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Editorial

What a summer! Bad for the garden, but oh so lovely to be free and warm under lovely blue skies, although sometimes too warm, particularly at night. Autumn is here, a bit early, and many trees have already lost their leaves, and some have sadly died.

Everyone's circumstances change and adjust over the years, and we have been in the Village now since 1973, with a short gap away. Events and organisations come and go, and one that started in the very late 1970's is still with us. That is The Talaton Calendar, originally formed as a Calendar of local events and news, it was distributed around the village similarly as it is done today. Now it is in a different format, which was intended to make itself financing (unfortunately not now).

Arnie and I have been involved since the early 2,000's and our time is running out. It is time that new blood was found to take the project over, update it perhaps, to continue to serve the village. Not everyone uses Facebook, many rely on our paper format.

My reason for our change is that our house is on the market and when we have left the village, that will be it, from our point of view. Arnie, is of the similar mind for different reasons. So perhaps we should look to a **new management taking over as soon as possible in the New Year.**

The Calendar is solvent, but it relies on the Parish Councils annual Grants and without this it is unlikely to survive without major restructuring. All issues are electronically resolved, including finance and this year's accounts will be up to date. The Calendar is professionally printed, and that is our greatest expense.

The distribution of the magazine will hopefully remain in place as it is today, and thanks go out to all our distributors.

This is IMPORTANT if you care and want the Calendar to continue, new volunteers are required. If you don't care then it may not survive.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERSTED IN HAVING A CHAT ABOUT TAKING OVER.

Simon Spencer

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Editor

Next issue is 10th Oct '26
Dec & Jan issue is 10th Nov '26

Information

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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

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St James the Great

Services for October

Oct 11th Morning Worship 11am followed by a
Bring and Share Harvest Lunch
Details elsewhere in this Calendar

Oct 25th Holy Communion 11am refreshments from 10.30am

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

Midweek Coffee Morning

Wednesday 14th October
10.30pm until noon
In the North Aisle Room



Do come and enjoy tea/coffee , cake and biscuits, but most of all good company.

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Harvest Celebrations

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pamweston45@gmail.com



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If you are guilty of doing this please can you **STOP** as it puts pedestrians at risk

Legally If a vehicle blocks a path completely and forces vulnerable pedestrians etc into active traffic, the police have the power to investigate and issue a fixed penalty notice.

Members of the public can also report dangerous obstructions via the non-emergency number **101**

Please consider pedestrians/dog walkers/ wheel chair users/ mums with buggies etc and **STOP** parking your vehicle on the pavement. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Thank you

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October 2026 Events Schedule

Date	Times	Event
2 nd	6:00pm – 8:30pm	Steak Night
6 th	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Pizza Night
6 th	6:15pm – 7:10pm 7:15pm – 8:10pm & each following Tuesday	Line Dancing Sessions
11 th	8:00pm – 10:30pm	Quiz Night
13 th	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Pizza Night
15 th	10:30am – 12:30pm	Knit & Natter
20 th	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Pizza Night
24 th	8:00pm – 10:30pm	Bingo Night
27 th	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Pizza Night
28 th	10:30am – 12:30pm	Knit & Natter
30 th	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Children's Pumpkin Carving
31 st	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Children's Fancy Dress Comp
31 st	8:00pm – 12:00am	Fancy Dress Halloween Bash with Disco

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Hey, Where's Gordon ?



You would think it would be easy to get four blokes into a car and set off for a quiet walk from East Budleigh. But no! three get in safely whilst the fourth goes to park his car. Meanwhile, driver Pete, utterly convinced that he had heard Gordon get in drives off. Not really believing it was happening, Chris and John shouted “Hey, where’s Gordon? However, it was agreed to hang on for Gordon and the merry foursome set off on their venture.

Starting in East Budleigh the walk followed wonderful green lanes, opening out to give incredible views and needless to say – the sun shone. Early on the track was made of thousands of old concrete railway sleepers. No idea where they came from but maybe it explains the recurring problems of Great Western Railways! Luckily, we had John with us, our resident naturalist (no, not that) and his ability to identify almost anything in the flower, butterfly and bee world made the walk even more enlightening.

