



RYDA Newsletter

04/2022

Spring is just around the corners, and while there are many jobs that need doing, please don't forget to clean nest boxes and bird feeders to eliminate parasites and stop the spread of disease.

After the end of each breeding season, all nest boxes should be taken down, old nesting materials removed, and the box should be scalded with boiling water to kill any parasites. Do not use insecticides or flea-powders – boiling water is adequate. Annual cleaning is best carried out from late September to February.

Under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, if unhatched eggs are found in the box, they can only legally be removed from October to January inclusive, and they must be destroyed – it is illegal to keep them.

Clean feeders and feeding sites regularly using warm soapy water or 5% disinfectant, especially in the months between January and May. Make sure to rinse any disinfectant off thoroughly and always allow feeders to air-dry completely before adding food.

It is lovely to find something that doesn't need doing:- How about **NOT** doing this

Don't Spring into a garden clean up too soon.....

Wait until temperatures are consistently above 10°C (50°F)



Hibernating bees



Many butterflies, bees and other pollinators are currently wintering in dead leaves and hollowed out stems of last years plants.

Let them Bee

The nesting ecology of bees varies between different families, with some species living underground in the soil, whilst others excavate their nests in deadwood. Several species prefer to make their nests inside the empty cavities left by other animals and there are even some bees that nest in abandoned snail shells!

You may have found these under a brick or a damp object. You may have felt disgusted and wondered why they exist in nature.

Well, let me tell you, these animals Oniscidae, better known as wood lice, are a subgroup of isopod crustaceans whose function is to remove harmful heavy metals to the earth such as mercury, cadmium and lead. They contribute to the cleansing of the soil and groundwater and reaffirm the wisdom of nature.

Do not damage them or spray pesticides!



While you are busy **NOT** tidying up, why not help wildlife further by making a pond. Even a small pond can be home to an interesting range of wildlife, including damsel and dragonflies, frogs and newts, as well as a feeding ground for birds, hedgehogs and bats – the best natural garden pest controllers! Your pond needn't be big. A washing-up bowl, a large plant pot, or a disused sink could all be repurposed as ponds, providing you make sure creatures can get in and out.

How to build a mini wildlife pond



You will need:

- + a watertight container¹ 
- + old bricks, rocks and pebbles 
- + pond plants 
- + spade 

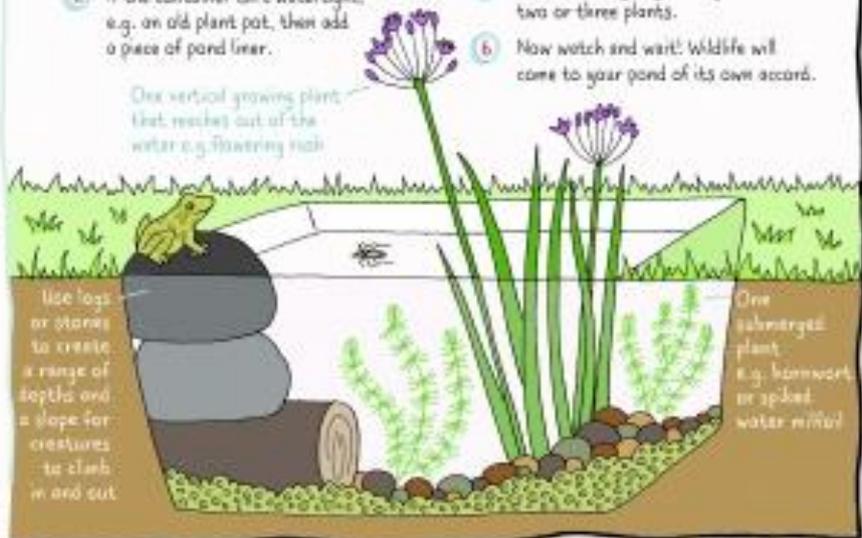
* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 10-30cm deep.

- 1 Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.
- 2 If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.
- 3 Add a layer of gravel and rocks.
- 4 Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).
- 5 Start planting... you only need two or three plants.
- 6 Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.

