

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at Magelake**

**Meeting Open – 19:01**

**26.03.01 Apologies for absence**

**Chairman:** Phil Cornish

**Present:** R Kingdom            T Edwards            P Blackman            K Poynton  
                  S Horne                Peter Cornish        M Bodger              P Hallchurch

**Apologies**            G Strawbridge

**26.03.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The minutes were agreed as an official council record (1 x abstention).

**Public Session**

There was 1 member of the public present who raised the following two questions:

- 1) Does Uffculme Parish Council hold their own membership with Compost Magic?
- 2) Could the Council support the request for providing storage for the Green Team at Magelake, in the form of a storage container?
  - a. It was advised that community storage space was needed
  - b. It is anticipated that a large sized contained will be needed
  - c. The Clerk requested a proposal be put together for the council to be able to consider fully

It was also advised as follows:

- 3) The Library of Things is due to open soon
- 4) 28<sup>th</sup> March is the Community Litter Pick date

**26.03.03 County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Clist did not provide a written report ahead of time and was not in attendance.

**26.03.04 District Councillors' Reports**

The Lower Culm Ward Councillors did not provide a written report ahead of time and were not in attendance.

Councillors Bradshaw and Clist did not provide a written report ahead of time and were not in attendance.

**26.03.05 Parish Council Vacancies**

The Clerk advised that there are currently 2 live vacancies and encouraged all to spread the word.

**26.03.06 Finance**

**26.03.06.01 To approve January Financial Statement**

The January financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

**26.03.06.02 To approve February Financial Statement**

The February financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

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**26.03.06.03 Clerk's Training - CiLCA**

The Clerk advised that CiLCA training had been initiated through Broadclyst Parish Council, and it was asked whether Uffculme Parish Council would like to contribute towards the total costs (£495 SLCC / £300 DALC). 50/50 split Proposed by Councillor Horne, Proposed by Councillor Hallchurch, all in agreement.

**26.03.06.04 Playpark Repairs**

Quotation for repairs received (appended). Minus the works for 2 items at Highland Terrace and 1 item at Pathfields (due to replacement equipment being planned) Proposed by Councillor Poynton, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

**26.03.06.05 Playpark Equipment Quotations – Part B**

Press and Public were excluded from this item due to items being discussed being commercially sensitive.

Quotations were considered (appended). Highland Terrace - Provider B, Option 1 Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Horne, all in agreement. Clerk to seek grant funding to accompany the budgetary spend. Pathfields – Provider B, subject to the materials being non-wood.

\*Councillor Horne left the meeting at 19:50.

**26.03.06.06 Cemetery Software**

A quotation for renewal of existing software was received (appended). After discussions, the option not to renew was Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Phil Cornish, all in agreement.

**26.03.06.07 Grant Request – Men's Club<sup>1</sup>**

A grant request was received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Phil Cornish, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement.

**26.03.06.08 Grant Request – Swift Dance Company**

A grant request was received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Hallchurch, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

**26.03.07 Business Arising**

**26.03.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath**

No further meetings have taken place recently. Correspondence had been received, requesting details for the site manager for inert waste disposal. This is not something the quarries are interested in so details not passed on to Member of Public. Clerk requested Councillor Edwards arranges for formal confirmation of offer of materials from quarry for the Bridleway. Details to be provided to enable this.

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<sup>1</sup> Councillor Peter Cornish did not partake in discussions or vote as part of this item due to being a member of the Men's Club.

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**26.03.07.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill**

A meeting took place in January, with the following items raised:

- 1) Faded road markings by church continue to be an issue.
- 2) Vermin from pond suspected.
- 3) Remedial works taking place
- 4) Grinder being replaced so works at weekends expected
- 5) It was recommended that any complaints regarding markings are raised directly via DCC also, to increase numbers reporting the issue
- 6) No Environmental Officer appointed to visit. This is a concern.

**26.03.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club**

The AGM took place last month. Promoting due, now that antisocial behaviour is under control. It is planned that they will show the World Cup. Windows are being discussed with the Conservation Officer. They currently have £24k in the bank.

**26.03.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club**

At latest meeting it was raised that all is going well, with attendance being slightly down and new members actively being encouraged to join. The next meeting to take place 13/03 at 2.30pm. Maintenance is being carried out, ready for the new season, currently.

**26.03.07.05 Green Team**

- Annual celebration took place recently.
- Library of Things launching soon
- Village Volunteers re still busy, with Commercial Rod recently being cleared and tidied
- It is hoped that No 11 is to be open ongoing

**26.03.07.06 Allotments**

AGM too place last week. 2 x abandoned plots and 4 x on the waiting list. Invoice due to be forwarded for subsidy once renewals have been processed.

**26.03.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update**

- The broken sign outside of the church was fixed by a local resident
- White lines are still faded
  - All encouraged to report to DCC, along with fly tipping to MDDC
- Relocation of the diary to be considered going forwards, subject to No11 reopening fully

**26.03.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch**

Councillor Edwards attended a meeting in Willand. 6 Councillors from neighbouring parishes were in attendance. Uffculme Straight speed limit was raised as a concern, as it has been previously also, with DCC. VAS were also discussed and the sharing across parishes – some high speeds have been recorded using systems within Willand. Vision Zero have grants available currently. These are to be explored further. It was also raised that there was an increase in traffic from J27/28. Councillor Logue is looking into statistics surrounding this.

20MPH signs within parish villages to be arranged. Clerk to liaise further with handyman.

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**26.03.07.09 Schools Update**

No updates were provided.

**26.03.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall**

Advised ticking over nicely and the new seats are comfy. Bookings information now included in Spotlight.

**26.03.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs**

Fencing to the top of the carpark has been repaired. There was substantial damage to the MUGA during the flooding and the whole MUGA now needs to be replaced. Issue with SWW currently and legal fees applied for delayed payment (loss of water and insurance claim). Clerk continuing to appeal against these fees.

**26.03.07.12 Youth Working Group**

No updates were provided.

**26.03.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)**

Post Office have a current feel that it will reopen. Post Office contacted directly to enquire. License needs to be revoked from existing before another can be allowed to operate. Will continue to track progress.

**26.03.07.14 Play Areas**

All updates have been provided in earlier items.

**26.03.07.15 Community Road Warden Scheme**

A report was provided (appended). Clerk to discuss with NHO whether space saving warning signs can be provided for safety when in the road. A further order of tarmac was made 09/03. More equipment is also needed.

**26.03.07.16 Community Litter Posters**

Designs of posters from children within parish schools were provided to the council to be further shortlisted to select 5 design to be printed, out of a total of 7 by the organisers of the campaign. Proposed to allocate £100 from Community Grant pot to fund the printing costs to include all of the final designs Proposed by Councillor Hallchurch, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement. The locations of the signs within the parish to be delegated to the Community Litter Pick Contractor and Clerk for suitable sites, once printed Proposed by Councillor Phil Cornish, Seconded by Councillor Poynton, all in agreement.

**26.03.07.17 Annual Parish Meeting**

Plans for this year's event were discussed. Magelake was Proposed by Councillor Blackman, this was not Seconded and therefore was not moved to vote. Uffculme Village Hall Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Hallchurch, all in agreement. It was also agreed to invite the same groups and continue with the same format as last year, as it worked well. Clerk to explore the option of savoury and wine also being provided as refreshments.

**26.03.08 Police Report**

No updates were provided.

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**26.03.09 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report and Highways tracker were discussed (appended).