We stopped at the cricket club overlooking the estuary and soaked up the sun whilst we sorted the problems of the world and sympathised with each other’s ailments. It was picnic time but then it was necessary to go inside and indulge in coffee and cake. (One piece of cake had a little extra ingredient, but that’s another story!) Onwards, down to the estuary to follow the path back to East Budleigh. No walk is complete without an ice cream or a pint and this time it was the ice cream from the village shop. Sitting in the sun, ice cream in hand was the way to end a great walk with great company. Only just over 5 miles but one to repeat.

Thee end? Not quite. Possibly as a nasty-“get you for nearly leaving me behind “- Gordon persuaded the locals to let us into the Village Hall where he proudly led us to a couple of old photographs in which he posed with the winning snooker team from many, many years ago. In fact, he was a star player and had played against national stars. No point in asking him if he beat them or not!





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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:

- Wednesday 30th September
- Thursday 15th October
- Wednesday 28th October
- Thursday 12th November
- Wednesday 25th November
- Thursday 10th December

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:

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FILM NIGHT CONTINUES

The first Saturday in the month, opening times will vary:

Saturday 3 October, 7.30pm (doors 7pm) *The Bucket List* (12A). Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman star in a warm, funny story about friendship and living life to the full.

Thursday 29 October, 3pm (doors 2.30pm) *Moana 2* (PG). Moana and Maui set off on a new adventure across the ocean. Family film afternoon.

Saturday 7 November, 7.30pm (doors 7pm) *Hamnet* (15). A beautifully told drama about family, loss and the story behind Shakespeare's most famous play. No under-15s can be admitted.

December, date to be confirmed (a Thursday, hopefully in the school holidays) *The Polar Express*. We're hoping to show this festive favourite, and details will follow.

Saturday 2 January 2027, 7.30pm (doors 7pm) *The Holdovers* (15). An award-winning, sharply funny drama to start the new year. No under-15s can be admitted.

All screenings are free, and donations are always gratefully received to cover the cost of our film licensing.

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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.

Our Annual Produce and Flower Show on 1 August was a great success with a good number of entries despite the weather. The children's section was again a highlight with lots of colourful kites adorning the stage.

On Monday 7th September, we enjoyed a talk from Chris Trimmer about his work for the National Trust. A good number attended and we were fascinated to hear about his propagation methods which went way beyond what we are used to as amateur gardeners.

The next meeting will be the Gardeners Question Time on Monday 5th October in the Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm. Doubtless there will be drought related questions! As usual tea and cake will be available after the meeting.

Our next event will be the Pumpkin Competition on Friday 30th October. You don't need to have grown your own pumpkin as there will be plenty on sale locally in October. The Talaton Inn have again kindly agreed to host the competition so please bring your pumpkins down from 5pm ready for judging at 7pm. Remember to bring a nightlight for your pumpkin.

If you need inspiration, you can see some of the excellent designs from previous years in our event flyer elsewhere in the Calendar.

The pumpkins will be on display after the judging so do come down and take a look at how innovative and creative those in our village can be.

The remaining programme for 2026 is as follows:

Mon 5th October - Gardeners Question time

Fri 30th October - Pumpkin Competition

Mon 2nd November - AGM – our speaker will be Andrea Rye who will demonstrate planting up winter hanging baskets and containers

Sat 5th December - Garden Club stall at How d'ye Do

Happy gardening!



