

DC Hurley Report Jan 2023 Petrockstowe

North Devon and Torridge community resilience planning and flood warden training workshop

Devon Communities Together are contacting all the priority places at risk of flooding or without a community plan in North Devon and Torridge to ensure that they are aware of the training, support and grants that are available including for emergency planning and flooding.

The workshop takes place on Tuesday 28th March, 5.00-8.00pm at Weare Giffard Village Hall, There will also be flood warden training, led by The Environment Agency, for new wardens or those wishing to update their knowledge.

Register at: North Devon Community Emergency Planning and Flood Warden Training Tickets, Tue 28 Mar 2023 at 17:00 | Eventbrite

Beech House.

Saga continues. I attended a pre arranged appointment with the PCC Alison Hernandez in Exeter just before Christmas to bring her up to date with the situation. Unfortunately this is not a Police matter. In addition I have written once again to the Nurse and Midwifery Council asking for an update regarding their investigation. I'm told I have to wait a further two months for any information in that direction.

New Chief Constable

Will Kerr joins Devon & Cornwall Police from Police Scotland. Prior to that role he served for 27 years in the Police Service of Northern Ireland. His way of policing is by all accounts totally different from his predecessor, Shaun Sawyer, and much is expected of him.

New Planning Enforcement Officer

A new Enforcement Officer joined Torridge in December. Her name is Helen Mason and she replaces Nicola McGill who has changed roles within TDC.

Proposed areas for building new homes

In December it was announced that Torridge were looking at proposals to build new homes on land that the council owns. I have stressed at various meetings that I have attended that these plans were only proposals. I have now been informed that due to this years Local Councillor Elections in May (and pre election period) "the Business Case and Options report will not be presented to Full Council until at the earliest summer 2023. The timing will also ultimately depend on the outcome of the election."

Photo ID required to vote in May Elections.

For the first time, residents in Torridge and North Devon districts, and across the UK, will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections, which take place on 4th May. The forms of ID include a UK passport or drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID online or by completing a paper form when the application process opens in a few weeks' time.