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## Shop Opening Hours

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# The Talaton Calendar

**Issue No 364 May 2026**



**Your shop needs YOU!**

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**Next Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> May '26**



**Local Information**

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**Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times**

	Shop		Post Office	
	OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
<b>Mon</b>	9.00	-	6.00	
<b>Tues</b>	9.00	-	6.00	
<b>Wed</b>	9.00	-	6.00	2.00 4.00
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00	-	6.00	
<b>Fri</b>	9.00	-	6.00	
<b>Sat</b>	9.00	-	1.00	
<b>Sun</b>	10.00		12.00	

**Editorial**

This month is an important one for the Shop and your input is urgently needed. The centre pages are arranged as a pull out, and there is a questionnaire in them which we need to have back from you as soon as possible.

The Shop is Volunteer run, and must always be solvent, so using it for purchases, other than what Sainburys provides is very important, to keep it thriving. Please read the pages, pull out and complete the questionnaire, fill it in, get it to the Shop, and purchase what the shop can provide on a **regular basis**.

The Community Shop was a brand new idea years ago and ours is only the second organised community run shop in the country at that time. Since it was set up, many more have been created across the country. We need to keep it and the way forward is to use it regularly.

**Still no news on the old Minute Books** for the Hall? I ask again **all previous Secretaries** to have a look in their attics and see if we can find them. I remember the oldest book, dating back over 100 years, is missing and it has a lot of data for that time, and its not in my attic.

To remind you the Calendar in the past has provided printing services to village organisations, but I confirm this will be ceasing soon, as we cannot now print in colour as that Printer is now terminal. Black and white printing remains available for as long as the printers survive.

Simon Spencer  
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 Editor

**Next issue is 10<sup>th</sup> May '26**  
**July issue is 10<sup>th</sup> June '26**

## Information

### Talaton Neighbourhood Watch Contacts.

See our page on the parish website for terms of reference, recent appeals and lots of useful web links.

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# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

## 26/27 MEETINGS\*

(ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL AND COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)

6 MAY 26

3 JUNE

1 JULY

2 SEPTEMBER

7 OCTOBER

4 NOVEMBER

2 DECEMBER

6 JANUARY 27

3 FEBRUARY

3 MARCH

7 APRIL

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

21ST APRIL 2027 7.00PM

### INFORMAL DROP-INS

25 JULY 2026; 31 OCT 2026; 30 JAN 2027; 24 APRIL 2027

10.30AM – 12 NOON

to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any Parish related issues they may wish to raise

*\*There may also be additional meetings held to those mentioned above, which will be advertised*

# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Please find below the list of names and telephone numbers of your current Parish Councillors for Talaton together with contact details for the Parish Clerk; County Councillor; District Councillor and MP

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<b>MP for Honiton and Sidmouth</b>		
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**St James the Great**

**Services for May**

May 10<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship 11am Refreshments from 10.30am  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 11am Refreshments from 10.30am

*All the services at the other churches in the Benefice are displayed on the notice board in our church porch.*

**Midweek Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
 10.30pm until noon  
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**All Welcome**



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Another very successful Working Party, despite missing some people who regularly attend, but could not make this time round.

The grass is cut under contract by Matt Kingdon's team, so as usual the volunteer group was able to focus its efforts in other ways!

Two of our regulars worked together to straighten up a large number of older headstones which over time had taken on a leaning position, and could possibly have been a danger in the future. It was a heavy job but good humour and strong muscles saw an excellent result, which in itself makes the churchyard seem more cared for!

The rest of us worked on a variety of tasks, including clearing leaves and random debris from the car park and it's entrance, preparing ground for some re-seeding, and clearing the border around the church, in readiness for new membrane and new decorative stone to be laid in the next week or so.

The improvement is there for all to see, and thanks to all those involved, and for those who prepared and served the essential tea/coffee halfway through the morning. Most of the people involved appear in the photo, including Buddy the dog.



👏 Many thanks to everyone who supported the Community Market in Ottery on the 28th March... fundraising for FORCE Cancer Charity.

💖 A special thank you to Denhay, Honiton- Bacon, One Stop in Ottery, Far-Strete Whimple- free range eggs, Talaton Community Shop & Seaton Tramway.