Use logs or stones to create a range of depths and a slope for creatures to climb in and out.

One vertical growing plant that reaches out of the water e.g. flowering reed.

One submerged plant e.g. hornwort or spined water miller.



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Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

RYDA AGM

Noss Village Hall

12th April 2022 @ 7pm

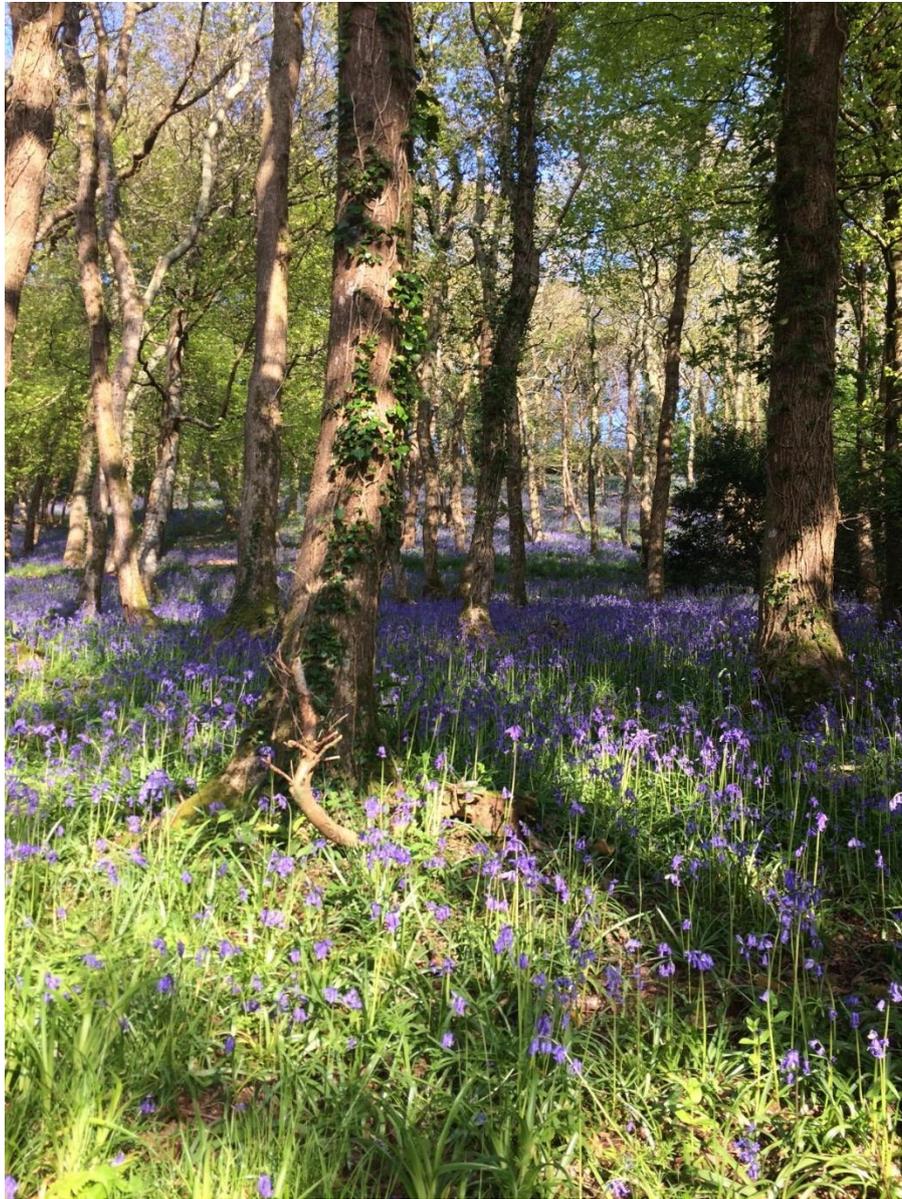
Please come and join us

It will be our first in-person AGM since lockdown began/

A ZOOM version will be available

The link will be emailed to all members nearer the date

As reported in the March newsletter, it looks like being a good year for bluebells. Get out when you can and explore our woodlands in their carpets of blue. *The picture below is of Court Woodland*