**Sunday
11th October**

**Harvest Celebration
Family Service**

11.00am

Followed by a

**Bring & Share
Lunch**

**Come and join us in St James the
Great Church**

All Welcome

TALATON PARISH HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WILL TAKE PLACE AT
7.00 for 7.30pm**

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

IN THE PARISH HALL

All village residents are welcome

**Wine and light refreshments
will be served**



Talaton Garden Club



Pumpkin Competition

Friday 30th October
at the Talaton Inn



**Bring your pumpkin plus nightlight to the Talaton Inn
from 5pm ready for judging at 7pm.
The competition is open to adults and children.
Prizes for the best carved pumpkins.**



HALLOWEEN BASH

Afternoon

Children's Fancy Dress Competition with Prizes

4pm to 6pm

Hot Dogs & Chips available

Evening

*Adults Fancy Dress Competition with Prizes
followed by a Themed Disco & Karaoke*

8pm to Midnight (Witching hour!!!)

Basket Meals available 6pm to 8:30pm

Saturday 31st October 2026

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

WILL BE HOLDING A

'DROP IN' SESSION



AT TALATON PARISH HALL
ON

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

10.30AM – 12 NOON

WHERE TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

Come along and meet your councillors and have a chat on a 'one to one' basis on any subject you wish, without an appointment

It may be useful to give advance warning of any detailed question to:- Mrs Christine McIntyre - Clerk to the Parish Council

Tel: 01404 814128 or Email: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk



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SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026

Start time 8pm



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**THE
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**CHILDREN'S
PUMPKIN CARVING
COMPETITION**

**Friday 30th October 2026
5pm - 7pm**

All abilities welcome.
Prizes for best creations.

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

INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

NEW COUNCILLOR

Cllr Jennie Murphy had recently been co-opted onto the Council and was warmly welcomed to her first Council meeting.

THE MOOR – UPDATE ON TREE TRIMMING WORK AND ANY OTHER MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

Wayleave Agreement between Voneus and the Council

There had been an exchange of correspondence between the Clerk and a representative from the Parish Hall which had been circulated to all councillors requesting that the Council enter into a wayleave agreement with Voneus. The Clerk had heard nothing further from either Voneus or the Parish Hall since July

SOLAR FARMS UPDATE INCLUDING HORTON SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Community Benefit Fund

Councillors had received correspondence about the fund from Chloe Hood from Aura Power and also Clyst Hydon Parish Council.. The Council **AGREED** that it would raise pertinent points about the funding distribution etc at the next meeting organised by Aura Power

SIGNAGE

It was noted that there had been an increase in the number of signs advertising the location of the Solar Farm which was an improvement on the previous situation. However issues continued with the escorts which were being used. The Council was of the view that they should be at least ¼ mile in front of the lorries. Currently the escorts were too close. In addition there should be a means of indicating to pedestrians/vehicles etc, by the escorts, how many vehicles were coming through the village

UPDATE ON ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTION WORK AT THE TELEPHONE KIOSK (MINI LIBRARY)

It was noted that the National Grid had completed the work in August. Npower who supplied the electricity had advised that when the National Grid informed it of the disconnection, the Council's account would be closed. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk place a notice in the Calendar asking if there was anyone available in the village who would be able to carry out a minor repair to the kiosk door to ensure it shut properly. Currently as the door was not closing properly (it was slightly ajar) it was resulting in damp getting into the books. The Chair had removed the books that had been placed on the floor of the kiosk and would dispose of them shortly. It would also be useful if parishioners could come forward to confirm if they actually used the phone box library to see whether it was well used (or not). This could also be mentioned in the notice to be prepared by the Clerk

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

UPDATE ON THE EMPTYING OF DOG BINS

Concern had been expressed by the Council previously that EDDC had not been emptying the dog bins regularly. However EDDC disputed this. They were of the view that *'The main issue appears to be the bins becoming overfilled, partly because they are also being used for litter. Given their limited capacity, this can quickly fill the bins and lead to them overflowing'*. The Council understood that the emptying of the bins had improved since it had made its complaint

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION

Consideration of permanent signage at both ends of road off Highridge;

A parishioner had requested signage at both ends of Highridge which would indicate that the road was unsuitable for large vehicles/HGVs. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact DCC Cllr Connor to request signage at this location

