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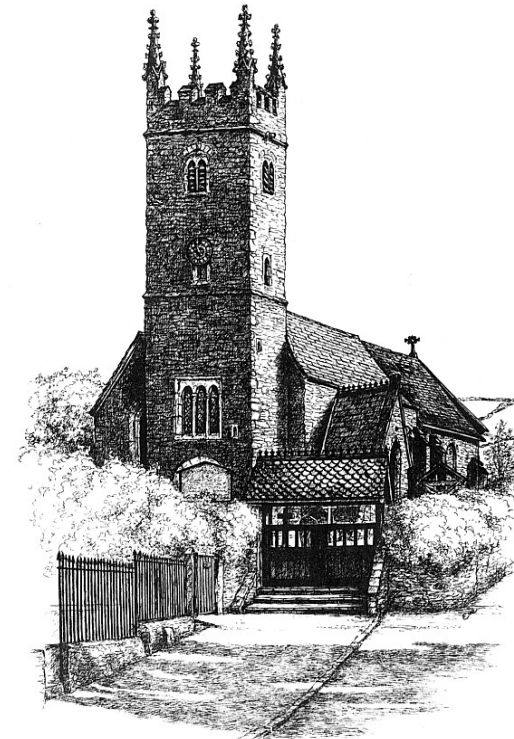
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If you are into sports we have an amazing summer of sport - with the Football European Championship's, Wimbledon tennis; Men's & Women's cricket and in the Paris Olympics and Paralympics

The Modern day Olympics were established on June 24, 1894 by a Frenchman named Pierre de Coubertin. He stated that the games were to teach that : "the important thing in life is not the triumph, but the fight; the essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well."

In a sense this goes back to the original idea of the Olympics when they were founded 8th century BC to honour Zeus in Olympia Greece. The 'winners' received a wreath, the losers often faced death because they had failed and let their town and supporters down.

I love watching the Olympics and Paralympics, there is something hopeful about watching young athletes, who have devoted their lives to their sport, compete on a world platform and cheer on their fellow athletes.

I was chatting to someone recently who had to liaise with an Olympic hopeful shortly after they had not been selected to represent GB this summer. They had trained hard for 4 years, they had sacrificed so much over this time, competed and succeeded in some championships and yet were not going to the Olympics - often described as the pinnacle of an athlete's career. To say they were disappointed is an understatement!!

But it does beg the question.....: what is it that defines you?

As an Olympic athlete or to any other sportsperson for that matter your performance does not define you! You are more than a sportsperson - you are created in the image of God (Gen 1:27).

British Olympic rower and dual silver medallist Debbie Flood reflects: 'It was such a blessing to become a Christian, before I really became immersed in the world of sport. My faith was such a massive anchor in a world that could sometimes be so selfish, in which there was the constant danger of having my identity caught up in sport, and in which it was so easy to go from hero to zero overnight.'

For each one of us we need to ask ourselves... what is it that defines us? Is it our work? our career? our success or failure? How much money we have made? Each one of these is a temporal success - here today, maybe gone tomorrow, certainly gone when we die.

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OR are we defined as being created in the image of God; a follower of Jesus; being called "good & faithful servant".

In the Bible a follower of Jesus writes: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.... in heaven a crown is waiting for me".

Are we striving for temporal things, praise, glory... or eternal praise, glory from God our Father.

God bless.

Peter Twigg

September Services

Sunday Sept. 1st 6.30pm	14th Sunday after Trinity Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday Sept. 8th 9.30am	15th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Ashcombe
Sunday Sept.15th 11am	16th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion	Ideford

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September 1st - 15th Rachel Blake
September 15th - end Roz Brown

Ideford Church Flower Rota

September 1st Vanessa Morby September 15th Jane Hill
October 6th Liz Lucas October 20th Angie Carter Woodwork

Luton Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

September Enid Vooght October Liz Wright

Chudleigh Library - opening times

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Websites and Sat. Nav.

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

Church post codes for Sat Nav: St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BB
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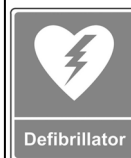
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009.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:

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£121.50	Village Hall	Venue hire. Invoices 234,240,238,222,230
£180.44	HMRC	¼ Figure Staff costs
£477.60	Insurance	
£30.00	Donation/SI	J Horn Carpentry

Payments made since the last meeting: Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £12.00 + VAT, this is on a ddr.

009.4 Legal and administrative update.

075/24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Thursday 11th July 2024.
The Chair closed the meeting at 20.31pm

Ideford Vintage Fayre

On behalf of the committee we would like to thank all the people who made the day a success.

