

LODDISWELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 6th May 2025, commencing at 7 p.m.

1. Welcome to members of the public
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Police Report (Jonathan Lonsdale)
4. Report by the Chairman (Mr Peter Sheard)
5. D.C.C.
6. S.H.D.C. (Cllr Lee Bonham)
7. Report on Charities (Mr. Paul Harvey)
8. Playing Field & Village Hall Trust (Mrs Marilyn Hall)
9. Allotments Association (Mr Mike Hine)
10. Parish Paths (P.P.P.) (Mrs Lara Webber)
11. Loddiswell Primary School Report (Mrs Lucinda Kirkham)
12. Financial Report of PC (Miss Fiona Stace)
13. Public Questions



Devon & Cornwall Police

Kingsbridge & Salcombe Neighbourhood Policing Team

April 2025 Loddiswell Police Summary

I am pleased to report that in April 2025 we have two new officers joining the Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team, Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Sam McGregor who joins us from Response and Police Community Support Officer Tom Eabry who has completed his training and will carry out his mentorship between Totnes and Kingsbridge before joining us full time on completion. With this extra staff comes a greater ability for us to respond to your issues, detect crime and be more visible on the streets.

Between April 2024 and April 2025 there have been 55 reported crimes recorded for the Loddiswell Policing area. It is important to note that the 55 crimes include areas outside the parish boundary, Police beat codes do not follow parish boundaries. Crime recorded for the Loddiswell area has increased by 48% on the previous year as below:

| Offence | Crime Current Year | Crime Previous Year | % Change |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Arson | 1 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Burglary - Business | 1 | 0 | - |
| Burglary Residential | 1 | 0 | - |
| Criminal Damage | 10 | 9 | 11.1% |
| Miscellaneous Crimes | 1 | 0 | - |
| Sexual Offences | 0 | 2 | -100.0% |
| Theft | 4 | 2 | 100.0% |



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| Possession of Drugs | 1 | 0 | - |
| Public Order | 3 | 4 | -25.0% |

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| Stalking and Harassment | 11 | 7 | 57.1% |
| Vehicle Offences | 2 | 0 | - |
| Violence with Injury | 5 | 5 | 0.0% |
| Violence without Injury | 15 | 7 | 114.3% |

These crimes make up part of the 816 recorded crimes for the whole of the Kingsbridge Neighbourhood policing area, equating to 7% of the total crimes recorded.

You can tell us about issues by reporting in several ways, these are the same for is there is non-urgent crime to report, any local intelligence or questions for us, please do email the Kingsbridge Police Station email address:

kingsbridge@dc.police.uk, visit the Devon & Cornwall Police website or the Kingsbridge Police Station Public Enquiry Office, which is open Monday to Saturday 10AM to 3PM.

Many thanks as always,

PC 11452 Jon Lonsdale
Kingsbridge Police Station

Loddiswell Parish Council Chairman's End of Year Letter March 2024 – April 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As we close this chapter spanning from March 2024 through April 2025, I am heartened to reflect on a period of constructive dialogue, thoughtful decision-making, and community engagement that has enriched Loddiswell. Our monthly meetings provided a steadfast forum where challenges were met head on and new opportunities embraced, and I would like to share with you some of the highlights and key achievements over the past year.

Community Safety and Policing Matters

- We continue to monitor Police reports covering our Parish and engagement with Community Safety Partnership meetings hosted by South Devon Police.
 - Of note, our discussions with local policing representatives, including an informative session attended by Cllr Elliott Smerdon, helped us address concerns about individuals impersonating traders. This reminder to verify services directly with providers underlines our commitment to safeguarding the community from potential scams and ensuring your security is never compromised.
- The PC has installed 2 additional VAS (vehicle activated sign), which have proven to positively impact traffic speeds into and exiting the village, in particular past the playing fields.

Public Participation and Community Assets

- Our meetings underscored the importance of public input. The public comment segments were attended by several local residents detailing various initiatives, community groups and local concerns.
- The PC is committed to support and harness community input and work closely with neighbouring bodies. We have resolved to support joint local plans where possible, a move that we believe will strengthen our local infrastructure and community spirit as we navigate new regulatory challenges.

Planning, Environmental Stewardship, and Local Projects

- Throughout this period, we have remained vigilant in managing our local environment and promoting community-friendly planning proposals:
 - The Loddiswell Inn project has continued to gain traction, with significant progress made in securing funding and finalizing the business plan. The Parish Council has provided its full support, including funding, to progress this initiative. Whilst, the original plans may not come to fruition, the PC will continue to support any plans to reinstate the pub into active service and we are optimistic about the positive impact this initiative will have on our village.
 - We are commitment to environmental protection with continued engagement with 'Wild About Loddiswell,' and 'Avon River Champions.'
 - Cllr Haskins has assumed responsibility a new Sustainability agenda item for the sole purpose of looking at sustainability in the parish with particular emphasis on: Working with South Hams District Council, Devon County Council and other

local and national agencies to ensure resources are directed towards projects in the Parish; encouraging local residents, organisations and businesses to work with us to reduce pollution, protect and improve the environment; providing support to our community in making changes which are needed.