We are extremely grateful to everyone for their kindness & generosity each month including the volunteers for giving us their precious time. We are so lucky to live in such an amazing community.

🛒👛🏠 We hope you will join us for our next market on the 25th April 9.30-12.30pm, The Institute, Yonder Street.

Fancy having a stall? We welcome new crafters & local food producers. Small table £5. Large table £10.

Phone or text Lyndsey: 07964 836429.

## CONSIDERING A NEW VENTURE?

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# ROBOTs BYE TIME



We felt duty bound to embark on some moderate exercise before our equally moderate lunchtime indulgence and so by popular demand – that’s the demand of the solitary eight who braved the sunshine – it was off to Sidmouth Rugby Ground, or one of them, at Sidford. No, rugby was not on the agenda although to one or two the sight of the twin posts probably brought back distant memories, but rather the start of a wonderful stroll along the Byes to Sidmouth .

It seems that from about 1800 the Byes was actually known as Biside (beside the river Sid) but this was later shortened to the Byes. Level, only about two miles long and closely following the river on excellent paths all the way to Sidmouth town and seafront. Passing through a glorious area managed by the Sid Valley Association it has retained the feel of a wilderness whilst



being very close to civilisation at all times. A couple of bridges allow the crossing of the river providing great views up and down the river and at the same time offering alternative routes. A rugged weir, in Summer, provides play for the children. We hurried on, leaving an array of dogs and their keepers chatting doggie talk, to find the old Toll House. Bit of history here outlined on the blue plaque – now a unique piece of listed social housing.

Over the road and very soon over the ford – by a convenient bridge! Always quite amusing watching the cars go through, some faster than is wise. We potted on down to and along the seafront. The remains of recent storms very much apparent in the form of shingle that should by rights be on the beach now lining the street.

At last! Pynes Bar and rest and sustenance after the trek. Excellent fayre and rather amusing cartoon on the wall – a very recognisable figure complete with baseball cap around the rim of which it said “make Sidmouth Great “. Probably more hope of that than the real thing.

And so, homewards. Along the same route with a couple of diversions and a photo stop allowing our canine companion Buddy to have a swim and pose- didn’t see any ROBOTs having a paddle. Another fun trip out and a gentle walk that is to be highly recommended.



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Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

Communications had also been received from the Vice-Chair Of Clyst Hydon PC who was keen to have a meeting with all the parish councils who would benefit from the Fund to ensure all their interests were protected, once further information had been received from Aura Power

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

- The land owner of the allotments advised that he was still experiencing issues with the Land Registry in getting the allotment land registered
- Site meeting of the allotments had taken place and it appeared that rabbits were getting into the allotments under the gates. Cllr Peters had very kindly placed pieces of wood at the bottom of the gates to block up the entry/exit which appeared to have resolved the issue. Cllr Peters was thanked for his hard work
- An allotment holder had thanked the Council for all the improvements at the allotments
- An allotment holder had advised that she was unable to progress the taking on of two additional half plots due to an injury. It was **AGREED** that the Council contractor should simply cover the two plots with black plastic and not bother with the clearing and strimming as originally planned. The Clerk would advertise the vacant plots in the Calendar again.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Who does what?

Your guide to local government services

<p><b>County Councils:</b> These are responsible for services across the whole of a county</p>									
Education	Highways	Strategic Planning	Fire & Public Safety	Adult Care	Libraries	Waste Management	Trading Standards	Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations	
<p><b>District Councils:</b> These provide services to their individual district</p>									
Benefits	Housing	Licensing	Wellbeing & Leisure	Economic Development	Environmental Health	Council Tax Collections	Waste and Recycling Collections	Planning Applications	
<p><b>Town &amp; Parish Councils:</b> These manage a number of local issues</p>									
Customary Orders	Play Areas	Consultation on Neighbourhood Planning	Allotments	Public Clocks	Composters	Town Hall and Venues	Trees	Markets	

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

### TO REPORT ON ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS (INCLUDING PLANNING)

Planning application 2/0209/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs R & C Kirby

Property: Talewater Hill Farm, Talewater Talaton EX5 2RR

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of farm building using Class Q permission 24/2518/PDQ as fallback position

A site meeting had taken place and the Council's delegated comments submitted to EDDC were:- *The Parish Council is fully supportive of the application as the proposed dwelling will be in keeping and sympathetic to the landscape and in addition will provide a home for a family member engaged in the day to day operations of the farm.*