A special thanks goes to Mr Michael Batting for arranging the loan of the field and also for helping on the day.

Also to the sponsors, exhibitors and stallholders without whom we wouldn't have a fayre at all.

Finally to all the volunteers who gave their time to make it the great success it was.

Thank you to everyone who attended the fayre and I hope you enjoyed it.

Julia Knott

I would like to congratulate the hard work put into this year's rally, these things do not go ahead without a lot of thought and planning before the event. Well done to everyone for all the hard work beforehand and planning. I heard many praises during the afternoon on the whole event.

I sincerely hope it will go from strength to strength but everyone must support it both before and on the day.

It was wonderful to see so many cars and tractors on display plus so many stalls.

Well done to the committee and good luck for the future.

Kath Vooght

Thank you!

Jill at ABS Design and Print has been printing our Parish News for 24 years, but has now decided it is time to retire. Thank you Jill, and we all wish you a very happy retirement.

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7.00pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at the Community Centre, Shute Hill, commencing at 7.30pm.

Monday September 9th Full Council Meeting

Monday September 30th Planning Committee

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. We would love to have some new ringers join our team, please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

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 to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'

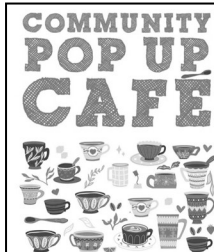
IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

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

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday September 4th 10am - 12noon.

Refreshments provided, come when you can, leave when you must. All equipment will be provided.



Friday August 30th

Ideford Village Hall 11am - noon

Everyone is welcome to come along to our dog friendly, Community Pop up Café for tea/coffee and cake.

We will **not** be serving light lunches this month.

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 2024
ST JOHN'S CHURCH LUTON
7th – 22nd September 2024 .



It's that time of year again!!! Vicki, Sonya, Becks and Angie welcome you all to this Devon wide Arts event. By kind permission of Luton PCC, we will be exhibiting in the lovely village church in Luton, just a few minutes away from Ideford. We open to visitors on Saturday 7th of September at 11am. Opening times are 11 – 5pm on Tuesdays through to and including Sundays. We may not all be present all the time, but whoever is 'on duty' will be pleased to give you all their attention! There will be refreshments available. Level access and toilet facilities. Families and well behaved dogs welcome Follow the parking signs and look out for the posters! SEE YOU ALL SOON!

This year's artists are:

Vicki Gardner – award winning garden and plant photography.

Angie Carter-Woodwark – atmospheric, vivid images of the English landscape in oils and watercolour.

Sonya Lamoon – Nature inspired, eco friendly inky lino prints.

Becks on the Beach – textile art inspired by the Devon coastline.

The artists will be running a draw featuring their work, all proceeds from that and refreshments will go towards the upkeep of this very special village church.

If you could spare some time to help in the tea room and/or bake a cake etc, please give Kath Vooght a ring on 01626 775426 (Luton) She will be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you



Trees enquiry - an update will be provided later on this. An area for planting of trees or creating a car park was discussed namely the old play park, Cllr Peart will check the status of the land and will also provide further details on the light filters mentioned in previous meetings.

070.4 Wildlife Wardens report. Swift calling machine in the church tower, some of which broke but an enthusiast has built the new units free of charge. A successful bat walk took place, with Tessa Frost from Chudleigh Wildlife running the event. There were approximately 17 people and at various points in the village bats were heard. The wildlife wardens promised a donation of £20 to the Chudleigh Wildlife group and asked if the council would pay this. In total 13 different species have been recorded in the area. All members of the parish council approved the donation of £20 to the Chudleigh Wildlife Group .

071/24 PLANNING:

071.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

23/01952/FUL - Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street. Conversion of existing barns 1 and 2 to holiday accommodation and conversion of barn 5 into a gym. The council discussed this application noting that the application had been revised and this would result in no adverse effects. The council support this application.

24/00705/FUL - remove existing static mobile home and replace with chalet (retrospective) 8 Church Road Ideford. The owners attended the meeting and answered the relevant questions and although the council were in full support the owners indicated that the application has been withdrawn again to be changed to affordable housing and this will be re-submitted.

24/00861/VAR, - Rixafer Bungalow has requested a variation on the planning permission to leave the mobile home in situ. The council believe s that the wording on the grant of the planning permission was that the mobile home would be removed and therefore oppose this application. The visual amenity is not the full picture and there is no reason the mobile home should remain there.