- Draft Response: Chapel Hill (appended) – all in agreement to submit
- Draft Response: Caravan Site Draft Policy (appended) – all in agreement to submit
- Scribe Accounting (appended) – Proposed by Councillor Bodger, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in agreement.
- Footpath Lighting Request – all in agreement to investigate further

**Meeting Close: 21:00**

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.**

**Uffculme Parish Council  
January 2026 Income and Expenditure Summary**

**Current Account**

**Balance at 31 December 2025** **1,491.04**

**Income Received**

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**Expenses Incurred**

|            |                      |                                      |          |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 02/01/2026 | Gemma Cole           | January Wages                        | 1,000.00 |
| 06/01/2026 | Devon County Council | Pension Contribution - December      | 336.65   |
| 12/01/2026 | Countrywide GM       | Magelake - Maintenance - 05/25-10/25 | 1,118.39 |
| 12/01/2026 | Festive Lighting Co  | Christmas Lights                     | 585.00   |
| 12/01/2026 | Festive Lighting Co  | Christmas Lights                     | 92.04    |
| 12/01/2026 | Jess Lucas           | Bins - December                      | 100.00   |
| 12/01/2026 | NJT                  | Magelake - Boiler Repairs            | 469.86   |
| 12/01/2026 | REuMS                | Playpark - Maintenance               | 135.00   |
| 12/01/2026 | Bradfords            | Playpark - Maintenance               | 107.75   |
| 12/01/2026 | Ken White Signs      | Noticeboard Repairs                  | 54.00    |
| 12/01/2026 | Pickerings           | Community Fridge - November          | 105.84   |
| 12/01/2026 | Pickerings           | Community Fridge - December          | 121.72   |
| 12/01/2026 | Belinda Martin       | Litter Picking - December            | 275.10   |
| 12/01/2026 | Bubbles Exterior     | Public Toilets - Cleaning - December | 195.00   |
| 26/01/2026 | Gemma Cole           | December Wages Top Up                | 76.97    |
| 26/01/2026 | Tamar Telecoms       | Clerk's Phone                        | 14.42    |
| 27/01/2026 | Jess Lucas           | Grass Cutting Contract               | 1,712.50 |
| 30/01/2026 | Lloyds Bank          | Account Fee                          | 4.25     |

**6,504.49**

**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

**6,500.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 February 2026** **1,486.55**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance at 31 December 2025** **131,430.44**

**Income Received**

|            |             |          |       |
|------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| 09/01/2026 | Lloyds Bank | Interest | 78.12 |
|------------|-------------|----------|-------|

**78.12**

**Expenses Incurred**

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**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

**- 6,500.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 February 2026** **125,008.56**

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**February 2026 Income and Expenditure Summary**

**Current Account**

|  |  |                        |
|--|--|------------------------|
|  | <b>Balance at 31 January 2026</b>              | <b>1,486.55</b>        |
| <b>Income Received</b>                   |  |                        |
| 23/02/2026 Quantock Funeral              | Burial Fee - Sloman                            | 1,500.00               |
| 24/02/2026 Ecclesiastical                | Insurance Claim - Magelake Water Leak          | 2,787.31               |
|  |  | <b>4,287.31</b>        |
| <b>Expenses Incurred</b>                 |  |                        |
| 03/02/2026 Gemma Cole                    | February Wages                                 | 1,076.97               |
| 03/02/2026 ICO                           | Data Protection Renewal Fee                    | 47.00                  |
| 06/02/2026 Devon County Council          | Pension Contribution - January                 | 336.65                 |
| 10/02/2026 South West Water              | Magelake                                       | 2,997.53               |
| 10/02/2026 South West Water              | Magelake                                       | 811.54                 |
| 10/02/2026 South West Water              | Magelake                                       | 312.92                 |
| 10/02/2026 South West Water              | Magelake                                       | 0.01                   |
| 11/02/2026 Brookside Timber*             | Maintenance - Magelake                         | 202.62                 |
| 16/02/2026 R&R Services                  | Maintenance - Annual Weed Clearance            | 3,840.00               |
| 16/02/2026 Belinda Martin                | Litter Picking - October                       | 340.60                 |
| 16/02/2026 Belinda Martin                | Litter Picking - January                       | 366.80                 |
| 16/02/2026 Pickerings                    | Community Fridge - January                     | 116.42                 |
| 16/02/2026 Countrywide GM                | Magelake - Maintenance - 01/25                 | 132.34                 |
| 16/02/2026 Countrywide GM                | Magelake - Pitch Repairs (25.04.06.03)         | 1,290.62               |
| 16/02/2026 Bubbles Exterior              | Public Toilets - Cleaning - January            | 195.00                 |
| 16/02/2026 Paul Rose                     | Hedge Cutting                                  | 300.00                 |
| 16/02/2026 Jess Lucas                    | Extras - Hedge Cutting                         | 300.00                 |
| 16/02/2026 Jess Lucas                    | Bins - January                                 | 125.00                 |
| 16/02/2026 Countrywide GM                | Magelake - Maintenance - 05/25-10/25**         | 1,118.39               |
| 16/02/2026 J-Bee Locksmith               | Magelake - Repairs                             | 225.00                 |
| 16/02/2026 Bradfords                     | Road Warden Scheme                             | 109.04                 |
| 16/02/2026 Bradfords                     | Road Warden Scheme                             | 35.14                  |
| 24/02/2026 Tamar Telecoms                | Clerk's Phone                                  | 14.42                  |
| 27/02/2026 Jess Lucas                    | Grass Cutting Contract                         | 1,712.50               |
|  |  | <b>16,006.51</b>       |
| <b>Transfers to/from Reserve Account</b> |  | <b>14,000.00</b>       |
|  | <b>Balance carried forward to 1 March 2026</b> | <b><u>3,767.35</u></b> |

**Reserve Account**

|  |  |                          |
|--|--|--------------------------|
|  | <b>Balance at 31 January 2026</b>              | <b>125,008.56</b>        |
| <b>Income Received</b>                   |  |                          |
| 09/02/2026 Lloyds Bank                   | Interest                                       | 67.48                    |
|  |  | <b>67.48</b>             |
| <b>Expenses Incurred</b>                 |  |                          |
|  |  | -                        |
| <b>Transfers to/from Reserve Account</b> |  | <b>- 14,000.00</b>       |
|  | <b>Balance carried forward to 1 March 2026</b> | <b><u>111,076.04</u></b> |

\*Brookridge Timber

\*\*Duplicate payment. Credit requested

# QUOTE

Uffculme Parish Council



Date  
30 Jan 2026

Expiry  
1 Mar 2026

Quote Number

Reference  
Play Area Quotes

VAT Number

## Play Area Inspection reports Quotation

Further to our recent visits please find the following quotation  
In general the play equipment would benefit from being Re-stained/Repainted and  
the rubber surfacing washed down

| Description  | Quantity | Unit Price | VAT | Amount GBP |
|--|----------|------------|-----|------------|
| Pippins Field - No action Required   |          |            |     |            |
| Culm Valley Way<br>No action required as not regarded as a hazard at present   |          |            |     |            |
| Highlands Junior Area<br>Agility Bars - Grass mats + Top soil & Seed to prevent further erosion                          | 1.00     | 96.00      | 20% | 96.00      |
| Multiplay Unit<br>Replace rotten timbers   | 1.00     | 115.00     | 20% | 115.00     |
| Timber Fence<br>5 x fence posts & half Round Rail + Postcrete  | 1.00     | 245.00     | 20% | 245.00     |
| labour   | 1.00     | 725.00     | 20% | 725.00     |
| Highlands Tots Area<br>Multiplay Unit - Tighten bolts and Refix bracket  | 1.00     | 5.00       | 20% | 5.00       |
| Space Net<br>Cut back exposed wires and cover  | 1.00     | 5.00       | 20% | 5.00       |
| Single Point Swing - joint taken apart in 2025 and inspected - No further action required - wear on chains not excessive |          |            |     |            |
| Labour   | 1.00     | 75.00      | 20% | 75.00      |
| Pathfields Play Area<br>Adventure Trail Supply and fit 6 x caps  | 1.00     | 45.00      | 20% | 45.00      |

| Description  | Quantity | Unit Price | VAT              | Amount GBP      |
|--|----------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ashill Play Area<br>MUGA Gate unable to get the gate to BS as not a specific<br>play area gate - Monitor & risk Assess |          |            |                  |                 |
| Multiplay Unit - Refix Loose climbing wall grip  | 1.00     | 5.00       | 20%              | 5.00            |
| Cableway - dismantle seat to inspect chain   | 1.00     | 45.00      | 20%              | 45.00           |
|  |          |            | Subtotal         | 1,361.00        |
|  |          |            | TOTAL VAT 20%    | 272.20          |
|  |          |            | <b>TOTAL GBP</b> | <b>1,633.20</b> |