A New defibrillator in Brixton Torvale Lodge have installed a new Zoll AED plus defibrillator, this is located between the entrance to Torvale Lodge and Chittleburn Business Park PL8 2PH, (Opposite the turning to Otters)

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The machine has also been registered with the Ambulance service



With fuel getting more expensive, there is help to find the cheapest in the area via [PetrolPrices.com - Compare UK Petrol and Diesel Fuel Prices For Free](https://www.petrolprices.com) .

Fuel prices vary enormously with as much as 10p per litre difference within 5 miles of Newton Ferrers

While the speed you drive at is arguably the most influential factor affecting fuel consumption, there are a number of other ways you can change your driving habits that will have a significant impact on the money you spend at the pump.

- Regular maintenance and **servicing** improves the efficiency of your vehicle, and therefore can improve your fuel consumption.
- It's particularly important to make sure your tyres are inflated to the correct pressure as indicated in your owner's manual as underinflated and overinflated tyres both adversely affect fuel economy.
- Excessive speed is the biggest fuel-guzzling factor so having a light right foot and ensuring all acceleration is gentle is very important to fuel-efficient driving. Keeping the car moving at the right speed is essential to fuel economy. Obviously, this depends on traffic conditions and what's happening on the road ahead, but slowing down and having to accelerate again naturally uses more fuel.
- Don't leave your roof bars and roof box on because they create wind resistance and cause your car to use more fuel through the 'drag' effect.
- Don't use your air conditioning unless you really have to as it uses engine power and therefore increases fuel consumption.
- This goes for heat as well as cooling, so try to dress for the weather, even inside your car, if fuel efficiency is a big concern.
- Consider making one round trip rather than several short trips. Once the engine is warm it will operate at its most efficient whereas several cold starts will increase fuel consumption
- The most impactful way to reduce fuel consumption is to simply drive your car less. Drive your car only when you really need to. If you only need to travel a few blocks, consider walking or even riding a bicycle. Not only will you save money at the pump, but the exercise will also certainly do you some good.

Climate Emergency and Biodiversity

Let's celebrate the Jubilee
with flowers for pollinators

Jubilee Flower Project Competition

for best floral display of pollinating
plants (ideally including native
wildflowers)

The pot, barrel or window box will
be judged by public votes with a
Flower Pot Trail at the end of July.



The display must be visible from the road



The aim is to encourage more flowers to
be grown for our
wildlife - bees, butterflies etc.

Entrants will find a list of suggested
plants for pollinators on their entry
forms.

Why not plant your own seeds now?
Devon grown wildflower seeds can be
purchased from
www.goren.co.uk

**Only £2 to enter - Entry forms at the Post
Office.**

Funds raised will be spent on increasing the biodiversity of our
villages

COMMENTING ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council is the statutory authority with responsibility for representing the views of the entire local community regarding planning applications. However, the RYDA can play an important part by having an independent voice with which we can represent our members.

You will be familiar that we use our Newsletters to draw your attention to any planning application that we think might be controversial or raise significant planning issues. For these we will always give you the application reference number so that you can look at the full application online by at <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/>.

We ask for your comments and use these to inform our decision whether we wish to comment to SHDC on the application and, if so, how. We do therefore find your responses to be very important.

However, if we do comment to SHDC it only counts as ***a single comment*** no matter how many responses we have had from you and been incorporated into our response.

It is therefore ESSENTIAL that you comment directly to SHDC if you feel particularly strongly about an application, whether you support it or object to it. We would also encourage you to copy your comments to both ourselves and the Parish Council so that they can be properly taken into account in those responses.

Finally, it is probably worth being reminded what are valid comments as SHDC can only take material planning considerations into account.