- These measures, taken together, reflect our holistic vision for a community that embraces both progress and the safeguarding of our natural legacy.

Neighbourhood Plan and Future Aspirations

- Following significant effort by Cllr Satterley, an important step during our recent meetings was the submission of our Neighbourhood Plan to South Hams District Council for approval.
- Though the plan is currently on pause pending further review, this process serves as a testament to our community's long-term commitment to sustainable development and improved public facilities.
- Whilst the PC was previously unsuccessful in garnering valuable input from the community for the Neighbourhood Plan process, despite many attempts, I am pleased to see we have now received encouraging engagement from the newly formed Loddiswell Forum.

Looking Ahead

With continued chairing of the Parish Council, I hope we demonstrate the unwavering spirit of cooperation among councillors and community participants has been a shining light through every session. We stand committed to continuing our transparent approach and collaborative decision-making as we move forward. Our focused work over the past year lays the groundwork not only for a stronger tomorrow but also for an enduring sense of belonging and progress in Loddiswell.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every resident, councillor, and volunteer who contributed their time, insight, and passion throughout this period. Your engagement fortifies our community, and I am both grateful and inspired by your dedication.

Let us step into the new phase with renewed energy—committed to addressing challenges, embracing opportunities, and building a future where every voice is heard.

Warm regards,

Cllr Peter Sheard Chairman, Loddiswell Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Over the past year I have supported residents of Loddiswell on a number of issues. South Hams District Council has also made good progress on its agreed priorities but we also had to make some difficult decisions and are facing an uncertain future.

I have supported residents who asked about waste collections, planning and enforcement issues, noise disturbance, leisure and other issues. I have helped the Loddiswell Inn group and the new Loddiswell Forum. I also provided some funding to Wild about Loddiswell from my Localities Fund.

The Council, with a strong focus on the environment, recently helped establish the Plymouth and South Devon Community forest, which aims to plant thousands of trees across the area. As part of this we have supported a 65-acre community woodland near South Brent called Hope Wood. Other environmental projects underway include solar panels on the roofs of Council owned buildings and an ambitious project to encourage local food producers. Housing is one of the priorities for the Council. We recently opened 8 social rented homes in St Ann's Chapel and have begun working on:

- * 39 new energy-efficient social rental homes in Clay Park, Dartington
- * 57 new affordable homes and properties for the over 55's in Newton Ferrers
- * 35 social rented properties in Parker's Way, Totnes
- * New accommodation in Kingsbridge for people needing temporary accommodation
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I have been taking a particular interest in pollution in our local rivers and I am working with community groups to ensure South West Water provide accurate information on their plans to improve the situation.

This year the Council had to address a financial shortfall, due largely to a reduction in grant funding from the Government. We made the difficult decision to increase parking charges, and tried to do this in a way that is fair for local residents and for visitors.

The Council also needs to accept the Government's determination to merge district councils - including SHDC - with county councils to form new unitary bodies. I doubt that this will deliver the savings or service improvements promised. However, the Council is determined to work with others to find the best way of achieving this merger, while meeting the needs of local residents and businesses.

In the meantime SHDC will continue to deliver local services in the most efficient way possible. Wishing you all the best.

Lee Bonham, District Councillor, South Hams District Council

Annual Parish Meeting 2025 -Loddiswell Charities report.

Phillips Charity

This parish charity has been in existence since 1728 when a Richard Phillips from Heathfield, Loddiswell bequeathed a trust of money to the poor and needy of the parish for eternity.

There are nine feoffees which today act to disburse the dividends from the financial investments. With the welfare state now in place it has been the OAPs who live in Loddiswell parish who receive the proceeds.

There are some terms and conditions surrounding this one of which is to attend the disbursement service in the parish church on St Stephens Day.

The tomb of the benefactor has an inscription upon it positioned near the altar. This is where the eligible parishioners collect their money gift from and forms part of the service tradition. In 2024 twenty eight Loddiswell OAPs were disbursement recipients of £40 each.

If anyone wants to learn more of the criteria required to access this fund then contact the chairman of the Feoffees ,Paul Harvey on 07809886444.

Arundell Charity

The second charity for which the feoffees are responsible is the Arundell charity. Again, established centuries ago it has investments which attract dividends which are then disbursed into the community in the form of grants.

