

Report for Newton St Cyres Parish Council July 2022 – Sue Rowell Climate Officer

Newton Environment Group

- A Mid Devon Wildlife warden scheme is being set up and volunteers are being invited to join and have appropriate training. This is supported by Lottery funding with pilots to operate in Cheriton Bishop, Hittesleigh and NSC and an initial session is planned for 20 July in Newton St Cyres. Anyone interested in coming along should contact NEW group.
- Discussions are being held regarding a community food larder to reduce food waste and support those in need, following on from the success of one instigated in Crediton.
- Discussions are being held with MDDC regarding a community orchard being set up in part of Court Orchard
- Date for diaries: a Green fair is to be held on 24 Sept 11-2 in Crediton Town square

River Creedy Catchment project

The initial meeting has been postponed until September due to availability of participants. Our DCC councillor has been invited to join the group.

Energy Efficiency and Local schemes

Attended Community Energy online event with the chair of the Parish hall and we are having a follow up discussion with local organisers next week to understand scope for the Parish hall or more widely for the village. I intend to write to our MP asking him to support the Community Energy Bill which will create more potential opportunities for small communities to benefit directly from local schemes.

Local Woodlands

Flood mitigation measures to be further investigated for implementation in the Shuttern Brook headwaters, along with training for community resilience flood wardens which is due to take place later in July.

Devon Local Nature Partnership Community Awards

I am gathering details of the many projects and activities which have gone on over the last year (or so) to submit an application for this award. There has been a lot of effort put in by many parishioners and it would be nice for this to be formally recognised. Wildflowers on the Village green are looking amazing, but like all these projects its take time, patience and effort to fully realise the potential for wildlife (see below).

