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From the Minister's desk at Teignmouth Baptist Church...

We celebrated Harvest Festival in the Baptist church on Sunday. Harvest celebration is always one of my favourite services of the year.

I love the glorious display of tins and packets that is steadily added to as each person arrives at church - practical gifts for the Teignmouth Larder to distribute to those in need.

I love the big bucketfuls of conkers that are brought to church by the children, proud of their scavenging efforts! During the first few hymns, not only does the whole church sing in all-age unison 'We plough the fields and scatter', but it's also a great joy to see our young decorators fill the church from top to bottom with shiny, brown pieces of autumnal and harvest joy!

I love the harvest celebration, the yearly reminder to be grateful for our blessings and not to take for granted the food that we daily enjoy. As this year's family quiz reminded us: apples really do grow on trees, burgers are made from cows and not in McDonald's, and our daily bread started its journey in a wheat field.

However you feel on this autumn day, let's be thankful to God even for small blessings, let's remember those in need, and let's find moments of great joy in the wonder of conkers!

God bless, Jamie



November Services

Sunday Nov. 2nd 4.30pm	4th Sunday before Advent Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday Nov. 9th 10.55am	Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance (A short, community led service)	Ideford
6.30pm	Evening Service	Luton
Sunday Nov. 16th 11.15am	2nd Sunday before Advent Holy Communion	Ideford

As the evenings are getting darker, please note that the 1st Sunday evening service at St. Mary's now starts at 4.30pm.

For other services in the team please see the team website:
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November Suzanne Hill

Luton Church Flower Rota

November Angie Carter-Woodwark

Ideford Church Flower Rota

November 2nd Jane Hill

November 16th Suzanne Hill

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Websites and Sat. Nav.

Haldon Team Website www.haldonteam.org.uk

Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav: St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BA
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Thank you!

Luton Harvest Festival

I would like to thank all who attended Luton Harvest Festival, and the Reverend Dave and Nick the organist for giving us a lovely service.

Above all I would like to thank Jan and Lyn for all their hard work in arranging the Harvest Supper afterwards, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. And to all those who contributed and helped in any way.

Thanks also to all those who helped decorate the church.

Many thanks

Kath

Devon Open Studios 2025, St. John's, Luton

A huge 'thank you' to those people who took the time to visit the exhibition at St. John's, it was lovely to see you. Both Vicki and Sonya had work there as well, so thank you both. Phoebe, your painting was much admired - so keep creating!!

As most will know, all monies raised from refreshments and the draw go towards the upkeep of St. John's - an ongoing task.

Although the weather was against us, just over £500 was raised, so thank you again. Thanks must go to Kath Vooght, John Reddaway and Tom for all the organization, for moving pews etc, and for the time it took. Thank you Michael for all your help, especially at the beginning and end of the fortnight, and to Paul for the churchyard. To Kath and everyone who helped with baking and manning the schoolroom, thanks again.

Hope to see you next year - year 12!!

Angie

Recent Ideford Events

Following the September Pop up Café, Macmillan Coffee Morning, we were able to send £212 to Macmillan.

The recent Cream Tea afternoon supporting St. Mary's Church, and Devon Historic churches Trust raised £171.30

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported either of these events in any way. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Janet Aylmore

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.30pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 12th January 2026, 7.30pm. Bishopsteignton Community Centre, Shute Hill.

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm till 9pm with a break for tea.

We encourage new members of any age, from 11 years upwards, to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

**AGM to be held on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm
All welcome**

IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 853394.

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday November 5th 10am - 12noon.

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BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Why not come along and have a chat over coffee and biscuits - we're a friendly bunch and would love to meet you.

Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

Can you help?

We are looking for someone who travels between Ideford and Ashcombe, and would be prepared to deliver Ashcombe's copies of the Parish News to a central point in the village towards the end of each month.

If you think you could help, please contact Janet Aylmore at: j23aylmore@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Village Litter Pick

October 26th

Meet at the Village Hall at 11am

Can you spare an hour to help keep our village and lanes litter free?



Come along and join us on the 26th, meet at the Village Hall so that we can ensure all areas are covered, rather than people walking along roads that have already been cleared.

Enquiries to the Parish Clerk - clerk@idefordparish.org

COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



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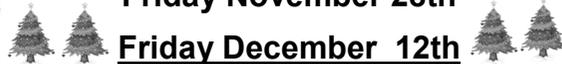
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08/09/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

Following up of concerns raised, where there are unresolved matters, i.e the Brook clearing, not being revisited, this was giving the impression they were forgotten. A dedicated "follow-up from previous meetings" section under parish matters will ensure important issues remain on the agenda. Councillors agreed this approach would reassure residents that issues are tracked, even if progress with external agencies is slow.