### HORTON SOLAR FARM FUND UPDATE

The Clerk had been updated by Chloe Hood Head of Communications & Engagement at Aura Power. She advised of the following:-

*Aura Power is preparing to commence construction works for Horton Solar Farm, located between Whimble and Talaton. Construction activities will gradually increase over the spring and summer months. Works will commence in early May on the solar site entrances to facilitate construction vehicle access on the road from Whimble to Talaton. To ensure the safety of both the public and our site team, a temporary road closure will likely be required during the construction of the entranceways. We will provide you and local residents with the exact details as soon as they are confirmed. Full construction is expected to begin in early June 2026. We are committed to minimising disruption during this period and will work collaboratively with the local community to achieve this. A Construction Management Plan has been confirmed with Devon Highways. We will be hosting a pre-construction, public meeting at the end of April to talk through our construction programme, introduce our project team and answer any questions. We will notify local residents by letter and will of course confirm details with the Parish Council once the date is confirmed. Once operational, Horton Solar Farm will generate enough clean electricity to power thousands of homes. Projects like this are an important part of strengthening the UK's energy security, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and supporting the transition to a more affordable and renewable energy system.*

*We are also offering a community benefit fund of £20,000 per year, index-linked for the solar farm's 40-year lifetime, to support local educational, social, and environmental initiatives. We have partnered with Grantscape to help administer the fund, but how the funds are spent will be decided by local people via a Local Advisory Panel through a series of grants. We will be looking for volunteers interested in joining the panel and will share more information at our upcoming pre-construction public meeting.*

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## Talaton Garden Club



## Talaton Garden Club

Thanks to all those who have renewed your membership and if you haven't already renewed your membership or would like to join then please can you give the subscription to either Kathy Gray or Alan Franklin. The cost remains at £5 per household.

The April meeting was a talk from Saul Walker on Vegetable Growing and those attending enjoyed a well presented talk with lots of good information and tips. Also enjoyed were the tea and cakes that followed the talk!

The next meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and is a Garden Visit to Little Ash Bungalow at Fenny Bridges commencing at 7pm. Please let Alan know ([alanfranklin55@gmail.com](mailto:alanfranklin55@gmail.com)) if you will be attending as we need to provide numbers for catering purposes. The cost for members will be £2.50 plus the cost of the tea and cake.

### The remaining programme for 2026 is as follows:

- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April** - Saul Walker - Vegetable Growing
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Garden Visit - Little Ash
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Plant Stall
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Garden Visit – Kia-Ora
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Garden Social - Keepers Cottage
- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August** – Produce Show
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Chris Trimmer - Propagation
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Gardeners Question time
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October** - Pumpkin Competition
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - AGM with Speaker
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December** - How d'ye Do

**Plant stall Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 10am to noon in the Church car park**  
Please donate any surplus plants and gardenalia before the day to Pam Weston or Nickie Bitschi. Please support the stall by coming to buy on the day. All proceeds to Club funds.

### Annual Show – Photography section

The photography section of our Annual Show on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August this year will be 'Talaton Church'. Entries must be a photo print, size not to exceed 18x13cms. It can be colour or black and white. Open to all from 6 to 106yrs

**Happy gardening!**

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

*on hold whilst we deal with all the safety defects that resulted from the storms, so the patches are all still live and awaiting completion. Don't worry about the faded markings, photos, detailed measurements, and exact locations have all been recorded and given to our contractor`.*

- iii. The defective public path sign at Newtown (the wording has disappeared) had been reported to DCC who had confirmed that the sign would be assessed by 3rd April
- iv. The drains were still blocked at the side of the newly surfaced road (past Escot on the way to the village) which if they weren't cleared would likely undermine the pristine road surface when there was extensive rainfall. The Clerk to report to DCC
- v. Potholes were noted at the following locations:- on the road to Larkbeare; on the road to Rydon House; outside the Talaton Inn; outside Stevens Cottage; between the Grange and the cross roads. The Clerk to report to DCC

### PLANNING MATTERS

#### i. Planning application 26/0387/VAR

Applicant: Aura Power Developments

Property: Land East Of Rutton Farm Rull Lane, Whimble EX5 2NX

Proposal: Variations of specific conditions contained in Planning Consent 22/0783/ MFUL

