

Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Clatworthy Parish Council Review of Year 2022-23

The year has been focused on moving from a county council supported by four district councils towards the implementation of a new unitary authority called Somerset Council. County and district councillors regularly updated the Parish Council on these developments indicating how Somerset Council will be supported by 18 Local Community Networks (LCN). Clatworthy parish has been allocated to the Exmoor and Dulverton Local Community Network which includes 23 Brendon and Exmoor parishes. Meetings of the new LCN will begin in June 2023.

The automatic heart defibrillator installed in the village phone box remains in good working order and is checked weekly. Bi-monthly reports are sent to 'The Circuit' which is the national database for the defibrillator scheme. The Parish Council thanks Kevin Chesterman for maintenance of the phone box.

The broadband rollout to Clatworthy by local company 'Technological' is almost complete with the village hall receiving a free Wi-Fi connection. Companies supporting the national rollout of fibre broadband via telephone lines was begun in early 2023 although this system is yet to go live.

The Parish Council was successful in its application to the Highways Authority 'Community Highway Scheme' for funding of improvements that may help to reduce traffic speeding through the village. It has been agreed that improved positioning of signage and repainting of road markings will be included in the Highways budget for 2023-4. In the meantime, the chairman was successful in getting '20 is plenty' signs sponsored by Seddons with four being erected at strategic points along the village lane. The Parish Council has expressed its thanks to Seddons for their generous support. Thanks also to the homeowners for hosting the Seddons signs.

Grants were given this year by the Parish Council to support St Margaret's Somerset Hospice and Wiveliscombe Library.

The Parish Council thanks the parish footpaths officer, Peter Moran, for his work ensuring footpaths and bridle paths remained usable with adequate signage; Ben Cowling for looking after the church bells; and Norma Martin for continuing to support its work by acting a webmaster for the Council's website which can be accessed online at www.clatworthy-parish.uk.

Sally Moran
Chair, Clatworthy Parish Council

2nd May 2023