071.2 To note the following planning decisions:

24/00455/HOU -IDEFORD - Byways Planning permission granted.
 24/00529/HOUDEFORD - Orchard Cottage, Permission Granted.

071.3 Planning Appeal Decision:

24/00009/FAST Glendon Appeal against the refusal of 23/01297/HOU - Balcony has been allowed.

071.4 Enforcement: Cllr. Carter-Woodwark, Provided an update on the latest enforcement matters.

072/24 Public participation no 2 Cllr Bellamy indicated that the CAB were very pleased with the donation of £250 from IPC, it appears other councils have not contributed to the CAB.

073/24 MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS: A particular concern was raised to the chair by a parishioner about roaming birds, the matter is now in hand and recommendations have been made.

074/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

009.1 The balance of accounts on 31st May 2024 was £.

The bank reconciliations for May 2024 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

070/24

Planning discussion occurred over the current situation in TDC. Cllr Peart indicated there is a meeting on the 21 st June for matters to be raised. Cllr Peart also provided a background as to why planning has been slow over the last couple of years.

PARISH MATTERS:

070.1 Insurance, the chair proposed amalgamating the Millenium Green insurance along with the current parish council insurance. There is a requirement to give the insurance company 30 days notice and the Millenium Green renewal is in October, there were no objections to this.

070.2 Roads, Highway, Updates:- Olchard Lane will have a one way system operating on the day of the vintage fayre 10 th August 2024. Olchard Lane water works will take place from the 1 st July to the 17 th July - Pipe outside Longthorn To the top of Olchard Lane, they may well use traffic control. Repairs to Olchard Lane are delayed a budget has been put aside. Highways are in contact with the chairman. Rixafer Road is set to be resurfaced, due to safety concerns. Yellow lines which are principally due to safety concern, the position of these has been checked. The reasons for these are as follows:-

Due to visibility dilemmas and the need of drivers to safely get in and out of the junction. Further concerns were to prevent accidents occurring when children leave the (school) bus. (People were not being sensible and were asked to move but the problem still remained)

Matters raised with the Chair:- The vegetation around the bus stop on the A380 is overgrown and the road will be closed between Eagle Farm and Splatford Spit for maintenance, it may be possible to have both of these matters dealt with at the same time by the maintenance operatives.

Matters raised with MB: Artic/HGV lorries going to Kingsteignton via Ideford, there is possible damage to property occurring and the consensus is that Satellite Navigation is the problem. A national express bus has also been through. A question was raised about the possibility of signage in or around Roadex? Hill. Cllr Peart indicated he will flag this up again and mentioned that the senior engineer Toby Ball was the person to contact regarding highways signage.

Cllr. Carter-Woodwork mentioned the water on the lane out of the village, a discussion was held as to whether or not this is a spring, as there are aquafers around the village. The plan is to watch what happens with this over the next month particularly when the weather changes.

070.3 Sustainable Ideford. Subjects raised including budgets and grants as SI is applying for grants. Cllr Gardner requested funding for the swift lure, £30, which all of the parish council approved. A request to use some of the SI budget being used to support expansion of Devon Wildlife Trusts, Wild Garden' scheme in the village. 6-7 residents have received a certificate from Devon Wildlife Trust for having a mini bio diversity infrastructure in their gardens. Councillors agreed a public event promoting the Wild Garden scheme may be a better option as it avoids any conflict with legislation regarding donations to specific individuals. A discussion was held around providing free seeds and answering any questions residents may have at an event. Cllr Peart indicated he was prepared to fund part of this particularly when it will get youngsters interested in nature.

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Ideford Village Festive Meal

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IDEFORD WILDLIFE GARDENING

Wednesday 11th September 2024
at 7.00 pm

Ideford Village Hall

Doors Open 6.45.

Come and listen to our expert speaker Elaine Hughes (C Hort MCIHort)

Presentation - Q & A Session - Refreshments

Elaine is a member of the Royal Chartered Institute of Horticulture. She was in-house gardener for the London Wildlife Trust. During that time she managed their demonstration wildlife garden in Dulwich and campaigned for wildlife friendly gardening. She won a gold medal for her showcase wildlife garden at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show. Since then she has been self employed as a landscape designer across the range of commercial, community and private projects with a special interest in designing wildlife friendly spaces.

Come along for the presentation which will cover the basic principles of wildlife gardening for individuals and community spaces. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions in an informal and friendly atmosphere and there will be a limited number of free starter gifts.