09/09/25 Clerk's Report and Finance

The Financial position at end of August: £12,975.88; bank reconciliations and invoices were approved and reviewed; The parish Website and Councillor Contact Details Options were discussed. Councillors will transition to official parish email addresses, starting with chair and vice chair.

Budget Planning and Unitary Takeover- Upcoming unitary authority changes may shift responsibilities and costs to the parish (e.g., dog bins, verge cutting, street sweeping, churchyard management). Planning ahead was advised to mitigate potential unexpected expenses. Savings Options were discussed councillors agreed to explore longer-notice accounts for higher interest to offset bank fees.

10/09/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

11/09/25 **Items to be considered for the next Agenda:** litter pick scheduled for 26th October; "beating the bounds" may require follow-up at December meeting.

12/09/25 The Chair closed the meeting at 8.59pm



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07/09/25 PLANNING:

07.01 planning applications

Planning application 25/01366/HOU for a single-storey extension at Higher Colleybrook was unanimously supported - no objections

25/01175/HPA The council noted a prior approval application for a rear extension at Colleybrook on Butts Lane. As prior approval had already been granted under permitted development rights, no planning permission was required.

25/01269/FUL Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street. Residents raised concerns over newly installed gates causing access issues and conflicts with existing planning allocations for Sheds 1-5. Proposed conversion of Shed 4 into a dwelling and additional windows raised privacy issues, overlooking gardens and a chicken run. Historic openings (doors, vents) were proposed to be reopened, causing intrusion and potential alteration of structures.

Biodiversity concerns remain, with rare bats on-site; a new survey was recommended before considering approval. Parking and access issues noted, including potential obstruction of right-of-way, overspill onto the main road, and blind corner hazards. The current application resubmits barns three and four, reducing bat habitat and altering prior ecological arrangements. Site topography and drainage complexities highlighted along with inaccuracies and omissions in the applicant's drawings, inconsistencies in Ecology Reporting Applicant's ecology report acknowledged sensitive bat habitats but concluded with weak mitigation, raising concerns about its reliability. Previous proposals to relocate bats were dismissed due to disruption of flight paths; recent inspections and site features were omitted. Access, Gates, and Legal Disputes over limited resident access, with legal compromises which have included set opening hours and an emergency button installed. Proposed new development would exacerbate traffic and access hazards, with vehicles forced to reverse onto the road and limited parking. The clerk has since request an extension for filing our detailed response.

07.02 Planning Decisions and Updates

The council reviewed the planning decisions, noting approval for five storage and workshop units at Coombe Hill Cross, Ideford Coombe, subject to pre-commencement conditions.

25/00018/REF The council noted this appeal and that it was successful. As per the parishioners request, this is her statement: "I would like to make a comment on the recent planning appeal 25/00018/REF. Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street, Ideford, TQ13 0BG. For the record you may have heard that my recent appeal has been successful. There are some conditions which have been or will be dealt with. Whilst this is a relief, I am bound to say that both my legal team and myself remain astonished that it proved necessary to have this appeal in the first place. I trust this will be the end of the matter subject only to the reimbursement of all my costs.

07.03 No new enforcement matters reported.

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL



Village Hall Breakfast

Sunday 2nd November 2025, 10am-12,noon

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Winter Fayre

Saturday 22nd November 2025, 5.00pm-- 8.30pm

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Millennium Green News

We are still on the lookout for another trustee and someone who can take on our treasurer role.

Please contact any of the trustees: - Jenna Bryant, Anthony French, Lyn Edwards, Tom and Jane Hill for further information (07871103235 - Jane. or tomandJane@live.com)

Jane Hill

Advent Windows

December is only 2 months away!

I am sure most people are now aware of the real advent calendar, as the village has done it for 5 years, this will now be our 6th year.

The idea is like an Advent calendar, except it is outside, and doesn't involve chocolate or windows!!

On each day in December a new scene will be unveiled. This may be in a window, in the garden, in a tree, on a gate, basically anywhere that can be seen from the road!! Ideally it should involve some lighting so can be seen at night, and it needs to show the date number. We have had all sorts from Snowmen to Christmas Labradors to ships and stars.