Uffculme Parish Council has received multiple quotations from four playground providers for the refurbishment of Highland Terrace and Pathfields play areas. Each provider has proposed different equipment types, surfacing solutions, installation methods and warranty arrangements, resulting in a wide range of costs and long-term implications for maintenance and value. The quotations received from each provider is with the consideration that both sites are awarded together (at the prices quoted). If the Council would be minded to award separately, the quotations will need to be reviewed. There is £6,882.04 in the s106 pot, for the provision of equipment at Pathfields, with approximately £29,000 allocated for playpark equipment and maintenance within the 2026-2027 budget.

| <b>Highland Terrace</b> |          |               |                             |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Provider                | Option   | Total ex. VAT | Equipment Type              |
| A                       | Single   | £ 29,840.75   | Large timber tower and bars |
| B                       | Option 1 | £ 34,774.00   | Large quad tower            |
| B                       | Option 2 | £ 14,900.00   | Small quad tower            |
| C                       | Option 1 | £ 25,530.00   | Climber and fitness         |
| C                       | Option 2 | £ 27,115.00   | Adventure tower             |
| D                       | Single   | £ 30,320.00   | Large castle tower          |

| <b>Pathfields</b> |          |               |                          |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Provider          | Option   | Total ex. VAT | Equipment Type           |
| A                 | Single   | £ 8,000.00    | Small steel unit         |
| B                 | Single   | £ 11,462.00   | Steel-core frame         |
| C                 | Single   | £ 14,735.00   | Timber rig               |
| D                 | Option 1 | £ 9,946.00    | Recycled plastic trail   |
| D                 | Option 2 | £ 10,342.00   | Recycled plastic castle  |
| D                 | Option 3 | £ 8,526.00    | Recycled plastic climber |

Please note provider D requires an Optional RPII inspection at an extra cost of £495.

Appended are the visuals for each provider:

**Provider A  
Highland Terrace:**



**Pathfields:**



## Provider B Highland Terrace (1):



## Highland Terrace (2):



**NB: Elements from option 1 can be included in option 2 to increase the equipment provided.**

## Pathfields:



**Provider C  
Highland Terrace (1):**



**Highland Terrace (2):**



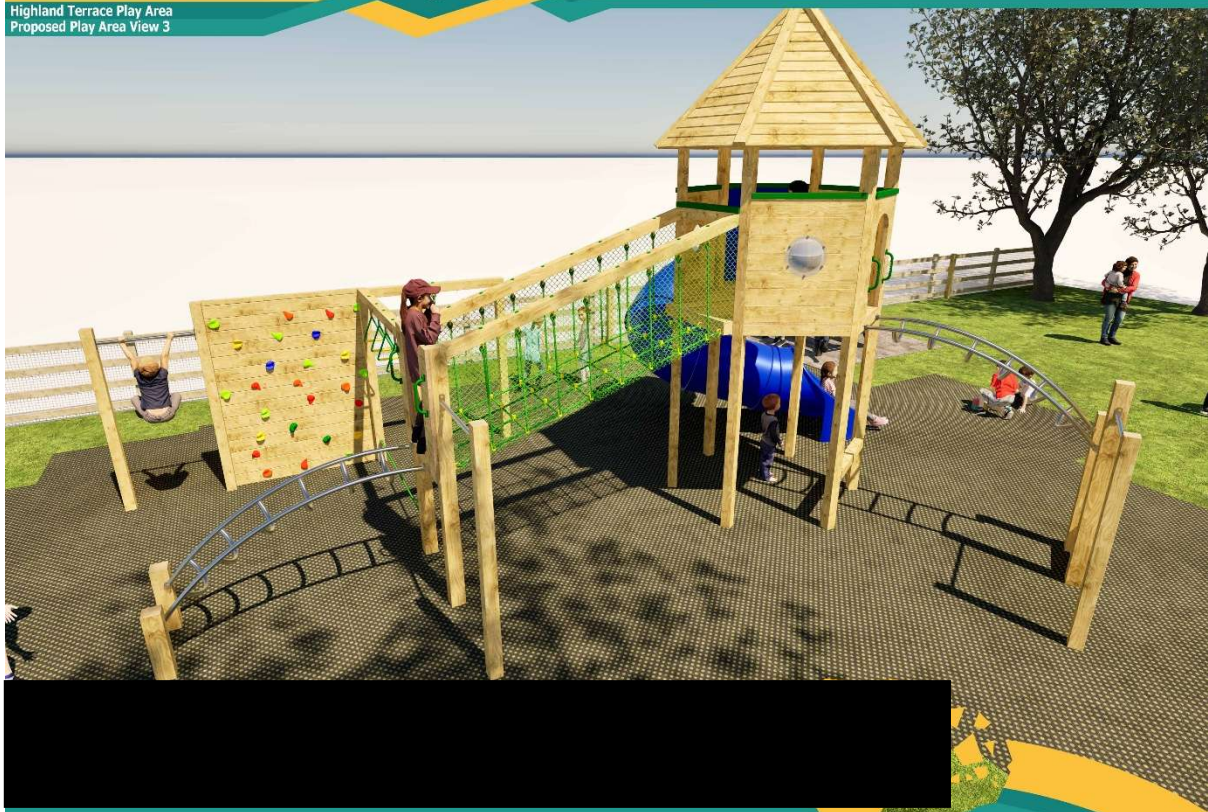
**Pathfields:**



**Provider D**  
**Highland Terrace (1):**

**Uffculme Parish**

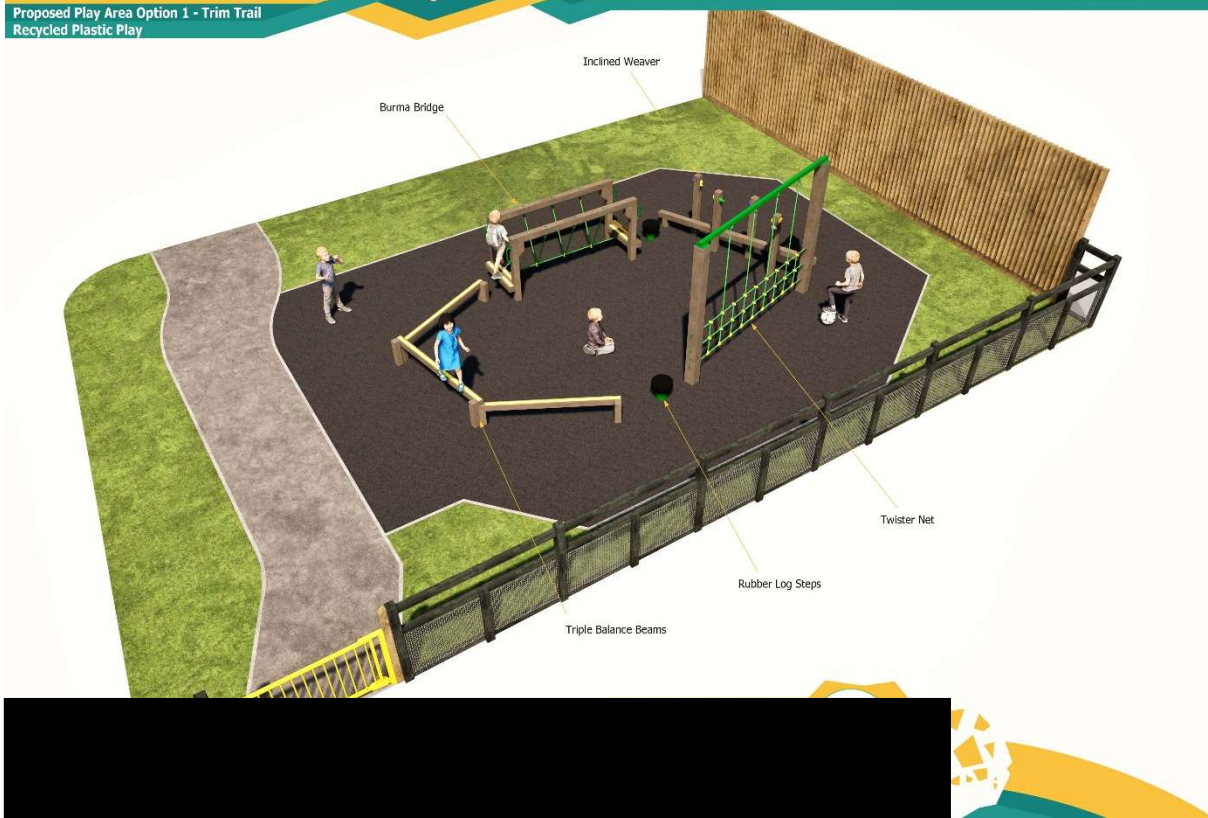
Highland Terrace Play Area  
Proposed Play Area View 3