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1st Bishopsteignton Scouts

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Our local scout group is an extremely active and popular group, however, we are struggling to recruit new leaders. We have active and supportive trustee and fundraising committees but have lost some long standing leaders recently. We have Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and a joint Explorers section, with River Teign Sea Scouts. Our sections cover from 4 years to 18 years and some have a waiting list that we can't deal with due to a lack of leaders. We have had scouts take part in the World Scout Jamboree, gain their Kings Scouts Award, D of E awards and more. Several of our young people are Young Leaders and some have gone on to be full leaders, but we still need help to fulfil our potential. You'd get full training and support and you'd have a lasting impact on our local young people. Many of our Ideford youngsters have enjoyed an active and rewarding time with 1st Bishop and some continue to do so, so if you'd like more information or an informal chat please contact Sally Livett by email on sallylivett@yahoo.co.uk or chat with Vicki on 07766 551067 or 01626 854814.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the V.H. on 13th June 2024 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Vice Chair. Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting Cllr C Hill
In Attendance:	Cllr R Peart (DCC) Wildlife Wardens, Robin Aaronson And Dominic Morby	Mrs. Clarke, Clerk 5 members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
065/24	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed everyone. There were apologies from Cllr K Gearon (TDC) and PCSO Bunce who arrived later.
066/24	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: It was agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 9 th May 2024 as a true and accurate record.
067/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.
068/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Dom Morby (wildlife warden) indicated how well the litter pick went and wanted to give credit where it was due to the Millennium Green for recent work that has been carried out as it's looking great.
069/24	REPORTS: Cllr R Peart (DCC) The general election has put Devon and Torbay's devolution deal on hold, however 16 projects focused around housing, climate change, boosting the economy, and support to get care leavers into work will be shown to the new minister on day one of the new government. Cllr McInnes said he is confident whatever government comes into power after the general election it will support devolution. Cllr K Gearon (TDC) The chairman read out the councillor's report. Cllr Gearon attended the mandatory Planning training at TDC whereby the officers advised they are offering planning training to Town and Parish Councils'. There is a meeting with Phil Shears, Chief Executive Teignbridge DC, on Friday 21 June to discuss ongoing issues and concerns residents may be experiencing in Kingsteignton and Ideford. Despite campaigning against the part pedestrianisation of Queen Street, the works have forged ahead. Residents are encouraged to show their support to local businesses by visiting the town whilst the project takes place, if you can find a parking space! PCSO Bunce The chairman read out the report and later PCSO Bunce attended the meeting. In the period, 1st May 2024 to the 31st of May 2024, there were 0 recorded offences in the Ideford area, made to the Police. Litter Pick – The chairman provided a summary of the event and indicated that a fair amount of litter was collected. It was suggested perhaps this should take place twice in the year and various councillors and wardens indicated it may be preferable to hold this before the growing season begins and then again in the autumn.

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALLA Friend in Need!



Next year our lovely Village Hall will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. When the village school was forced to close, its future was uncertain. A small, determined group of people worked hard (with the support of the then Lord Clifford) to turn the building into a community space – the hall you know today, administered by trustees. The present trustees are a cheery group of Parish residents who help to raise funds and grants to maintain the hall to a high standard. The building is open to all, to groups and individuals. The Trust tries to keep hiring fees reasonable. However it costs around £4000 per year to keep the hall running well. Why then does it need friends? The trustees would like to welcome more people 'on board'. There are no qualifications needed!! Just a willingness to bring ideas for the future, have an interest in fund raising or seeking grants. You might like to help with various events the hall organises. If you are new to the community, it's a great way to meet people and make friends.

Here are some of the events planned up to Christmas:

KEEP THE DATES!

Pre Bonfire Breakfast Sunday, Nov 3rd, 10am – 12.30pm. By donation

Quiz Night Saturday, Nov 16th – 7 for a 7.30 pm start. Licensed bar, delicious pasties at half-time, prizes, up to 4 in a team (details to follow)

Winter Fayre Saturday Nov 30th, times to be announced.

If you would like to give a hand at any of these please contact Angie (temp Chair of the Village Hall Trust) on 854898. You will find a warm welcome. You might like to become a friend of the hall, or a Trustee. We have around 5 meetings a year they aren't too long or ' wordy' or boring, we laugh a lot! New ideas and input is essential, different generations have a diversity of ideas, so why not come along. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Ideford Village Hall.

CREAM TEAS IN IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday September 14th

2pm until 4pm

Donations only

Meet up with friends and neighbours, and enjoy some delicious home made cakes and scones.

Raffle, Guess the weight of the cake plus other competitions, drawing table for the youngsters.

