023 to be emailed to [clerk@thelbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thelbridge-pc.gov.uk) interviews on Monday 5th June 2023 to be held at the Thelbridge Parish Hall

# Platinum Jubilee



In recognition of, and to commemorate the late HM Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee last year, the Parish Council erected two Thelbridge signs, either side of Thelbridge Cross.

These were part funded by the Devon County Councillor's Locality Budget and installed by two of the Parish Council's councillors.

## Parish Review

A submission was received during the first consultation period concerning the issue that the area known as Nomansland was split by the two existing district ward boundaries of Sandford & Creedy ward, and Way ward. Under the new district ward boundaries that come into effect in May 2023, this would bring both areas into a single district ward (Way). However, the 'village' still lies between both parishes (53 properties in Cruwys Morchard PC and 56 properties in Thelbridge PC). As such, the Mid Devon's Electoral Review Committee (ERC) welcomed the views of residents and both parish councils.

During the second consultation period, both Parish Councils (Cruwys Morchard and Thelbridge) voted for no change over this boundary, since the two parish councils believed that there was no issue.

It was noted that all the residents living in Nomansland would have to travel some distance to vote from either Cruwys Morchard or Thelbridge and if Nomansland was placed into one of the parish council area it would be a substantial increase in electors for one parish and a substantial reduction for the other parish.

**The ERC considered that the existing parish boundaries should be left for now but could be further considered in the future. In the meantime, the Council decided that there would be no change to the parish boundaries.**

## Grants

The Parish Council has a small budget available for new grant applications. The grants are for organisations that have a specific purpose in mind that would benefit the Parish or residents of the Parish. Please read the policy on the website and, if you have a request, complete the form which can also be found on the website. If anyone requires a paper copy, please contact the Clerk.



## Walking in Devon

Walking in Devon <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/devon> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

## Cycling

Devon County Council has received just over £580,000 from the Active Travel Capability Fund to accelerate walking and cycling schemes in the county.



# Parish Paths Partnership

We are seeking new volunteers, contact the Clerk if you want to know more.

## Road Warden Scheme

A number of potholes have been filled by our sole volunteer. Could you help? If so, please contact the Clerk.

## Wildlife Wardens

The Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme is a newly established network to support parish environmental projects. If you have a few hours to spare each month and would be interested (training is provided) contact Jess Carter, on [wwcoordinatormiddevon@gmail.com](mailto:wwcoordinatormiddevon@gmail.com) or 07722301375

## Dream-A-Way

An Exeter based charity making a difference since 1993 by providing grants towards holidays and fun days out so Devon's children and adults with disabilities or life affecting health conditions, including those with a terminal prognosis, can enjoy a much-needed break. To apply for a grant visit <https://dream-a-way.org/> or call 07796442144

### USEFUL DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL INFO.

#### TO REPORT HIGHWAY FAULTS

(Potholes, flooding etc.)

Call: 0345 155 1004

Email [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk)

Online: [devon.gov.uk](http://devon.gov.uk)

#### OUT OF HOURS HIGHWAYS EMERGENCIES

Call: 0345 155 1008

#### NATIONAL BUS PASS ENQUIRIES

Call: 01392 383688

#### GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Call: 0345 155 1015

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