**Pathfields (1):**

**Uffculme Parish - Pathfields**

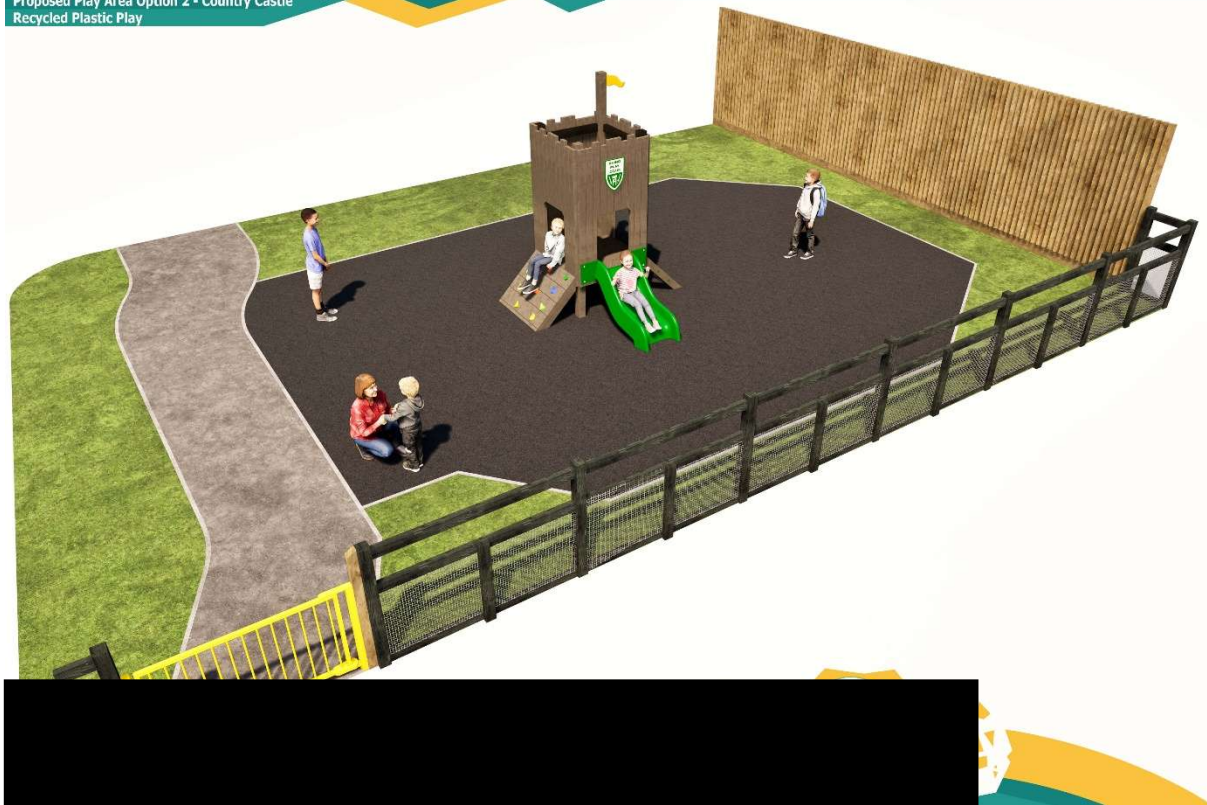
Proposed Play Area Option 1 - Trim Trail  
Recycled Plastic Play



### Pathfields (2):

#### Uffculme Parish - Pathfields

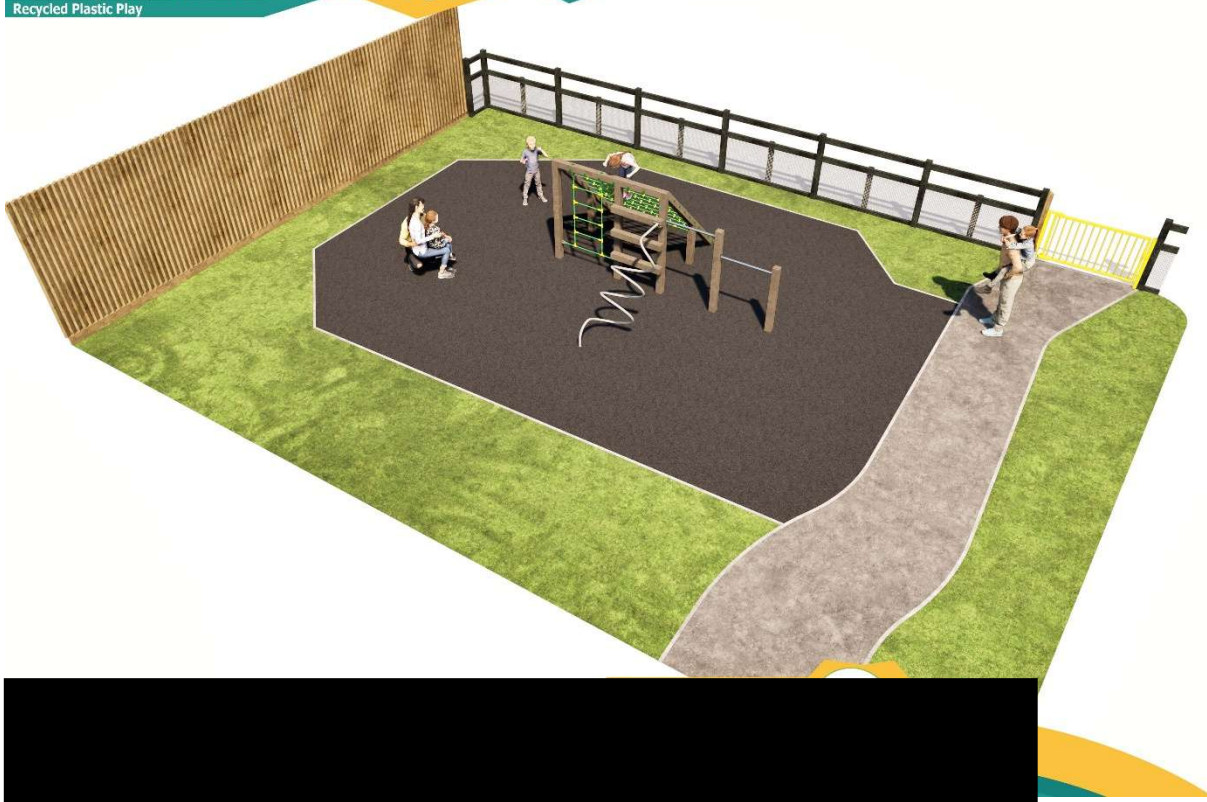
Proposed Play Area Option 2 - Country Castle  
Recycled Plastic Play



### Pathfields (3):

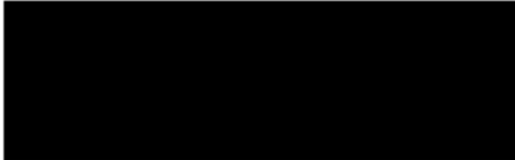
#### Uffculme Parish - Pathfields

Proposed Play Area Option 3 - Trail Station  
Recycled Plastic Play





**TO** G. Cole, Parish Clerk  
Uffculme Parish Council



**Quote Date:** 20/01/26

**Quote No:**

## QUOTE

### Epitaph 1 year Contract Renewal

- Epitaph Classic Band 1
- 10/02/26 - 09/02/27 (1st Year Period)

| Details   | Qty         | Unit Price | Net Amount     |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>HOSTED SERVICES (per annum)</b>  |             |            |                |
| Epitaph Classic, Band 1, upto 25 interments pa, 1 year contract, annual fee | 1           | £440.00    | £440.00        |
|   | Net Total   |            | £440.00        |
|   | VAT Total   |            | £88.00         |
|   | Quote Total |            | <b>£528.00</b> |