- PC's Decision** – It was **RESOLVED** that i.a site meeting was not necessary and ii. That the comments that the Council had submitted previously to EDDC, remain

#### ii. To advise of a prior notification 26/00574L which was too late for inclusion on the agenda and which planning application had not been circulated to councillors-

Applicant: P Skinner

Property: Barns at Springfield Farm, Talaton. Larkbeare. EX5 2RX

Proposal: Notification for prior approval of change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 no. dwelling houses and associated operational development under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q(a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

Following the meeting it was **AGREED** that the Clerk email the planning information to councillors for them to formulate final comments (as per the Council's Delegation Policy) which comments the Clerk would then submit to EDDC. A site meeting was not considered necessary in view of this being a Prior Approval Notification

## Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are some of the items extracted from the minutes but a full copy of the minutes may be viewed on both Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Web site [www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk)

### INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

#### TELEPHONE BOX - CONSIDERATION OF QUOTE FROM NATIONAL GRID OF DISCONNECTING THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY £1345.91 PLUS VAT

There was much discussion. Concern was expressed as to the rising energy costs which were unlikely to decrease in the foreseeable future. It was suggested that if the disconnection was progressed then after a few years it would be cost neutral. The Clerk advised that only the National Grid could carry out the work as it was the Local Distribution Operator for the area. Hence there was only the one quote obtained. The Clerk advised that the cost would have to be taken from reserves if the Council decided to proceed. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote.

*Proposed by Cllr Wood and seconder by Cllr Walker. Cllr Hirt abstained*

#### LASHBROOK AND NEWTOWN NOTICEBOARDS UPDATE

The wooden noticeboard at Newtown had been taken down (in view of its condition) and placed under the main noticeboard. The Vice-Chair suggested that Men's Shed be contacted again about making replacement boards on their premises and then the Council to collect and erect them which should comply with the Shed's insurance requirements. The Council **AGREED** to this course of action. No quotes had been obtained from contractors although the Clerk mentioned that she could source quotes from joiners/handy persons (if Men's Sheds were still unable to carry out the work) and then investigate if the costs could be met from DCC's Locality Fund.

#### PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)

- i. The Vice-Chair and Cllr Bos would carry out an inspection of the Moor (village green) to record the condition of it and to assess if any works were required (in accordance with the Council's Village Green Policy). They would agree a date and time between them to carry out the inspection
- ii. ED Polding Highway Officer re Rosemary Lane in response to a parishioners complaint about the recent works carried out by DCC advised that:- *The holes that have been filled were the safety defects (marked in white), which were the ones deemed most dangerous on the risk assessment. The other areas marked out in yellow are for serviceability patching at my discretion, so they are not dangerous however they would improve the overall condition of the lane. These will be done at a later date by a different team. All patching is currently*



### Talaton Garden Club

## Annual Produce and Flower Show Saturday 1st August 2026

### Children's Entries

Open to residents and non-residents up to 16 years of age  
Resident young people over 16 are eligible to enter the Adult classes

Age Groups: (a) 7 years and under (b) 8 years to 16 years

#### Classes:

1. Design a postcard of Talaton (size A6 105mm/148mm)
2. Any vegetable grown by the child
3. A plate of three decorated cup cakes
4. Decorate a wooden spoon to look like an animal (max length 30 cm)
5. Design a colourful kite with a tail (Decorative only – no need to fly. Size excluding tail not to exceed A3 297mm/420mm.)
6. Potato grown in a large pot/container. All entries will be turned out at the show and weighed. The heaviest crop wins.

### Children's Entry Form

To be handed in with your entry  
between **10am and 12noon** on Show Day

Resident / Non-Resident (please delete as appropriate)

Name ..... Age ..... on 1st August 2026

Tick the class or classes you are entering:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
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## TALATON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Over the past decade since Jan and I came to Talaton, lots of work has been done to keep Talaton Neighbourhood Watch (TNHW) relevant to our fantastic parish. You've not joined yet? Well please do reconsider and either way read on to see what membership of this scheme offers and what's happened over the past year. We would like to thank all those volunteers who have given their time to help coordinate this scheme; run by locals for locals.