- I. DCC - Road Closure Orders - Roman Road, Talaton - 1 day 26th October
- II. Orchard Close Wall - DCC advised *'This was inspected by the Neighbourhood Highway Officer. There is no structural damage to the wall so there will be no further action here at this time'*.
- III. 4 Hillside Property Update - Rachel Wall Housing Officer EDDC advised *'This property is currently with the Voids Team. Due to the extensive works required to bring the property back up to the required standard, we may need to consider alternative options'*. The Clerk had contacted EDDC enquiring as to what the 'alternative options' were likely to be but had not received a response. She would chase this matter up
- IV. Damaged Grit Bin at Talewater Hill update; The damaged grit bin at Talewater Hill had been reported and noted by DCC
- V. Other matters
 - i. Pothole/water leak outside Bankside – reported again to SWW Glendinning had filled in potholes with tarmac on top of water leaks. The Clerk had reported this issue to SWW
 - ii. A post attached to the chain link fence adjacent to Orchard Close was leaning precariously. In addition the nearby wall had substantial vegetation and saplings growing out the stonework. The Clerk would report these matters to DCC
 - iii. The Chair would speak to the relevant person re the towing away zone at Beautiful Days which had been blocked by a vehicle parking there

PLANNING MATTERS

i.Update re planning condition for screening re App 21/2045/FUL Go Kart Track at Escot Park - Devon County Pursuits

A complaint was raised by a parishioner that the screening of trees (a planning condition) had not materialised. The Clerk contacted EDDC's Enforcement Officer who advised:- *I have checked this application and they were supposed to submit a revised landscaping plan back in the winter, (Condition 2), this to be taken forward during the first full planting season, which wouldn't be until September onwards of this year. I have therefore emailed the agent to chase up the new landscaping plan, so that we can hopefully still get the new hedges/trees etc planted in the timescale specified.*

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ii.Consideration of Protocol for site meetings and advice from DALC

Councillors had been forwarded an extract from the Council's Planning Policy re site visits and advice from DALC. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council continue with site meetings in relation to planning applications..

TO REPORT ON ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS (INCLUDING PLANNING)

The following delegated decisions made by the Council were noted and submitted to EDDC:-

i.Application Number: 26/1347/FUL

Applicants:- Mr and Mrs Bret and Olivia Clark

Proposal: Ground floor extension and internal alteration

Location 1 The Linhay Talaton Exeter EX5

The Council's comments were:-

'Talaton Parish Council supports the proposal, as there would be no significant adverse impact on neighbouring amenity (the quality of life, privacy, and living conditions enjoyed by residents in a nearby property); the proposed design is consistent with the existing building, and there would be the community benefit of enabling a local family to remain in the village'. For information - there was one concern/objection by a parish councillor regarding proximity and character

ii.Application Number: 26/1315/FUL

Applicants:- Mr D & O Sargeant & Kennaway

Proposal: Proposal: Proposed demolition of the existing buildings and replacement with one dwelling, in lieu of the existing Prior Approval consent Prior approval (ClassQ) for a change of use of 1no. Agricultural barn to 2no dwellinghouses (use Class C3)

Location: Barn South Of New Barn Farmhouse Talaton

The Council's comments were:-

'We are in support of this planned development which will allow a young couple to return to the village'.

ALLOTMENT – UPDATE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Legionnaires Disease

Information had been sent to all councillors regarding legionnaires disease. An issue had arisen regarding an allotment plot holder (in Mid Devon) contracting legionnaires, suspected from bagged compost (bought from a garden centre). It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact allotment holders and advise them of the situation and for them to take appropriate steps as recommended by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In addition amendments be made to the Council's Allotment Rules accordingly .