Rather than individuals this charity aims to support parish organisations with specific projects. Each January applications are invited to share out the grants typically from values of £500 to £2000. The Feoffees will make a decision late January on which of the applications will be favoured.

In the past grants have been made to Loddiswell pre-school and primary school, parish church, pub/community hub group and various youth groups in the parish .

If any organisation/group wants to apply for funding for a specific item/ cause, then apply in writing to charity chairman Paul Harvey at paulharvey1297@outlook.com

In addition to grants the Arundell charity is responsible for being custodians of Black Down Rings. This is a popular site for walkers and visitors and has fantastic panoramic views. The site is part of an Iron Age fort and a scheduled ancient monument. Information boards there depict the site history and flora and fauna of today.

Blackdown Rings was gifted to the parish by the Peeke family of Hazelwood in 1991 and was officially opened by the then secretary of state John Selwyn Gummer.

Blackdown Rings has an environmental agreement with natural England to protect the nature of the site, so it remains a beautiful open space.

Sheep graze the pasture there in summer and dog walkers are reminded to be vigilant in keeping dogs under control if sheep and lambs are present.

The feoffees erected a memorial plaque in 2024 in recognition of Russell Baker who gave a great deal of service to the parish and an enthusiastic supporter of the Rings.

Many thanks to the feoffees of these parish charities who voluntarily give up their time in maintaining these traditions. They are----

Paul Harvey, chairman

Karen Elliott, vice chairman

Garry Elliott, Robert Webber, Malcolm Montague ,Christine Rockey, Steve Dawe, Francis Baker, Fiona van Es.

Loddiswell Playing Fields and Village Hall Trust - Report to the Annual Public Meeting of Loddiswell Parish Council to be held on 6th May 2025

2024/25 has been another challenging one for the Trust with ongoing – and expensive! - repairs issues at the Village Hall, Pavilion and Playing Field.

However, we have been pleased to complete the lengthy process to transfer to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and have co-opted some new Trustees who should become full members at our AGM this year. These changes put the Trust on a firm footing going forward as we plan to redevelop the Village Hall and Pavilion and make best use of our assets for the whole village community.

Our only income comes from hire charges, supplemented by the annual lottery, but our costs continue to rise significantly. During the year we reviewed our hire charges and made modest increases. We were also pleased to increase the numbers taking part in the lottery. Keeping our facilities clean and well maintained relies on quite a lot of voluntary input from Trustees and other supporters – and so in 2025 we will be exploring the possibility of appointing a part time caretaker and seeking funds to pay for this.

The playing field continues to be well-used by the community and the tennis courts and children's play park are in daily use. We were glad to work with the Parish Council on the creation of a new, safer footpath alongside the road. Our hire agreement with the tennis club was reviewed during the year but no changes made. We continue to host two football teams during the season. The Pavilion continues to provide a base for the Pre-school during term-time. We have been in discussion with the Head and Chair of governors at the school about the eventual move of the Pre-school to the new school site. We aim for this to take place at the end of the next school year in July 2026.

The village hall is regularly booked by a number of groups and hosts children's parties and the community Pop-up Café, which is very well supported. However the heating system in the hall is inadequate and expensive to run and maintain, and the facilities in the hall need upgrading. We are therefore considering all options for redevelopment or refurbishment of the hall so that the Trust can provide the facilities needed for community activities in the future. And importantly so that we can meet all our statutory Health & Safety obligations.

We have set up a 'Village Hall Development Committee' which will meet monthly over the coming year to explore the options for redeveloping our assets and seeking funds to support the way ahead. Parish Council representatives are involved in the Committee. We will be seeking the views of the community at the 'Blueprint for Loddiswell' event on the 26th April. We are taking on board advice from Devon Communities Together as we plan ahead.

As part of the Devon and Cornwall Police initiative 'Project Access,' the village hall is now registered as an emergency evacuation centre. Local police officers indicated that they may hold a local community surgery in the hall but none have taken place to date; we will advise the dates to the Parish Council if any are planned.

Trustees have been pleased to support the development of a 'Pump Track' on the playing field to provide a safe area for children to ride their bikes – we look forward to working with Will Paige and his committee in the coming year as they raise funds for the track.

The Trust is pleased to be taking part in the new Loddiswell Forum and Neighbourhood Plan Group – and we look forward to working in partnership with the Parish Council and others in the year ahead.

Loddiswell Allotment Association – AGM 2025

Chairman's Report

I would like to welcome you all here tonight.

I'd like to thank Tim, Trudy and my wife, Sheila for all they have done through the year. Thanks to Sam for cutting the grass and all the other jobs you do through the year.

At the start of this year we made two new half plots, as well as the two new stand pipes. We purchased a second hand ride-on mower.