### What does TNHW do?

We circulate relevant information regarding crime in our area as it is received from the police. We provide parishioners with advice such as what sort of information might prompt the police to take further action and correct reporting pathways. If a victim asks us for it, we will notify the parish about their crime and ask if you saw anything relevant or to keep a watch out for repeat incidents. We will also keep you updated with local crime trends, appeals, useful web sites and policing priorities. We build relationships with the police and bring matters to their attention when necessary. Our aim is to provide advice and support to our community, helping one another stay safe and by working together, ensure Talaton remains an extremely low crime area.

### What has happened over the last year? (numbers in brackets show previous year)

TNHW have dealt with 9 (6) incidents and made 7 (3) referrals to the police. Using the crime mapping feature on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) for the calendar year over the last 9 years since 2017 in order the reported crime totals were 20, 20, 24, 18, 16, 8, 12, 43. In 2025 there were 34. By comparison, should you be inexplicably thinking of moving to Cranbrook, in 2025 the annual total was 628 (499). Our parish remains an exceptionally low crime area by local and national standards.

### Who is my contact for the scheme?

There is a neighbourhood watch page inside the cover of every copy of The Calendar and on the parish web site with a map showing the watch areas and a co-ordinator for each. There is a dedicated co-ordinator to work with all the farms across the parish. Whilst Jan and Andy May manage the scheme across the whole parish and their local watch area, your first port of call should be your local coordinator. Just contact them to be added to our circulations. Please take a look at the our page on the parish web site. It can be found at [www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk) and has terms of reference, details of past appeals and links to web sites you may find helpful.

Jan and Andy May



## Takeaway Menu

Available Wednesday to Saturday  
6pm to 8:30pm

Haddock & Chips - £12.00

Mozzarella Sticks (6 pieces) & Chips - £9.50

Southern Fried Chicken (6 pieces) & Chips - £10.50

Beer Battered Cod Goujons (4 pieces) & Chips - £11.00

Breaded Wholetail Scampi (10 pieces) & Chips - £11.00

Breaded Whitebait (Large portion) & Chips - £10.00

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**£20 ENTRY** | **£90 FUNDRAISING**

Join Team FORCE so that your miles can make a meaningful difference.

**GREAT WEST RUN**

[forcecancercharity.co.uk/great-west-run-2026](http://forcecancercharity.co.uk/great-west-run-2026)

## Hello Talaton,

For those who don't know me; or new to the village, my name is Kaisha Dessalines Wright. I'm part of the Wright family from Talewater Farm, and when I get the chance, I like to share my adventures of travel and experiences while having fun and creating memories.

I'm a circus performer, former gymnast, and currently touring around the world as we speak.

I grew up in Talaton for most of my life, and attended the Kings School in Ottery St Mary from 2009-2014. For pretty much all my life, I'd been doing acrobatic gymnastics and competing all over the globe. It wasn't until I was 18, that I decided to make a career out of it; by joining the circus.

I studied at 2 circus universities, the National Centre for Circus Arts in London, and the Cirque Du Soleil School in Montreal, Canada.

It's been over 4 years since I left Montreal and began work for the first time; traveling all over the world, working with a Canadian circus company, Les 7 Doigts in a show called 'Passengers', until the end of 2023; and now currently, I'm touring with a French company called Cirque Le Roux in their show called 'Entre Chiens et Louves'.

Which brings us to now. Since the summer of 2024, I've been touring all over Europe with Cirque Le Roux; France, Prague, Madrid, Belgium, Austria. The best thing about working in Europe is that I can visit and spend more time with the family, and catch up with old friends.

Last year we spent 4 months performing in Paris, toured around the south of France, visiting 13 towns/cities including Aix-en-Provence, Martigues and more towns close to Marseillle until June 2025.

In this show specifically, I lift and throw people in the air, I do contortion, which consists of bending my body in half, and also, singing! Singing was a skill I didn't pursue until my very first show with Les 7 Doigts after graduation, where my character had to sing a sad ballad straight after performing the act. It took a lot of practice as I'm used to using my body to perform, rather than my voice.

This year, my contract with Cirque Le Roux allowed me to work with other companies if I don't have work. This summer, I had a 3 month break, so this meant I could go and find other work in the meantime.