The following list is not exhaustive but it gives an idea of the sort of things that would be classed as a material planning consideration:

- Car parking provision
- Design, including appearance, layout, scale, density and materials
- Highway safety issues and/or traffic generation
- Impact on important trees
- Impact on the character or appearance of a Conservation Area or Listed Building
- Local drainage or flooding issues
- Planning policies and guidance
- Loss of important open spaces or community facilities
- Noise disturbance, smells, obtrusive lighting or other impacts on amenity
- Over-dominance, overshadowing and loss of light
- Proposed landscaping
- The planning history of the site

Comments that are not material planning considerations will not be taken into account no matter how strongly they are felt. Examples of what is **not** considered to be a material planning consideration could be:

- Loss of value to your property
- Loss of a view
- Boundary and neighbour disputes
- Impact on private drainage systems
- Inappropriate or personal comments
- Breach of covenant

St Peter the Poor Fisherman

AGM

(with refreshments)

Wednesday 6th April 2022

At 7.00pm

St Peter Revelstoke, Noss Mayo

Please come, hear about and support this very special
Church

Any enquiries: Jane Barnett (872663)

THE REVELSTOKE COMMUNITY TRUST

REMINDER

Completed Grant Application Forms need
to be returned by
Tuesday 19th April

Application forms can still be obtained from:

The RCT Hon Secretary

Telephone: 872719

Email: susanjhallett@gmail.com



The Newton and Noss Village Hall

www.nnvh.org.uk

NEWTON AND NOSS VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL MEETING

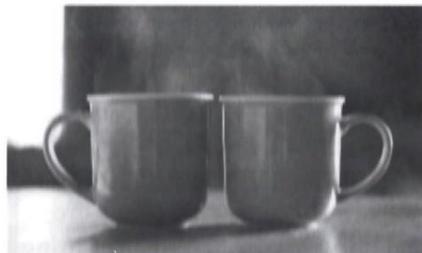
The next Annual meeting of the Newton and Noss Village Hall will be held on Tuesday May 3rd 2022 at 7pm

in the Revelstoke Room

Full details will be available nearer the time, but please do save the date, and join us.

Email us at: info@nnvh.org.uk;

Check out our current events at: www.nnvh.org.uk



Coffee Morning

*10.30am – 12.30pm, Tuesday 10th May
Holy Cross Church*

We are restarting our village coffee morning on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in Holy Cross Church from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Do come along for a coffee or tea and a good old chat.

If you would like a lift or would like to help with the morning, then please contact Ruth Thrush (872503), Mary Ayres (872225) or Phil Davis (872891).

Tuesday Lunch Club

WI Hall Newton Ferrers

5th April 12.00 noon

£5 donation, Proceeds to Charity

Come along and enjoy a delicious 2 course, home cooked lunch, plus coffee or tea
& more importantly friendly company



YEALM *Rouleurs* Local Social Cycling Club

As a club we've been riding all through the winter, having fun and getting punctures!
Are you thinking of cycling more?
It's great for fitness, to explore the glorious South Hams (and its coffee shops), or to make new friends?

New members are welcome to come along as the days warm up and the sun comes out... 🚴 🚴 🚴

Members are aged from 18 upwards and are a mix of genders, living in Yealmpton, Ivybridge, Newton and Noss, Holbeton, Modbury and Plymstock... 🚴 🚴 🚴

We put on a variety of special club rides throughout the year, including:

- Club rides every Saturday morning and Tuesday evening in the spring/summer
- Rides to Cornwall
- Circumnavigation of Dartmoor
- Representation at various sportives
- Charity community ride in memory of Ken Middlemiss
- Bike maintenance days
- **And we have the best kit of any local club!**

Find us on Facebook, send us a message and have a try out!

<https://www.facebook.com/yealmrouleurs>

Pete Stevens



YEALM GIG CLUB AGM (and Social)

Wednesday 13th April

6.00pm Noss Village Hall

This year has seen a huge growth in membership and we wanted to say a big thank you to all our supporters and helpers with boat maintenance and to coxes for keeping everyone safe on the water. If you have any agenda items that you would like to be discussed, email secretary.yealmgigclub@gmail.com

We have also developed a new website which has information about the club, rowing schedules and other events <https://ygrc.clubbuzz.co.uk>

A massive thank you to The Swan Inn, The Ship, Revelstoke Trust, Red Earth, Spirit of Yealm and Yealm Community Energy.

THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

We look forward to seeing you at our next TLC Lunch
in

Newton & Noss Village Hall

Thursday 28th April at 12.15pm

New Members always welcome

£5.00 for a delicious 2 course meal, followed by tea/coffee

*Please contact Jane Barnett to confirm your attendance
and/or more information on 872663
mrandmrsbarnett@gmail.com*

The next talk from N&N Environment Group concerns Plymouth City Council's plans for an impressive scheme to create a vast Community Forest in Plymouth and South Devon. It will stretch from the heart of the city to the edge of the moor, encompassing 1,900 hectares of land to form a mosaic of different forest habitats.

It will be held at The Yealm Yacht Club on 13th April at 20.00.

If you cannot make the meeting in person, please join on Zoom using the following link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84574429521?pwd=UHVENk0zMUQyM0FIWG13c2xveGxHQ09>

Meeting ID: 845 7442 9521

Passcode: 528920

Yealm Parchment Craft Group

14.00 -16.00 Friday 29th April

Newton Ferrers WI Hall

Parsonage Road, Newton Ferrers PL8 1AT

Parchment craft is the art of embellishing and decorating parchment paper (or vellum) techniques such as embossing, perforating, stippling, & cutting will be taught, plus colouring, which can be done in nearly every medium.(watercolour, blendable pencil, oil pastels, acrylic, ink and oil)

Parchment craft is thought to have originated as an art form in Europe during the 15th century, principally in Catholic communities, where crafts persons created lace-like items such as devotional pictures and communion cards.

The craft has developed over time, with new techniques and refinements being added.

All equipment will be provided if you don't have it, so you can try the craft before you buy your own .

Your tutor will be Lesley Dempsey, who is a level 3 tutor of the Academy of Independent Parchment Tutors. academyparchmenttutors.com

Please register your interest at lesleyswp@hotmail.co.uk or 07838375449.

Cost £8 per session. There is a car park opposite and the hall is fully accessible



This months Project

Whitework, grid work and needle work



SPRING ART EXHIBITION & sale

**Newton and Noss Village Hall,
Noss Mayo PL8 1DY**

Entry Free

April 16th - 18th

Saturday 12 - 5

Sunday 10 - 5

Monday 10 - 4

This year we are supporting





**QUEEN'S JUBILEE
ROYAL CROWN EVENT
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th & 29th MAY**

Cream teas will be served 2.30 – 4.30pm

You are invited to celebrate with us

Join us at Holy Cross Church for cream teas and walk
around our villages to see the crowns and celebrate our
Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Get involved – make a crown and hang it in your garden, on
the fence or anywhere that takes your fancy.

PRIZES FOR BEST CHILD ENTRY

Enquiries: Pat Parkes 872193

Please support this community event organised by
Holy Cross Church

Money raised will go in part towards the Ukraine Emergency Fund

**RIVER YEALM REGATTA
DATE CHANGES
NEW DATES FOR THE FINALS
6th and 7th AUGUST**

The tides are particularly unkind to us this year and we have felt it necessary to
change the dates to incorporate a rescheduled programme

For up-to-date information see



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Big Lunch

Sunday 5th June on Gypsy Meadow (Covid permitting).

Bring your own food, drink, chairs and tables.