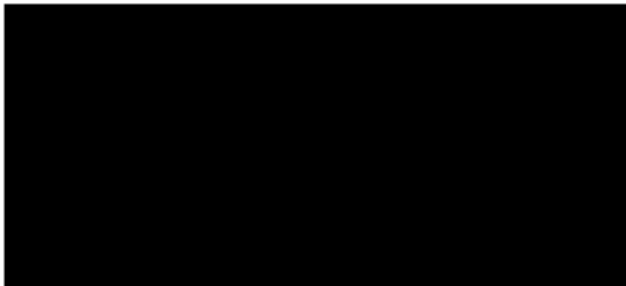
I the undersigned accept this quotation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO** G. Cole, Parish Clerk  
Uffculme Parish Council

**Quote Date:** 15/01/26

**Quote No:**



## QUOTE

### Epitaph 5 year Contract Renewal

- Epitaph Classic Band 1
- 10/02/26 - 09/02/27 (1st Year Period)

| Details  | Qty         | Unit Price | Net Amount     |
|--|-------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>HOSTED SERVICES (per annum)</b>                   |             |            |                |
| Epitaph Classic, Band 1, 5 year contract, annual fee | 1           | £265.00    | £265.00        |
|  | Net Total   |            | £265.00        |
|  | VAT Total   |            | £53.00         |
|  | Quote Total |            | <b>£318.00</b> |

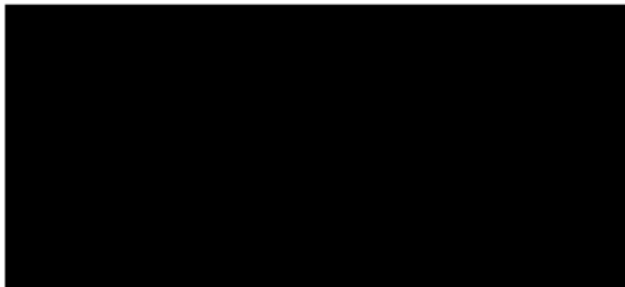
I the undersigned accept this quotation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

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**Re: FW: Mens' Club - Uffculme**

1 message

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**Uffculme Club** [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 8:59 PM

Hi Gemma  
The club would like to apply for funding if possible for a new pool table?



< **£** **Lowest Price Guaranteed** Prices checked daily >

**YOUR BASKET** 1 Item



**Supreme Winner  
Slate Bed Pool Table**

Qty:  v

**£2328 + Delivery £168.00**

[remove](#)

**✓ Built To Order - Delivered in 15 - 20 Weeks**

**Product Options:**

- Table Size : 7 foot table
- Table Finish : Black Marble High Gloss
- Cloth Colour : Green
- Freeplay, Coins or Cashless : Mechanical Coin Mechanism and Ball Drawer
- Add Table Tennis Top : No Table Tennis Top

**Delivery**

v

**Delivery Options**

Pool Table Installation - £99

Delivery Up or Down Stairs - £69

+ Bonus Free Free Accessories With Installation ( worth £0 )

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**Total** **£2,496.00**



Kind regards

On behalf of Uffculme Mens Club  
9 Commercial Road  
Uffculme  
Cullompton  
Devon  
EX15 3EB  
01884 842650 (open from 19.00)

[REDACTED]

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**From:** ruth bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 January 2026 12:59  
**To:** [REDACTED] Tamsin Evans  
**Subject:** Re: New exciting local dance and heritage project

We would like to request the sum to cover the sessions with the Elders at Markers.

2 x practitioners at £80 per session = £160 x 3 workshops  
Total = £480

Best wishes,

Ruth

On Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 11:31 AM <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Ruth,

Thank you for your email of your exciting project.

Can you please advise the total financial figures you are wishing to request from the Community Grant Pot?

Kind regards,

Gemma

**Gemma Cole**

**Uffculme Parish Council Clerk**

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**From:** ruth bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 January 2026 09:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Tamsin Evans [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** New exciting local dance and heritage project

Dear Gemma,

Please find attached information about a new dance project we are creating in the community. We are supported with space for the event though Coldharbour Mill and are excited to be able to share this community outreach work within their mill.

One of the aims of the project is to engage with our local community, offering workshops and the opportunity to engage with our project during the final celebration and sharing. This will be an intergenerational project. One of the groups we will be actively engaging with is Markers Housing in Uffculme. They have so much richness and experience to share, and we love the idea of their voices being heard and their life experiences shared within our community.

We are looking for financial support to enable us to deliver these sessions, particularly with the Elders at Markers Housing. It was advised through the Mill to reach out to the Uffculme Parish Council and see if there is any financial support you could offer to us. Primarily to enable us to deliver these workshops.

Please could you let us know if you can support us in any way or offer advice on how else we can receive support for this exciting project.

Many thanks for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you.



# Threads

Threads is an exciting new dance and heritage project, created in collaboration with local dance artists Ruth Bell & Tamsin Evans (from Swift Dance Company) & Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme.

## **About The Project -**

The Threads project is about binding together the tapestry of stories which make up a community. Inspired by the beautiful local heritage site Coldharbour Mill, with its many layered history of producing yarns, cloth and textiles, the project will bring the arts into the rural community and engage local intergeneration groups within and around the Uffculme area.

For the first stage of the project, Dance Artists Ruth Bell and Tamsin Evans, will begin with site specific research of the mill, drawing inspiration from the history, culture and present use of the mill (including objects, processes, rhythms and sounds) to inform our choreography.

The second stage of the project is focused on community engagement, with the hope of connecting the local community to the mill in new and diverse ways. Engagement with each of the community groups will focus on different aspects of the project. We will work with our community elders, exploring memories connected to textiles and Coldharbour Mill. We will also be working with local school groups, exploring mill-inspired movement and fast fashion and environmental impact.

Through this series of workshops exploring the threads which connect us, we will look at heritage and connection to place, rhythm & sounds of the mill, the ecology of textiles and how we can create positive engagement with textiles and fashion in a sustainable way.

The outcome from the workshops will help us create an installation at Coldharbour Mill, with live dance from Swift Dance Company and a final sharing of voice, sound and film recordings and writing and objects from the project.

## **The Elders -**

A central part of the project will be engaging with elders from our community at Markers Housing, Uffculme. Here we will run sessions in which we focus on personal storytelling, gathering memories and stories related to the elders' connection to textiles through the changing times of their lives. This will be an exercise in preserving tactile memories and capturing local heritage.

The sessions will involve movement, dance and rhythm. We want to bring this gentle physicality to the sessions as a way to explore narrative and imagery. We believe in the power of movement and shared physical expression for well being, physical and mental health.

We know from initial conversations with residents that their memories will help to weave a powerful patchwork of stories. One elder reminisced about her friend having a wartime wedding dress made from parachute silk from army supplies. Another remembered the smell and feel of the leather off-cuts that her aunt brought home from her job at the cobblers. We hope to gain insight from memories such as these into traditional crafts. By inviting the sharing of memories about thrifting, darning and repair, we will explore changing relationships to fabrics and sustainability.

We feel strongly about engaging with the Elders as a central theme to this project, to create a platform for their voices to be heard, and for them to feel their contributions are valued within the community they love. Social isolation and the need for community engagement is an area we feel strongly about addressing through our creative projects.

### **The Sharing, June 2026 -**

In June 2026, Coldharbour Mill will host the final sharing event for the project. This will be a celebration of the mill, the community surrounding it and the stories weaved together through the project.

Dancers from Swift Dance Company will share an evening of live dance and film as the culmination of the community engagements & research.

There will be opportunities for the local groups to be part of the sharing, bringing together the different generations and celebrating the community in which we live.