In June, I had the opportunity to perform in a new theatre in New York, returning with the show I started my career with, 'Passengers', by Les 7 Doigts. After this, I

## Friends of Talaton Parish Hall

We're launching a new group for anyone who'd like to support the hall in a practical, hands-on way — without the commitment of joining the committee.

Friends of TPH is open to anyone who wants to help out from time to time. You might assist at the café or bar, help set up for events, turn your hand to a bit of DIY, or simply be someone we can call on when an extra pair of hands would make a difference. There's no formal role and no regular obligation.

We'll coordinate through a WhatsApp group, and we promise to keep it quiet and only ask when we need support — you won't be pestered. Just the occasional message when we could do with some help.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Tanya Jones - 07584 318378

**COMMUNITY MARKET**  
11.30 - 12.30

**Musical Director**  
Emma Palmer

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**\*\*\* Performances 2026 \*\*\***

**Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>** with Penzance Orpheus Ladies Choir, at St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter, EX4 3LW. Free Entry, 7.30pm, supporting Action East Devon.

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>** with La Clé des Chants from Normandy, at Whimble Church, EX5 2TR. Free entry, 7pm, supporting Action East Devon.

**Mid-June**, Killerton Chapel, Killerton, date to be confirmed.

**Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>** outside Talaton Church, EX5 2RL. Free entry, 7pm, supporting Action East Devon.

**OPEN 9.30AM-12.30PM**

Over 30 stalls of handcrafted gifts, local food producers, refreshments & more.

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Free Entry. No 16 and 16mbols.  
Contact Lynsey 07584 336429 for more details.

## Talaton Knit and Natter

Talaton Knit and Natter is a relaxed and friendly group that meets once a fortnight, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays. We gather at the Talaton Inn from 11 o'clock to enjoy good company, conversation, and plenty of knitting, crafting, and creativity. We work on projects to decorate the village and to support charities.

All crafts are welcome, so whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, or enjoy another craft, you'll be sure to fit right in.

### Our upcoming meeting dates are:

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

New members are always welcome — whether you're an experienced crafter or just starting out, or just want to meet for friendly chat.

### For more information:

Facebook: *Talaton Knit and Natter*  
 Email: moorbrook-makes@outlook.com  
 Phone: 07894 686801



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had the opportunity to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August, with a new circus company called The New York Circus Project, with a circus adapted show of 'Hamlet'. I got to play Rosencratz, in which I had to perform acrobatics, as well as have a few lines (and read the book to refresh the brain).

As you know, Edinburgh Fringe Festival is one of the largest fringe festivals in the world, consisting of theatre, dance, circus, comedy acts and street performances for 3 weeks in August. I highly recommend it if you need a holiday in the sun, or a walk in the rain... and love watching the performing arts. It was also nostalgic to be in the UK, and eat some of my favourite snacks, including Percy Pigs and sausage rolls. I miss home sometimes.

I really enjoyed working this summer in New York and Edinburgh, I reunited with old friends from London, and got to see so many shows and spectacles. Now, I'm back living in my suitcase, finishing off the year back with Cirque Le Roux.

To finish off 2025, I performed in Salzburg, Austria and small cities in France, and for the first time in a long time, I was home for Christmas this year, which was truly wonderful.

The first few months of 2026, I had a long deserved break, visited family at home, and now I'm ready to get started to tour again this Spring. We are creating a new show, beginning of May, so we will spend 2 months in the south of France, creating!

For more information for any upcoming shows, or want to keep an eye on my next adventures, contact Sylvia Wright at 01404850944, or follow my social media on facebook or instagram; Facebook: Kaiaha DW Instagram: kaishadw

Thank you for letting me use this platform to share my story.

Kaisha Dessalines Wright



I am the girl at the bottom, lifting my leg in the air.



Entry by donation

## FORCE fundraiser at Cadhay Gardens

By kind permission of Rupert Thistlethwayte  
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**Saturday 23rd May 2026: 12 - 4pm**

House tours, garden trail & sweet and savoury teas

Big Noise Chorus will be performing

Craft stalls and more!

