

REPORT TO NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL –COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FORUM MEETING, FILLEIGH, 23/05/22 - Jock Campbell

The meeting was held in Filleigh Village Hall from 10.00 to 16.00 on the 23rd of June 2022.

The meeting was chaired by Devon Communities Together (DCT). The meeting started with an opening address by Nora Corkery, CEO of Devon Communities Together (DCT). During this address she discussed six volunteers who had been proposed by their Parish Councils for their outstanding contribution to Community Resilience. From these, one was selected as an overall winner. This was Laura Camp from Chudleigh.

Tom Dauben, from the Environment Agency(EA) then gave a presentation on the South West Resilience Hub. Tom's slides can be seen here: [Environment Agency widescreen powerpoint template \(devoncommunities.org.uk\)](https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk) This was concerned with what the EA is doing around flood resilience.

Penny Tranter, from the MET Office then talked about life behind the scenes at the met office. Her presentation can be found here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(devoncommunities.org.uk\)](https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk) This provided a useful discussion of how the Met Office works with other agencies during a flood and what resources are available to communities.

Paul Netherton OBE, a risk and resilience consultant, talked about the range of emergencies that could affect us and identified the following key threats for 2022-23:

- Terrorism (unpredictable unsophisticated attacks)
- Flooding (flash/ tidal/ rivers)
- Cyber attacks (disruption to service/ power outage/criminal)
- Cross channel issues (Brexit/border/small boats)
- Fires (including large rural fires)
- International issues – mutual aid and international deployments
- Protests & disorder – Climate - XR/ Animal protests / Raves

He discussed the National Security Risk Assessment process and crisis response arrangements. He also outlined the work of the National Preparedness Commission and the results from its recent review. His presentation can be seen at: [Risk and Capability Assessment in Resilience Management \(devoncommunities.org.uk\)](https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk)

Dr Anya Gopfert, Public Health Registrar Gloucestershire NHS Trust, talked about the EA's programme on social prescribing and health from the environment.

Mikaela D'Sousa from Devon County Council (DCC) talked about managing rapid response catchments and a new project which DCC has started to address this. Her talk can be seen at: [PowerPoint Presentation \(devoncommunities.org.uk\)](https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk). This project may have some useful findings for Newton St Cyres but is only at the beginning stage.

In the afternoon there were three workshops:

- Flood warden training by Kate Pearson of the EA
- Writing a good grant application by Martin Rich DCT

- Helping communities help themselves by Becky Maynard, VCS Emergencies Partnership

The flood wardens training was a useful introduction which Kate volunteered to replicate in NSC for the Flood Group if we wished at no cost. Her presentation can be seen at: [PowerPoint Presentation \(devoncommunities.org.uk\)](https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk)

The Grant Application workshop was helpful and I was able to go through the NSC application for radios with Martin Rich. He gave me a few pointers to help improve it and suggested that we submit as soon as possible.