The scene then stays visible throughout December. There are maps around the Village, showing where each date will be unveiled.

To see some of the last years amazing windows have a look on our Facebook page 'Ideford Christmas'.

We will be needing new windows this year, as I know a few people cannot be involved.

If you would like to be involved this year, please message Jane Hill on tomandjane@live.com or 07871103235.



**06/09/25
cont.**

The drain between the bridges from Chudleigh to Ideford, near the A380, continues to cause flooding, with manual clearance attempts unsuccessful and specialist machinery being required. A further issue at the Pound was raised, where the stream remained uncleared and vegetation was overgrown and this stream goes under the road.

Residents expressed frustration with ineffective online reporting, and it was agreed the matters should be escalated directly to Mr Rhys Andrews. An email was received from the Footpath Warden Mrs. S. Hill and Councillors considered issues of overgrown byways and footpaths, particularly at Tower Hill Lane. Steve Gardner confirmed to the chair that a contractor was engaged to address surfaces in the autumn but noted hedge cutting was usually the responsibility of adjoining landowners. Poor byway conditions meant machinery could not access routes, worsening deterioration. This had led motorbike riders diverting onto woodland footpaths, posing risks to walkers and horse riders, despite the riders being courteous. A possible solution is to reinstating a stile or kissing gate at the end of footpath by Longthorn, (part of the Ugbrooke Estate) going into the woods and over Ideford Arch to deter motorbikes while maintaining access for horses, with recognition that the matter also affected neighbouring Chudleigh parish.

Councillors raised safety concerns about the wooden walkway at Muddy Bottoms Lane. Photographs showed it lacked wire mesh for grip, and erosion had left a dangerous drop into the stream. The surface was reported as very slippery in wet conditions, posing risks to walkers, cyclists, and horses, with one horse and rider already having slipped. The council agreed this was a serious hazard to be escalated to Steve Gardner.

Councillors discussed parking and pothole concerns. Parking around the church remained problematic, particularly for residents affected by obstructive vehicles. Several potholes were highlighted, including one near a field expected to worsen over winter and another under a bridge restricting pedestrian access.

The longstanding pothole at Ideford Arch was again noted, though difficult to report due to its hazardous position. It was agreed that the highways officer, should be asked to inspect these sites directly.

06.02 Sustainable Ideford Update

Clr Gardner reported on the Sustainable Ideford initiative, with a public meeting planned later in the month to finalise mini-projects, some requiring a modest budget spend. Costs would be collated and shared with the clerk for logging and invoicing. The parish council has also submitted a "Star Award" application, recognising climate action, highlighting the biodiversity plan, sustainability projects, and ACT links.

06.03 Policy Review – Health and Safety

The council reviewed its health and safety policy, agreeing it was necessary to retain a basic framework despite limited parish activities. Events such as litter picks and beat-the-bounds walks carried some risk, requiring safeguarding and risk assessments. While described as a "box ticking exercise," the policy was confirmed as fit for purpose, with the next review set for 2027. Councillors agreed to continue updating policies individually in this way.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

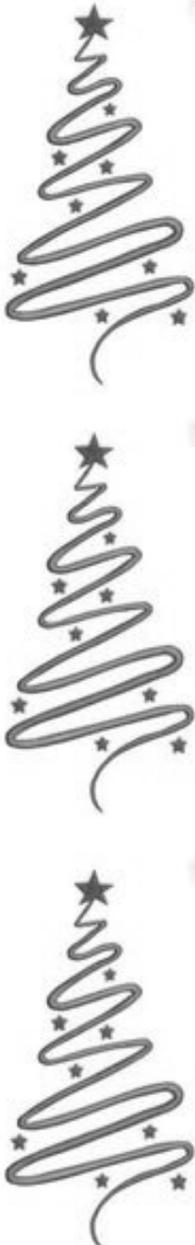
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on 11th September 2025**

Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair
Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - Vice Chair
Cllr D Fox
Cllr H Bellamy