Enjoy an afternoon with friends & family

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for more information



## May Events Schedule

<b>Cheese &amp; Wine Challenge</b>	<b>Saturday 2nd May   7:00pm for 8:00pm</b>
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	<b>Wednesday 13th May   10:30am</b>
<b>Bingo Night</b>	<b>Saturday 16th May   8:00pm</b>
<b>Folk Music</b>	<b>Tuesday 19th May   7:30pm</b>
<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>Thursday 21st May   8:00pm</b>
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	<b>Thursday 28th May   10:30am</b>
<b>Steak Night</b>	<b>Friday 29th May   6:00pm</b>
<b>Meat Raffle - Draw</b>	<b>Friday 29th May   9:00pm</b>
<b>Andy Ellis - Singer</b>	<b>Saturday 30th May   8:00pm</b>

Join us for a fantastic month of community, food, music, and fun at The Talaton Inn!

**7. What stops you using the shop?**

- Opening hours not suitable
- Limited stock options
- Prefer supermarkets
- Have home delivery

**8. What would be the impact on you if the shop were to close altogether?**



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**9. Any suggestions for improving our stock?**

- Premium Wines/spirits
- World foods
- More locally produced food
- Talaton branded items e.g. Tea towels
- Café/Coffee machine
- Wider range of frozen foods

**Other**-----

**Optional information**

How long have you lived in the area?

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If you would like to be entered into the prize draw please add your name here.

**Please now tear these pages out and get them to the Shop**

Thank you — as always — for your support. Warmly, The Community Shop Team

The graphic is a large rectangular area with a thick black border. On the left side, there is a smaller version of the QR code image seen in the previous block. To the right of the QR code, the text 'Talaton Community Shop' is written in a small, light blue font. Below this, the words 'Customer Survey' are written in a larger, bold, black font. In the center of the graphic, the words 'PULL OUT PAGES' are written in a very large, bold, black font. Below this, the text 'Please fill in the Questionnaire' is written in a large, black font. Underneath that, the text 'Pull out these centre pages and return your completed survey to the shop or the post box outside if the shop is shut' is written in a medium-sized, black font. At the bottom of the graphic, the words 'THIS IS IMPORTANT!' are written in a large, bold, black font.

Dear Neighbours,

For years, our village shop has been more than just a place to grab a pint of milk. It's the heart of our community — a spot for a friendly chat, a lifeline for those who can't easily travel to the supermarket, and a quiet but vital support for our less mobile residents.

We want to be honest with you: the shop is currently running at a loss, and without your help, we face the very real possibility of having to close our doors for good. Continued overleaf

### Fix It for a Fiver

The good news? The solution is surprisingly simple — and it doesn't ask much of anyone.

If every household in the village spent just **£5 a month** at the shop, our future would be secure. That's a jar of local chutney and a wedge of Devon cheese. A small act, a big difference.

### More Than Just a Shop

We're proud to offer services that go far beyond groceries. Alongside our everyday essentials, we provide a Post Office, printing, laminating, box office tickets, a sale-or-return service for members, hot drinks, pies, and pasties — and free Wi-Fi for anyone who needs it.

But perhaps more than any of that, we provide connection. A place to bump into a neighbour, a reason to get out of the house, a shop that lets older or less mobile residents stay independent and do their own shopping with dignity.

Every purchase here also means one less car journey to town — better for everyone and better for the environment.

### How You Can Help

Take the £5 Challenge — commit to spending at least £5 here this month, and every month.

Check here first — before heading to town, pop in and see if we've got what you need.

Spread the word — tell your neighbours why this place matters, like and share our social media to spread the word or write a Google review.

Our volunteers love serving this village and we want to be here for years to come. With a little collective effort, we can make sure the heart of our community keeps beating.

### A Small Favour — and a Prize Draw

Included in this edition (in these pull out centre pages) is a short questionnaire. We'd love to know more about what the village needs from us, so we can make sure we're truly serving you. Fill it in and return it, and if you add your name and number, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a bottle of bubbly or a box of chocolates.

## Talaton Community Shop Customer Survey

### 1. How often do you visit our shop?

- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Never

### 2. What products do you usually buy from our shop?

- Fresh fruit/ vegetables/baked goods
- Chilled Produce
- Frozen Produce
- Snacks & drinks
- Household items
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Are you satisfied with the variety of products available?

- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Unsatisfied

### 4. Are the prices reasonable?

- Reasonable
- Slightly expensive
- Too expensive

### 5. What products/services would you like us to add?

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### 6. Overall, how satisfied are you with our shop?

- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Unsatisfied