The weather this year has been a little better than last and I'd like to thank all plot holders who entered into our show this year, vegetables and flowers.

We still have two existing plot holders asking for extra half plots, with five more on the waiting list.

There will be more dung coming soon, as well there will be compost orders taken in the Yew Year.

Mike Hine
LAA Chairman
March 2025

PP3 Annual Report - Loddiswell Parish

As parish pathways coordinator, I walk and monitor our 13 footpaths, which cover 4.5 miles. These include formal pathways through our village, tracks across farmland, stretches of the Avon river and crossing private land. A network of routes for all to enjoy.

Following the loss of our pathways officer Ros Davies, there has been limited contact during this initial transitional year. I hope to be able to meet with the new officer, Jon Boyd at some point in the next year to aid the progress of any necessary work in the future.

Again, after a number of storms, we have experienced the loss of many trees falling on or beside the footpaths that have been removed. Additionally, there has been much management both in the village and down at Topsham Bridge where lots of work has taken place to make the route less water logged.

Our budget for pathways is just £750. This helps to fund the clearance and maintenance of routes under parish council care. Reports by those benefiting from access to our parish footpaths of fallen trees blocking paths, damaged signs or stiles or any other potential danger or hindrance conflicting with access and enjoyment is encouraged to help deal with the situation as soon as possible. I have also liaised with the dog warden on a number of occasions throughout the year to try and curb the issues of dog mess throughout our village. Dogs must also be under full control at all times both within the 30 mile limit and across the footpath network. This means on a lead unless you truly have full control. Let's hope we have a glorious Spring and Summer to fully appreciate our fabulous footpaths.

Loddiswell Primary School and Preschool

Part of the South Hams Federation (with Stokenham, Malborough and Modbury)

Another exciting year has passed and the numbers of pupils attending the preschool and primary school continue to grow.

The children are enjoying the addition of the new classroom which has fantastic views over the surrounding country side.

Numbers

Our school now has 109 children! We have increased our numbers since the previous report and in September we welcomed 17 new reception children to our school. We have also welcomed a number of new children to the school since September.

Our preschool also continues to flourish and grow in and we are full on the days that preschool are open. The preschool team are fantastic at settling the children to the setting and preparing them for joining the big school when the time arrives. We are pleased to announce that in September, we will be opening our preschool 5 days a week.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Nixon who joined our school. She has worked in various schools withing our Federation. to

We also welcome a number of staff to the school team who support all our children.

Lunches

The children have enjoyed a variety of lunches over the term, including Christmas lunch, a World Book Day feast and lots of yummy creations! All the produce is locally sourced and cooked on site by our wonderful cook- Anne- Marie.

Clubs and Activities

We continue to offer a range of clubs ranging from lego club to eco club and choir.

This term, Year6 have been given the opportunity to learn to sail with Salcombe sailing school, the children are really enjoying this experience and we hope this is something we can offer all our children in years to come.

We are also very fortunate to offer our children the chance to surf thanks to Discovery surf school.

Residentials 2024/2025

The children are really looking forward to the school residential's that are taking place in June and July. Year 3 are off to an extended day trip and Year 4, are all off on overnight adventures! Year 5 and 6 have already been on adventures with lots of memories being made. Key Stage 1 children have been to the zoo and are off to the butterfly farm and otter sanctuary.

Wider community involvement

We ended the Christmas term with a Christmas Carol concert in the church where it was lovely to see so many parents and the community, thank you to Mike White and Hilary for playing the piano for us!

This year we ran our first ever Bingo evening and it was great to see so many of the community come along. A huge thank you goes to our amazing PTFA. It was a huge success and all the money raised from the events goes back into the school and used for school trips and much needed equipment.

Upcoming Events:

Sports Day- July.

We look forward to seeing you all at our wider community events!

Mrs L Kirkham
Head of School

Loddiswell Parish Council Finance Summary for 2024/2025

Main Payments

Insurance £275.21
Salary £4,380.90
Disbursements £258.48
General village maintenance to include - £10,825.07
(grass cutting and repair work)
Cleaning of the disabled toilets £857
Audit £450
Web Site £124.38
PAYE £1,317.60
Allotments - loan repayment £1463.58
Admin, to include subscriptions £720.07
Capital Items to include: Village signage and street lamps £5,569.99
Path laid by darts Surfacing £14,018.40
Tree cutting £1500

Total Payments including those not listed £47,144.19

Main Receipts

Precept £37,655
PPP Scheme £770
VAT Return £1,639.25
Allotment Rent £1200

Total Receipts including those not listed £41,454.05

Current bank account balance: £80,253.29
(Not including April 2024))

Approximate S106 for Loddiswell Parish Council use: £15,000