The exhibition space will also host an installation of the creative process with the intergenerational community groups, sharing threads and memories from community participants through textile hangings with stories and memories, photographs and personal textile offerings.

Support offered from funders will be credited throughout the project and during the final sharing.

**Swift Dance Company is the professional strand of South West Dance Hub. Supported by Exeter Phoenix Arts Centre. Creating professional performance, community outreach and engagement in the South West, since 2021.**



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## **Road Wardens Scheme**

We had 52 x 25kg tubs of cold tarmac delivered October last year and we acquired hand tools in January 2026.

We started filling potholes on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026, initially in Ashill to perfect our technique.

We have then filled holes in Craddock and Uffculme.

We have now used all 52 tubs which equates to 1,3 tonnes. I have ordered a further 52 tubs which will be delivered on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

I have also requested some more hand tools.

We have 9 people signed up. 6 from Ashill, one from Craddock and 2 from Uffculme. A further 4 people have asked to join the scheme which is brilliant.

We have been going out in small groups of 2 or 3 people which works well at the moment.

We don't have any traffic signs so we have been concentrating on quieter roads except in Uffculme where we have filled holes outside of the mens club, Magelake, opposite station garage, the Square, and from nisa to Chapel Hill.

## **Flooding**

In addition to potholes the road wardens scheme allows us to look at drains and ditches. We have cleared one ditch in Ashill which was blocked and water was running onto the road causing erosion and potholes.

I have also met representatives from Connecting the Culm about flooding. We met with local farmers on how to divert water away from houses and and the slow down the flow of water in streams.

I have also met with Devon County Councils Senior Flood and Coastal Risk officer (East, Mid and North Devon) and discussed flooding issues with him, again speaking to local farmers and land owners.

There is a particular issue in Ashill regarding the adoption of drains at the bottom of the village, DCC and South West Water are both denying responsibility while a property floods. I have contacted Councillor Clyst and he has spoken to Senior Highways Officers and NHO so hopefully progress can be made on this.

## Clerk's Report – 02/03/2026

### **HATOC and Highways:**

The updated Highways Tracker is appended. It reflects the latest position on all reported defects, outstanding enquiries and scheduled works. Members are invited to review ongoing items and identify any additional priorities for escalation to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

### **Draft Response: Chapel Hill**

A Draft Response to the Chapel Hill proposals is appended for comment.

### **MDDC's Caravan Site Draft Policy - Draft Policy Summary and Response**

A summary of the Draft Caravan Site Policy and a proposed parish response are appended. Member feedback is requested to finalise the response.

### **Bowling Club Lease Renewal**

The Bowling Club lease renewal remains with the solicitors. No further updates have been received at the time of writing.

### **Footpath Lighting Request**

A parishioner has submitted a request for additional lighting on a public footpath. This has been discussed with the Devon County Council Footpaths Team, who have confirmed **that they would not support a request for funding**, though they are **not opposed in principle** to lighting being installed should the Parish Council seek alternative funding sources. Members may wish to consider whether this should be explored further or noted without action.

### **Scribe Software Quotation**

A quotation has been received for Scribe accounting and governance software, and is appended for members' consideration. These include costings for core modules, optional add-ons and annual support. Members are asked to review the quotations and indicate whether they wish to proceed to procurement or request further information.

| Item Number | Item      | Location         | what3words Location   | Action  | Phase       |
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| 1           | VAS Signs | Uffculme Village | <p data-bbox="842 368 1155 400">///melon.month.bystander</p> <p data-bbox="842 448 1111 480">///streetcar.figs.snored</p> | <p data-bbox="1308 225 1906 376">VAS signs required within Uffculme Villge. Entrance from Commercial Road and also from Bridge Street. Please provide information and pricing to proceed with this.</p> <p data-bbox="1308 392 1850 499"><a href="#">06/10 - Site visit on 29/08/25 with highway technician to asses potential locations for VAS signs.</a></p> <p data-bbox="1308 515 1872 622">01/12 - in the hands of the tech. Locations proposed and awaiting update. Quotations to be received in due course.</p> | Outstanding |

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| 2 | Length Restriction HATOC request | Chapel Hill | <p>from:<br/> <a href="#">///grandson.guardian.screeches</a><br/> To:<br/> <a href="#">///inclines.hatter.butternut</a></p> | <p>Information and evidence now collated from residents, detailing instances of damage due to long vehicles. To be proceeded through to HATOC 02/06 - NHO All noted, will put forward the case when the next HATOC submissions are requested Further instances of damage reported. All instances logged on internal tracker - with photo evidence to support HATOC request 06/10/25 NHO to investigate further as to what is needed to progress. Date of next meet TBC <a href="#">03/11/25 Traffic engineer consulted. A mandatory length restriction is possible from the school towards the town. No DCC funding available however if funded we they are happy to start the process. This has all been submitted for consideration</a> 01/12 - Traffic orders team in receipt of request - HATOC not required. Review due to take place, including this item (working list).</p> | Outstanding |
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| 3 | Keep Clear markings | Bridge Street | ///universe.flamenco.easy    | <p>"Keep Clear" markings excessively worn outside St Mary's Church. Need to be repainted<br/> <a href="#">02/06 - NHO Email sent to the traffic orders team.</a><br/> 01/12 - DYL to be put in place instead. Require Cllr Clist support to progress this (email confirmation required).<br/> 19/01/26 Proposal for change to double yellow lines submitted for consideration at HATOC</p>                              | Outstanding |
| 4 | Yellow Lines        | Square Corner | ///sheepish.blossom.novelist | <p>White hash markings excessively worn. Request to replace with double yellow lines.<br/> 02/06 - NHO Email sent to Cllr Simon Clyst to confirm he supports the change to the APM'<br/> <a href="#">06/10 -Proposal submitted for consideration at HATOC</a><br/> 01/12 - Tranch 3 inclusion. Needs to be considered in 2026. White hash markings are on the list to be repainted in due course (in the meantime).</p> | Outstanding |

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| 5 | Disabled Bay      | The Square, Uffculme | ///sheepish.blossom.novelist | <p>Location of the disabled bay promised to Uffculme to perhaps be sited outside Square Corner, as opposed to outside NISA (where there is one already) in order to overcome the issues of item 4 02/06 - NHO I cannot approve a disabled bay at the location as it would narrow the carriageway and cause issues for HGV's. I will submit an application for double yellow lines.</p> <p>UPC requested information as to whether this is in addition to or instead of the disabled bay in The Square. The disabled bay that is already in situ is a good location - needs to be limited times for shop users and clearer markings</p> <p><a href="#">Awaiting confirmation from the parish if an additional disabled space is required.</a></p> <p><a href="#">01/12 - Side by side disabled bays for The Square possible. Check whether markings will be carried out at the same time. NHO to arrange for additional space, with time restriction for the second space, as original space used primarily by residents and not users of shops. and Square Corner etc.</a></p> | Outstanding |
| 6 | Give way markings | The Square, Uffculme | ///zips.gourmet.apart        | <p>Excessively worn. To be repainted</p> <p><a href="#">02/06 - NHO Email sent to the traffic orders team.</a></p> <p>01/12 - No update - parish remarking scheme.</p>   | Outstanding |

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| 7 | Road Warden Information        | Parish Wide | n/a                            | <p>NHO to provide welcome pack and information on how to obtain equipment</p> <p>19/05/25 - pack and info provided. Passed to Terry to coordinate with volunteers</p> <p>02/06 - Information on how to order items is not present - referred back to NHO</p> <p>11/08 - <a href="#">Details passed to Terry for how to request items from DCC</a></p>  | Completed   |
| 8 | Give way markings on Crossroad | Ashill      | ///healthier.drizzly.capillary | <p>Road markings have been repainted just to one side of the junction. The second side still remains outstanding.</p> <p>02/06 - NHO Email sent to the traffic orders team</p> <p>06/07/2025 - lines have now been painted. Officers to discuss signage after annual leave w/c 21/07</p> <p>23/07 - <a href="#">signage to be reviewed in 6 months' time</a></p> <p>01/12 - no update due.</p> | Outstanding |