Vacant Allotment Plots

The Clerk advised that it was likely by the end of the year that a further two half plots would be vacated leaving half the allotment plots unoccupied. It was **AGREED** that once the plots were vacated that they be strimmed and then covered with black plastic. The Clerk would arrange for a quote to be obtained for this work to be carried out

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UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Information had been emailed to councillors about the changes. Talaton was intended to be part of Devon Council. However the PM had indicated recently that the proposed new councils for Devon may be reconsidered. Talaton would be in the Feniton and Tale Vale Ward and would have one councillor

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (TO INCLUDE DEFIBS; UPDATE FROM THE CALENDAR RE GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL AND ANY MATTERS RAISED AT JULY DROP-IN) OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

- i. Accident Bittery Cross – it was believed that the accident had happened due to there being no line markings
- ii. New pads had been purchased for both defibrillators. The Newtown defib and been checked and was found to be in working order. The Community Shop defib would be checked asap and the Clerk contacted regarding the result.
- iii. Drop In - Three parishioners attended – matters discussed – speeding lorries going to and from solar farm; issues with the solar farm marshalls; insufficient signage; speeding traffic going through the village; the condition of one of the council houses at Hillside; allotment tenant giving verbal notice that she intended to give up her allotment; problems with noisy rooks
- iv. Email from Calendar re their 25/26 grant
- v. The Clerk had received the following information from the Calendar re their grant from the Council *The monies were consumed in the operations to maintain the Calendar in its current format. We had a couple of donations as well, but these are not always regular and without them we would be heading for difficulties. Printing costs are not within our control and are the biggest cost`.*
- vi. The Clerk advised that all the usual grant applicants had now been contacted and reminded to apply for a 26/27 grant. The closing date was 31st October and applications would be considered at the November PC Meeting. The grant provision was advertised on the website, social media as well as the noticeboards in order to attract other organisations who may be interested in submitting an application

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th October 2026



Talaton Parish Council seeks to support and strengthen the many networks and community groups which help to make a positive difference to Talaton.

To facilitate this, the Council operates a Grants Award Scheme. Details of the scheme are contained in the Council's Grants Policy. The Policy provides information about who is eligible (eg community groups etc) and how to apply for a grant. There is a standard application form which will need to be completed. The Policy together with the Grants Application Form are available on the Council's website: <https://talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> or can be e-mailed or posted out by contacting the Clerk

The completed application form will need to be returned to the Clerk by post/e-mail by: **31st October 2026.** Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Mrs C J McIntyre (Clerk to Talaton Parish Council)
Tel: 01404 814128 E-mail: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Hole in One -just One!



Well, maybe only the one achieved by Gordon but there were plenty of holes in 4 or 5 or 6 or....

For the non-ROBOTS amongst you this opening line will be totally meaningless but for those in the know it will revive wonderful memories of an open expanse of hard, sun-baked, grassless ground holding 18 little metal rimmed holes, each containing a numbered flag.

Yes, the Sidmouth Coburg Fields Putting Green. It must be said that whilst the “green” didn’t quite come up to scratch its situation was wonderful.

Sporting an array of sun hats and shorts eleven ROBOTS made up three groups, playing individually, to hit their way in extreme heat around the 18 holes. It very soon became obvious that some of our number had held a golf club before whilst for others it was a novel experience. However, even the Club boys admitted that the sun-baked grassless ground was not helping matters and the ball had to be talked to very kindly for fear of it having a life of its own and disappearing into the rough (a technical term!).

Certain liberties were taken when the ball was prevented from dropping into the hole by the metal liner that protruded above the surface. A helping hand was sometimes necessary to get the ball over the rim but there was a measure of disagreement about this, the experts suggesting that you should keep putting away until you got it over the rim. Well, not having head torches this was mostly ignored and the game went on. The experts also tried to convince Chris that his feet were the wrong way round for putting but unfortunately, he had been born with them in that position. The holes in the shade were a welcome escape from the intense sunshine.

At last, the shout went up -Hole in One! Gordon had done it and luckily there were witnesses. That was it and we were back to the 4’s, 5’s and yes even bigger numbers and a bit more nudging of the ball over that rim.



Anyway, excellent fun and the group photo at the 18th is now in the Photo book. Light refreshment was taken in the Pynes Bar where Dave was really excited at winning the Cup for best score whilst Alan was ecstatic at getting the Dusty for getting not quite the best score. All in all, a really good day out was had by all.