**This event is in support of St. Mary's Church
and Devon Historic Churches Trust.**

The Devon Historic Churches Trust funds repairs and maintenance to places of worship throughout Devon, and St Mary's has benefitted in the past. Saturday September 14th is Devon Historic Churches Day, when all churches in Devon are encouraged to be open, welcoming visitors and doing something to raise funds for the Trust. 50% of money raised will come Directly back to St Mary's.

If you would be prepared to make a cake for the event or donate a small raffle prize, please contact Janet Aylmore on 01626 852259 or e-mail j23aylmore@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Good News

**From September, your dog friendly,
Community Pop up Café will once again be open
from 11am until 1pm
for tea/coffee, cake and light lunches.**

Friday September 27th

Friday October 25th

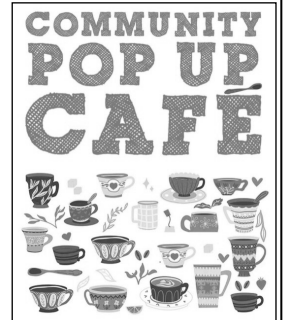
Friday November 29th

Come along and meet up with friends and neighbours

(Voluntary donation only)

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IDEFORD SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

A-Z. The R's of Sustainability.

Refuse

Whenever and wherever possible. Choose items that are not packaged in plastic, and carry your own bags and containers. For instance, make a personal commitment to say "no" to sauces in small plastic packets and the plastic wrapped biscuit you sometimes get with your coffee.

Reduce

For instance, we can reduce the consumption of bottled water in plastic bottles and instead carry a steel bottle to avoid sending the used bottles to landfill/recycling. Alternatively refill the water bottle and use it several times before recycling.

Reuse

Reusing helps in saving time, money, energy and resources. For example, by buying items loose and using reusable glass jars at home in the kitchen and use of plastic will be reduced. Books can be passed on or donated to charity and dedicated second hand book shops such as Oxfam in Teignmouth. Use cloth gift bags or wraps and refrain from ripping off wrapping paper. Remove wrapping paper carefully, you can use it again. Baking paper, liners for air fryer and tin foil can all be wiped clean and reused. Bring your own reusable cup when you are planning to stop for a coffee.

Recycle

If we must dispose of something, it can usually be recycled, and the materials can be reused to make something else. Make sure you're separating your glass, plastic and cardboard materials and disposing of them in the appropriate bin.

Repair

These days, we find it easier to buy a new product than to repair and use an existing product. This is true of especially electronic goods like mobile phones and domestic appliances, which can last a long time if repaired when necessary. Clothing can be mended or altered rather than be discarded and replaced. Do you know about Chudfix, our local repair cafe in Chudleigh? They can mend a wide variety of items from electricals to clothes to garden tools. The next cafe is on 21st September 10-12.30 in Chudleigh Primary School.

Refrain

Refrain from buying unnecessary items such as fast fashions. Refrain from unnecessary car journeys. Refrain from using cling film or use it sparingly i.e. just enough to cover the item or only when there is no alternative and lastly -

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Rethink

Before you buy another product, think do I really need it? By consuming more products, we're creating more, and discarding more. This ends up in landfills, where masses of rubbish is buried or burned away. Are the products you are buying designed in a way that considers people and the environment – were they made ethically? Are they made of recycled materials – can they be recycled?

If we understand our consumption habits and their impact on the environment, we're more likely to rethink our buying habits.

New Bat Survey in the Village

As last year, the Wildlife Wardens took part in the Devon Bat Survey 2024. A detector was placed in Tom and Jane Hill's garden from 12 to 15 July and nine species were detected. This is slightly fewer than last year and the number of passes was markedly lower, at 185, compared to over a thousand.

This may reflect the different location, or the cold, wet spring and poor summer, which has noticeably reduced the abundance of moths and other insects, on which bats feed. There have been reports all over the country of people finding dead or emaciated bats.

On the other hand, last year's results were dominated by Common Pipistrelles and this year there were 25% more observations of other species than last. For example, there were 19 observations of the rare Greater Horseshoe bat, compared to only two last year. Noctule, Serotine and Soprano Pipistrelle all got into double figures (all results are unverified at this stage).

Here's a reminder of what we can do to help our bats:

- Don't use insecticide in the garden; plant night-scented flowers to attract moths
- Minimise light pollution by putting external lights on motion sensors and covering the top with a hood, so that the light shines downwards
- Leave crevices and gaps on buildings open so that bats can roost in them; a pipistrelle only needs a gap the width of a fingernail
- On modern buildings, put up bat boxes.

Thanks to Jane and Tom for letting us place the detector in their garden.