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| 9  | Property Damage             | Bridge Street | ///hospitals.successor.digress | <p>There have been multiple instances of property damage collated from residents in the section. It is believed due to large vehicles mounting the pavement, due to limited space to maneuver around the corner, in part due to parked cars outside of St Mary's Church and outside the front of The Square. Potential for a bollard to be installed to be investigated please, to protect buildings and to deter drivers from mounting "building protect" pavements.</p> <p>02/06 - NHO to review when next in area</p> <p>03/11/25. Traffic orders team contacted on 02/06 and again on 06/10 regarding the keep clear markings on Bridge Street, emphasising issues it is causing. A bollard is not an option, we do not install assets to protect property.</p> <p>01/12 - confirmed that resident is not able to install own bollard. DCC will not install bollard either. It is hoped that updates to DYL outside of church will assist with this issue.</p> | Outstanding |
| 10 | Give way markings on corner | Ashill        | ///goodnight.host.thudding     | <p>Excessively worn. To be repainted</p> <p>02/06 - NHO Email sent to the traffic orders team.</p> <p>01/12 - No update - parish remarking scheme.</p>   | Outstanding |

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| 11 | Zig Zag markings               | Uffculme Primary School | from<br>///highbrow.crashing.speedily<br>to<br>///tallest.prongs.poetry         | Request was raised previously to have the zig zag markings outside of the primary school extended, both sides of the road. Believed to have been signed off and awaiting markings. Can you please confirm?<br>02/06 - NHO Email sent to the traffic orders team.<br>07/07 - Consultation period 1st July until 22nd July<br>01/12 - allocated under this year's HATOC - implimented during 2026 planned      | Outstanding |
| 12 | Overgrown nettles and brambles | Chapel Hill Footpath    | from<br>///anchorman.expansion.inefficient<br>to<br>///factually.occurs.divided | The footpath to the secondary school is excessively overgrown with vegetation. Can you please arrange for this to be cleared?<br>02/06 - NHO This footpath is included in our grass/verge cutting program so is scheduled to be cut back.<br>06/10 - NHO Attended to cut this back with colleagues on 14/08/25 however it had already been completed, possibly by landowner. Pass on our thanks if possible. | Completed   |
| 13 | Slow down signs                | Commercial Road         | from<br>///worms.wooden.waking<br>to<br>///backyards.succumbs.peroxide          | Yellow signs from highways to be temporarily placed along Commercial Road to encourage slower speeds. NHO to investigate whether possible with team.<br>01/12 - unable to issue -need to be associated with roadworks. Perm signs can be possible to entrances to the village.   | Outstanding |

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| 14 | Local Waiting Restrictions Programme | Various |  | <p>In 2022 the following submission was made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Commercial Road - Bridwell entrance to Cold Harbour – to be in effect at all times, both sides of the road (due to areas of no pavement)</li> <li>* Commercial Road – Men’s Club to Markers Road – both sides - to be in effect at all times (in order to alleviate visibility issues, lack of pavement and to allow for free flow of traffic)</li> <li>* The Square, outside the Ostler and from the top of Bridge Street to outside Square Corner - to be in effect at all times (in order to alleviate visibility issues and to allow for free flow of traffic)</li> <li>* Ashley Road – from the Masonic Lodge gates to Clay Lane, to be in effect 08.00 - 09.30 and 15.00 - 16.30 (in order to alleviate issues surrounding school traffic and lack of pavement).</li> </ul> <p>01/12 - NHO to investigate where we are with this.</p> <p>19/01/26 None of these locations were officially submitted in 2022. I will have to draw up the proposal designs and get approval from Simon Clyst before they can be submitted.</p> | Outstanding |
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| 15 | Entrance to Grantlands | Commercial Road | <p>from<br/> ///rush.charm.dolly<br/> to<br/> ///configure.delivers.longer</p>      | <p>Reports from Residents stating that cars are parked too close to the opening to Grantlands, causing an obstruction to visibility. Is it possible to extend the protect markers to accommodate a wider visibility splay?<br/> 19.01.26 There are no enforceable access protection markers currently here. If you would like any then it would have to have a new submission. I am reluctant due to lack of parking and it will cause issues elsewhere with parking.</p> | Outstanding |
| 16 | Pippins Field          | Pippins Field   | <p>from<br/> ///translate.exhaling.packing<br/> to<br/> ///aims.hatter.clutches</p> | <p>Surfacing issues - RWS leader assessed the road and have recommended NHO intervention and referral, due to the extent of the works needed.<br/> 19.01.26 There is no funding available for surface dressing here. It is on my list for potential dragon patching sites.</p>  | Outstanding |

## **Uffculme Parish Council – Pre-Application Response to Strongvox Ltd**

Uffculme Parish Council thanks Strongvox Ltd for the opportunity to comment at this pre-application stage. The Council recognises the national and district-level pressures on housing delivery and the requirement for Mid Devon District Council to address its current five-year housing land supply deficit. Notwithstanding this context, the Parish Council has a responsibility to ensure that any development coming forward in Uffculme is demonstrably sustainable, proportionate and aligned with evidenced local needs and constraints.

Having reviewed the material provided, the Parish Council wishes to set out the following key matters that require further clarification, investigation or amendment before any planning application is submitted.

### **1. Highways and Traffic Impact – Need for Comprehensive Monitoring Including the B3181**

The Council notes the initial transport assessment but remains concerned that the scope of traffic monitoring is too limited to provide a reliable picture of cumulative impact. Specific concerns include:

- Absence of traffic monitoring on the B3181, which is a primary route for residents and already experiences congestion, queueing and safety issues at peak times.
- Chapel Hill's constrained geometry, narrow footways, and existing pinch points, which raise questions about the suitability of this road as the sole vehicular access for 36 additional dwellings.
- Cumulative impact when combined with other recent and emerging developments in Uffculme, Willand and the wider Culm Valley.
- School-time pedestrian movements, particularly given the proposal's reliance on improved walking routes to school.

The Parish Council therefore requests:

- A full traffic survey including the B3181, undertaken during neutral months and peak hours.
- A junction capacity assessment for key nodes, including the B3181/Chapel Hill interface and routes towards Uffculme School.
- A safety audit addressing pedestrian conflict points, visibility constraints and the implications of increased vehicle movements on Chapel Hill.

Without this wider evidence base, the Council cannot be satisfied that the proposed access arrangements are safe or that the development would not exacerbate existing highway pressures.

## **2. Affordable Housing – Need for Firm Numbers and Alignment with the Uffculme Housing Needs Survey**

The Parish Council strongly supports the delivery of affordable housing where it meets demonstrated local need. However, the current material does not specify:

- The number of affordable homes to be delivered.
- The tenure split (e.g., social rent, affordable rent, shared ownership).
- The size and type of affordable units.

The most recent Uffculme Housing Needs Survey identifies a clear requirement for:

- Smaller 1–2 bedroom homes, particularly for young people, single-person households, and those seeking to downsize.
- Genuinely affordable rented homes, rather than an over-reliance on shared ownership.
- Accessible and adaptable homes for older residents and those with mobility needs.

The Parish Council therefore requests:

- A firm commitment to the number of affordable units (not “up to”).
- A tenure and size mix explicitly aligned with the Housing Needs Survey evidence.
- Early engagement with a Registered Provider to ensure deliverability and long-term affordability.

Without this clarity, the Council cannot assess whether the proposal meaningfully addresses local housing need.

## **3. Drainage and Flood Risk – Requirement for Extensive Investigation and Evidence**

Although the site lies within Flood Zone 1, the Parish Council has significant concerns regarding:

- Localised surface water flooding already experienced in this part of Uffculme.
- High groundwater levels and the historic performance of nearby soakaway systems.
- The capacity of the existing surface water sewer in Chapel Hill, which has been subject to pressure during heavy rainfall events.

The Council notes that infiltration testing is *proposed*, but no results have yet been provided. The Parish Council requires:

- Comprehensive infiltration testing across the site, undertaken in winter or high-water-table conditions.
- A fully modelled drainage strategy, demonstrating that:
  - Infiltration is viable *or*, if not,
  - The surface water sewer has confirmed capacity for the proposed discharge.
- Evidence that attenuation features (ponds, permeable paving, raingardens) are sized for 1:100 year + 40% climate change events.
- A clear plan for long-term maintenance of SuDS features.