TALATON PARISH COUNCIL Grant and Donation Application 2026/27

Each year Talaton Parish Council offer grants and donations to local organisations that benefit residents of the parish. If you would like your organisation to be considered for a grant or donation please complete this form fully, sign it and return to the Parish Clerk, 3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary. EX11 1FB or e-mail to: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk by 31st October 2026

Please note below the difference between a Grant and a Donation

Grants - must be for a specific purpose

For example:-

£100 to purchase a projector to allow a local community organisation to host regular film nights to tackle social isolation

£200 to print 500 walking leaflets to encourage tourism and support health and wellbeing.

Donations - a donation towards costs

For example:-

£100 towards the regeneration costs of a local park

£100 towards the costs of organising a family fun day.

£100 towards the general running costs of an organisation without being specific about what it is spent on

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A GRANT OR DONATION (PLEASE STATE):-	
NAME OF ORGANISATION APPLYING:-	
Name	
Full Address	
Postal Code	
Telephone Number and E-mail address	

ARE YOU MAKING ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR THIS EXPENDITURE? IF SO PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF HOW THE PROVISION OF A GRANT/DONATION FROM TALATON PARISH COUNCIL WILL ASSIST YOU

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NAME OF CONTACT REGARDING APPLICATION

Name	
Full Address	
Postal Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

DETAIL OF MAIN AIMS/ACTIVITIES OF YOUR ORGANISATION

HOW MUCH DO YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL?	

DESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE GRANT/DONATION IS REQUESTED AND HOW IT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF TALATON PARISH

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF YOUR ORGANISATION OR DETAILS OF OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND INCOME STREAMS (INCLUDING COPY ACCOUNTS WHERE APPROPRIATE)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT A BACS PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL

Name on Bank Account:-

Sort Code:-

Account Number:-

- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge all the information I have provided in this application for a grant is correct
- I give permission for all the details of this application to be disclosed at meetings of Talaton Parish Council, which are open to the press and public.
- If a grant is made, I understand that I will be asked to provide an account of how the money has been spent.
- I understand that Talaton Parish Council has limited funds and will make the final decision on which applications are successful.
- I have read and understood and will comply with the provisions of Talaton Parish Council's Grant Policy

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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)**

**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

**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***

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP RE THE TALATON TELEPHONE BOX MINI LIBRARY



The door of the mini library is not closing properly, resulting in damp getting into the books and making reading not quite such a pleasurable experience! Is there someone in the village who would be able to make adjustments to the door to ensure it closes as it should? If so please could you contact the Clerk

In addition could you let the Clerk know if you or members of your family are a user of the mini library so we can gauge whether the numbers are such, that the box should continue to be used for this purpose or alternatively, used for something else. If you can contact the Clerk and let her know if you are a user, that would be very helpful

Tel: 01404 814128 or clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you

Talaton Parish Council

Local Information

Useful Phone Numbers

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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
Hall Booking Secretary (Tanya Jones)	07584 318378
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
Parish Priest (Marc Kerslake)	01404 822525
Bell Ringing (Chris Trimmer)	07786 113687 or 01404 850831
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Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times

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

News from Talaton Community Shop

Talaton Community Shop at Beautiful Days



We have been at Beautiful Days every year since the festival began in 2003. Our shop has a prime spot on the route between the Main Stage and the Big Top, and we are proud to be the only food retail outlet on site. While there are plenty of street-food vendors and non-food outlets, we are the only stall offering everyday essentials such as water, soft drinks, bread, milk, eggs, bacon, sausages, cheese, groceries, toiletries, healthcare, confectionery and tobacco products.

THE FESTIVAL KEEPS OUR SHOP OPEN

Profit from the festival is essential; we could not survive without it.

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Our presence at the festival benefits

13 Small Local Businesses

5 National companies at local outlets

*Our volunteers work hard to bring the shop to the festival.
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the benefits it brings to your Community Shop.*



Talaton Community Shop



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Sunday	10am – 12 noon

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