Cllr C Hill
Cllr J Gardner
Cllr M Batting
WW - Mr Aaronson

In Attendance: Mrs Clarke - Clerk
2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/09/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: DCC Peart, TDC Cllr Gearon (received after the meeting)
02/09/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 10th July 2025 were agreed and signed.
03/09/25	A personal interest raised on a matter by Cllr Gardner, raised for the sake of transparency.
04/09/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Horse Riding Incident - A resident reported a serious incident where a 14-year-old rider was thrown from her horse near a local bridge, sustaining severe injuries after the horse bolted, possibly due to a loose dog or other disturbance. Concerns were raised about uncontrolled dogs in the area frightening both horses and walkers, alongside the risks posed by deer. Councillors discussed the need for awareness and practical measures, including parish news reminders, possible signage near the bridleway, and liaison with the rights-of-way officer and dog warden. It was agreed to pursue signage and awareness campaigns, while recognising enforcement challenges and the need for sensitivity over landowner responsibilities. Planning Appeal Statement - which is reported in full in the planning section. Planning Representation - Ms Taylor, a resident of Lower Colleybrook Farm, explained the layout of her property in relation to a proposed development, noting the barn in question appears differently from front and back due to land levels. When raising these concerns, the Chair deferred her comments to the planning section of the meeting.
05/09/25	REPORTS: There were no reports: from DCC or TDC. The Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce indicated that there had been no crimes committed in the area
06/09/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 Highways: The parish highways officer provided written updates, highlighting three key issues: vegetation cutting which can now resume following the end of nesting season; drainage should be monitored closely ahead of winter, with blocked drains reported promptly; and the A382 roadworks, expected to last two years, which will cause major disruption, with authorities opting for full closure to speed up completion and residents are advised to avoid the area where possible.



**Join us for our annual Village
Festive Meal 2025**
Saturday 6 December, 6.30pm
Ideford Village Hall
 **Welcome Glass of Fizz** 
**Delicious 3 course meal
with vegetarian options**
**Festive Quiz
Bar and Raffle**
£15.00 per person
 (Concessions for children)
**Reservations close on Saturday 30 November,
So please contact Vanessa on
07713 566377 or colleybrookness@icloud.com**
**All proceeds go to support our beautiful
Village Church, St Mary's**



Christmas Messy Church

Monday December 22nd

Ideford Village Hall,
10am - 11.30am

All children under 12 with their parents and grandparents are invited to join us on

Please let Liz Rice know if you plan on coming, this will help us prepare lizrice890@icloud.com



Christmas Wreaths

We would like you to make a wreath to help us decorate our village church for Christmas.

In line with Sustainable Ideford, we would like your wreath to contain at least 50% recycled material, not including any greenery. Wreaths can be of any size and we would like to start hanging them any time after 1st December.



(Further details from Libby at: eme.brendon@gmail.com)

Rowan Tree

In 2000 the WI for Ideford and Luton planted some rowan trees in St Mary's church yard. Unfortunately over the years most have died including the lovely one near the church porch. We will be cutting it down in the new year but as it is such a beautiful shape we would like to decorate it with baubles etc for Advent and Christmas. If you have any old weather proof Christmas tree decorations that you no longer require please could you donate them to the church.

Please leave any donations in the church or porch during November or early December. Any queries or requests to collect please contact Libby on eme.brendon@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Planting Around Ideford

Residents may have noticed that some cyclamen and primroses have been planted recently by the oak tree near the village bus stop. These should spread in due course.

Additional spring and early summer bulbs will be added later this winter and will start to appear spring 2026. There are also plans to put some planters/ troughs near the two village signs on roads into the village.

This is the work of Sustainable Ideford, who have secured some small funding from the Parish Council to 'plant up' parts of the village. This builds on various other projects SI and other community groups in Ideford have delivered recently (for example the work in St Mary's Churchyard overseen by the PCC). We hope residents will enjoy seeing more plants, flowers and colour at various points in the year around our village. We also hope this may encourage some residents to introduce their own planters or hanging baskets for example around the village, to add to those in place already.

If you have ideas for similar projects do let us know (Jim Gardner can be contacted at Jimiglobal@yahoo.com), and thanks again to our Parish Council for their support.

BEATING THE BOUNDS

The Parish Council is considering reviving the ancient tradition of *Beating the Bounds*, a historic practice where members of the community walk the boundaries of the parish, reaffirming the geographical limits through a mix of ceremony, local knowledge, and community spirit. Traditionally held on or around Rogationtide, the event offers an opportunity to connect with our shared heritage, enjoy the countryside, and pass on local history to younger generations.

Before any arrangements are made, we would like to gauge interest from parishioners who may wish to take part. This would likely involve a half-day walk, with stops at significant boundary markers, and may include light refreshments. If you would be interested in participating – or have stories or knowledge of past boundary walks – please contact the Parish Clerk by email or phone:

e-mail: clerk@idefordparish.org

phone: 07886 004919