Given the known drainage sensitivities in Uffculme, the Council will not support any application without robust, independently verifiable evidence that the development will not increase flood risk on- or off-site.

#### **4. Other Matters for Clarification**

- Heritage: The Council welcomes the proposed buffer to the Baptist Chapel but requests verified visualisations showing the impact on the Conservation Area and listed buildings.
- Ecology: Further detail is required on how the 10% Biodiversity Net Gain will be achieved and secured for 30 years.
- Developer Contributions: The Council expects contributions proportionate to the development's impact, particularly regarding education, healthcare and active travel infrastructure.

#### **Conclusion**

Uffculme Parish Council is willing to continue constructive dialogue with Strongvox Ltd. However, the Council emphasises that the concerns outlined

above are substantive and must be addressed through additional evidence, clearer commitments and revised proposals before a planning application is submitted. The Council looks forward to seeing:

1. A wider-scope traffic assessment including the B3181.
2. Firm, evidence-based affordable housing numbers and mix aligned with the Uffculme Housing Needs Survey.
3. Comprehensive drainage and infiltration evidence demonstrating that flood risk will not be increased.

## **Briefing Note and Draft Response for Uffculme Parish Council**

Mid Devon District Council – Draft Caravan Site & Mobile Homes Licensing Policy (Dec 2025)

### **Purpose**

To summarise the key elements of the draft policy and highlight matters of relevance to Uffculme Parish Council, particularly in relation to planning control, community impact and local enforcement expectations.

### **Overview**

Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) has drafted a comprehensive update to its Caravan Site and Mobile Homes Licensing Policy. The policy consolidates the post-2013 legislative framework, introduces a risk-based inspection regime and clarifies the licensing requirements for permanent, mixed-use, holiday and tented sites.

The policy affects all caravan, mobile home, and tented sites within the district, including any existing or future sites in Uffculme parish.

### **Key Points of Interest for Uffculme**

#### **1. Pop-up campsites and permitted development**

The policy confirms that, under Class BC permitted development rights:

- Up to 50 tents/motorhomes/campervans may operate for up to 60 days per calendar year without a full licence.
- Caravans (other than motorhomes) are excluded.
- No parish notification is required.

Implications for Uffculme:

Potential for temporary campsites to appear on agricultural land and the Blackdown Hills, with associated impacts on traffic, noise, waste and local amenity. The UPC may wish to monitor emerging sites and ensure MDDC is aware of any issues.

#### **2. Stronger enforcement powers**

The policy introduces:

- Compliance notices for breaches
- Emergency action powers
- Works in default
- Unlimited fines
- Licence revocation after repeated offences

Implications:

This strengthens the parish's ability to escalate concerns about poorly managed sites or unauthorised intensification.

### 3. Fit and Proper Person requirements

All managers of relevant protected sites must pass a Fit and Proper Person test.

Implications:

If residents raise concerns about site management, the parish can refer these to MDDC for assessment under the statutory regime.

### 4. Clarification of holiday vs. residential use

The policy emphasises that planning permission determines whether a site is a "relevant protected site", not the fact that people may be living there full-time.

Implications:

This helps prevent holiday sites in Uffculme drifting into de facto residential use without planning consent.

### 5. Licence condition reviews

MDDC may vary licence conditions at any time and must consult the licence holder.

However, parish councils are not listed as consultees.

Implications:

Given the parish's role in representing local amenity concerns, this omission may be worth raising.

### 6. Risk-based inspection regime

Sites will be categorised into risk bands (A–D), determining inspection frequency and annual fees.

Implications:

This may improve oversight of any sites in Uffculme with historic issues.

## **Overall Assessment**

The policy is broadly positive, modernising the licensing regime and strengthening enforcement. The main areas of concern for Uffculme relate to:

- The growth of unlicensed pop-up campsites
- The lack of formal parish involvement in licence condition consultations
- The potential for planning/licensing inconsistencies if holiday sites drift into residential use

### **Recommendation**

That Uffculme Parish Council submits a formal consultation response raising the above points and requesting that parish councils be recognised as consultees where site licensing decisions have local impact.

## **Draft Formal Consultation Response (Uffculme Parish Council)**

Uffculme Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft policy. The Council supports the intention to modernise the licensing framework, strengthen enforcement powers and ensure that caravan and mobile home sites are well-managed and safe for residents.

In respect of pop-up campsites and Class BC Permitted Development, the Council notes the policy's reference to Class BC permitted development rights allowing up to 50 tents/motorhomes for 60 days per year without a licence. Given Uffculme's rural character and narrow lane network, the Parish Council is concerned about:

- Traffic impacts
- Noise and disturbance
- Waste management
- Lack of parish notification

It is therefore requested that MDDC establishes a simple notification mechanism for landowners operating under Class BC rights, enabling parish councils to be aware of temporary sites and monitor local impacts.

It is noted that section 4.2 lists consultees for the policy, but does not include parish councils. Similarly, Section 13 (variation of licence conditions) does not require consultation with parishes.

Given that parish councils are often the first point of contact for residents and have detailed local knowledge, the Parish Council considers this a significant omission. It is therefore requested that parish councils be added as consultees for:

- New site licence applications
- Licence transfers
- Proposed variations to licence conditions
- Any enforcement action with material community impact

In response to holiday sites being used as residential sites, Uffculme Parish Council supports the clarification that planning permission determines whether a site is a "relevant protected site". However, Uffculme has experienced cases where holiday sites have gradually become residential in practice and therefore have concerns.

It is requested that MDDC commits to proactive monitoring of sites where occupancy patterns suggest a drift from holiday to residential use, and that

planning enforcement and licensing teams work jointly to address inconsistencies.

The Parish Council supports the Fit and Proper Person regime and welcomes the strengthened oversight of site management. It is requested that MDDC provides a clear route for parish councils to refer concerns about site management for assessment under the Regulations.

Uffculme Parish Council also supports the introduction of a transparent risk-based inspection system and requests that inspection outcomes (risk banding and key findings) be made available to parish councils where sites fall within their area.

In conclusion, Uffculme Parish Council supports the overall direction of the policy but requests:

- Formal recognition of parish councils as consultees
- Greater transparency around temporary campsites
- Stronger coordination between planning and licensing functions
- Clear mechanisms for parishes to raise concerns about site management

The Council would welcome continued engagement as the policy is finalised

# Proposal for Uffculme Parish Council

Greyed out services are not included in totals

| Product  | Initial Payment        | Monthly Payment        |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Accounts   | £449                   | £51                    |
| Bookings   | -                      | -                      |
| Cemetery   | £219                   | £25                    |
| Allotments   | -                      | -                      |
| Civic.ly   | -                      | -                      |
| <b>Professional Services</b><br><i>See following slide for details</i> | <b>Initial Payment</b> | <b>Monthly Payment</b> |
| Transactions Import  | -                      | -                      |
| Setup Structure  | £149                   | -                      |
| Allotments Import  | -                      | -                      |
| Cemetery Import  | £399                   | -                      |
| Mapping (Allotments)   | On Request             | -                      |
| Mapping (Cemetery)   | On Request             | -                      |
| Bookings - Fee Structure   | -                      | -                      |
| <b>Total (Excl VAT)</b>  | <b>£1,216</b>          | <b>£5176</b>           |

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From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Lighting the footpath

To: [REDACTED]

Hi there

I am writing to enquire about the possibility of lighting on the footpath between Mill street and Denners way.

Has this ever been considered by the council? I noticed there are small lighting bollards between orchard way and meadow view, which would be very welcome on the other footpath.

I walk up and down every day to take or collect my children from nursery, and in the winter months it is dark and intimidating in the afternoon/evening. I either have to walk down this path where I don't feel secure or take the long way around down the busy main road past the church which also feels hazardous with the traffic! This issue affects women and children disproportionately as I am sure we feel much less confident walking down a dark path than males, however there are all sorts of people who use the path who would appreciate some lighting.

Could you let me know what the councils view on this is?

Many thanks!

Victoria  
Mill Street Resident