

## NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Christmas Lights switch on**

About 50 people braved the teeming rain on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the switch on of the Christmas lights on Newton Ferrers Green. Head girls at the village primary school Holly and Kiki, and head boy Oliver pulled the switch. Thanks to all who contributed to make these festive lights so special.



The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Winter preparations**

Councillor Steggles and our Parish Snow Warden Richard Holeman have been busy checking the grit bins around the villages and topping them up where necessary, so we are ready for any snow or ice over the coming months.

### **Tree Warden**

We are delighted to welcome Maria Christell as the new volunteer Tree Warden for Newton and Noss.

Tree Wardens are a great asset and are hugely knowledgeable and can help by directing residents to useful information, professional bodies or the District Council's tree specialists on matters of tree protection. They can also provide specific comments on protected tree applications.

However, we would always advise that residents contact a suitably qualified tree surgeon or arboricultural consultant if they have concerns about tree

safety issues or need advice about trees which are suffering from diseases such as ash dieback.

### **Common issues for residents and reporting online**

Highways issues including Potholes, Blocked Drains, Flooding, Parking and Footpaths are all managed by Devon County Council and any issues should be reported via <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Missed Refuse Collections, Litter, Broken or Full Litter and Dog Waste Bins, Full Recycling Bins, Nuisance including Bonfires and Planning Enforcement are all South Hams District Council's responsibility and should be reported via <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/6171/Report>

You can find both websites by typing into Google 'Devon report a problem' or 'South Hams report a problem'.

### **Working to make our roads safer**

The **Vehicle Activated Sign** (VAS) has now been in place at Butts Park for four months and we are seeing an improvement in traffic speeds through that area. However, there are some alarming speeds being recorded. It has been extremely useful in identifying both traffic volumes and speeds which have been included in the Parish Council's response to both the Collaton and Butts Park Planning Applications.

**Noss Mayo 20 mph zone** - we are working with Devon County Council to enhance the 20 mph speed limit with additional signage and the replacement of the 20 mph entry sign at the top of Stoke Road.

### **Parish Council plans**

The Parish Council has started thinking about longer-term plans and possible projects with each of the Parish Council working groups being asked for ideas. We would welcome residents' views with suggestions for projects and how you would like our community to develop in the future. Further consultation will take place in 2022.

### **January Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the WI Hall in Newton Ferrers on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00 pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend either in person or by Zoom. The agenda and Zoom details will be published on the website and noticeboards a week before the meeting.