

## **Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change Subcommittee update**

This month the parish council's meeting has been delayed, so this report is written in advance of any decisions relating to the work of the climate change subcommittee.

**The River Erme estuary pollution.** By the time you read this we will have had the parish council meeting with representatives from South West Water, our MP Sir Gary Streeter, and hopefully a representative from the Environment Agency. At the time of writing this has not taken place.

A reminder: **The EA needs us to report any incident that we see.** Their contact numbers are: **0800 80 70 60**, the national 24 hour hotline, and **0344 346 2020** for South West Water Wastewater incidents. Take a photograph if possible.

Also remember to stick to the 3 'P' approach to using our toilets as in the last 2 months' Holbeton News. If it hasn't been through you... please don't put it down the loo (except loo paper).

**The book of the month is Wilding: The return of nature to a British farm, by Isabella Tree.** The story of the 'Knepp experiment', a pioneering rewilding project in West Sussex, using free-roaming grazing animals to create new habitats for wildlife. Part gripping memoir, part fascinating account of the ecology of our countryside, Wilding is, above all, an inspiring story of hope.

This remarkable story of an astounding transformation is available along with many other books in the environmental library in the Reading Rooms, open on Monday mornings with the option of coffee and a chat as well!

**The environmental tip of the month** is on home repairs, kindly written by Andrew Hollett.

**New planning application documents.** South Hams District Council's planning department has increased substantially the number of forms required to be completed by planning applicants. Two forms relate to the planning authority's DEV32 carbon reduction policy: one for minor developments requires a carbon reduction statement, and the other for major developments requires a carbon reduction plan.

For anyone contemplating undertaking work on their home there is now a free publication giving practical guidance on how to improve your home's carbon footprint. Just Google "Cotswold Net Zero Carbon Toolkit". The subcommittee thought it excellent.

**Holbeton Climate Change and Eco Group Facebook Page** is where to share ideas and tips for making our parish a greener place! Please do join in.

**Do join the Holbeton Climate Change Forum!** This is an informal group interested in projects and ideas to support the environment. If you are interested in being part of the forum please contact [annawest123@gmail.com](mailto:annawest123@gmail.com). **We need your help and enthusiasm!**

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