12.00 noon start

If wet, in Newton and Noss Village Hall

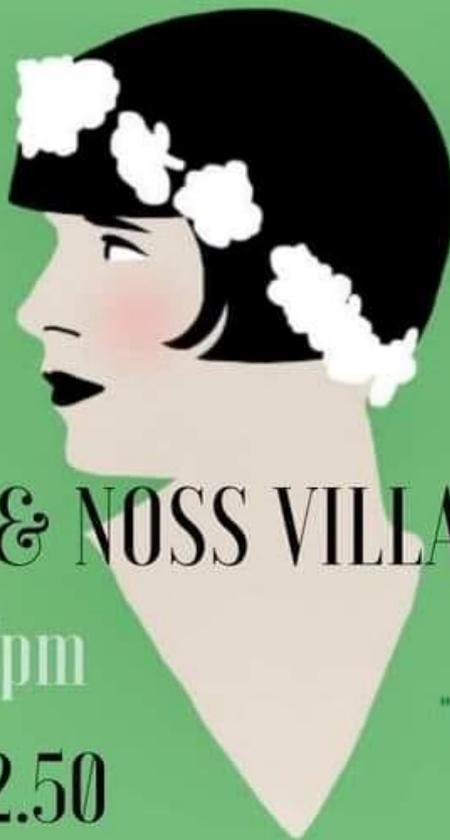
Further details from Jane Barnett or Amanda Parry-Smith

WURLITZA PRESENTS:

G.W. PABST'S

DIARY OF A LOST GIRL

A film & live music
extravaganza



Bar &
Nibbles
Available

NEWTON & NOSS VILLAGE HALL

14th May 7pm

Tickets £12.50

Available from Tubbs

or Louise Holman 873050

"Wurlitza's shows have
been among my most
memorable musical
highlights."

Nick Bailey - Classic FM

Whittling Woodland Creatures Workshop



Learn the art of whittling with this introductory course into carving woodland creatures! Woodland creatures make wonderful little projects, perfect for gifts or as little pocket companions. All you need is one whittling knife and a stick and you're away. Suitable for children (6+) and adults.

Devon Green Wood Centre
near Newton Ferrers PL8 1HG

10.04.22

Carve your own Shrink Pot
AM / PM or full day workshop

09.07.22

Carve your own Shrink Pot
AM / PM or full day workshop

Bookings: alexfinberg.co.uk
Call Alex on: **07534 013 725**

Wembury Rockpool Safari's are back

[Wembury Marine Centre](#)

Tickets - £5

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rockpool-safari-tickets-308704352027

Join Devon Wildlife Trust staff and volunteers for a guided tour of some of the best rockpools in the UK! Our expert team will take you on a guided rockpool safari to meet and learn about some of Wembury's most famous inhabitants, from blennies to starfish and everything in between!

THURS, 14 APRIL 2022 FROM 10:30-11:30 Tots & Toddlers Rockpool Safari

FRI, 15 APR AT 11:00 Good Friday Rockpool Safari

SAT, 16 APR AT 11:30 Extreme Rockpool Safari

SUN, 17 APR AT 12:00 Easter Sunday Extreme Rockpool Safari

WED, 20 APRIL 2022 FROM 14:00-15:30 Rockpool Safari

SAT, 30 APR AT 11:00 Extreme Rockpool Safari

SUN, 1 MAY AT 12:00 Rockpool Safari



Dementia Friendly Parishes
around the Yealm

Celebrating 10 Years Of Support

April 2022 Contact Maxine 07450 206312

Friday	1	Carer Support on Zoom 2.30-3.30 call Maxine for the Zoom link
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	
Monday	4	Art & Craft Group 10.30am – 12.00pm Yealmpton Comm Centre £3.00
Tuesday	5	Gentle Exercise 10.30 – 11.30 Yealmpton Methodist Hall £5.00
Wednesday	6	Walking Group Wembury 10.30am. Meet in car park at end of Barton Close Wembury
Thursday	7	Reading Group 10.30-12noon Yealmpton Parish Room £2.00
Friday	8	
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	
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Sunday	17	
Monday	18	
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Wednesday	20	Walking Group Wembury 10.30am. Meet in car park at end of Barton Close Wembury
Thursday	21	Reading Group 10.30-12noon Yealmpton Parish Room £2.00
Friday	22	Singing Along, community singing with the Brixton Villageairs 2-3.30pm Yealmpton Methodist Hall £3.00
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	
Monday	25	
Tuesday	26	Gentle Exercise 10.30 – 11.30 Yealmpton Methodist Hall £5.00
Wednesday	27	Walking Group Wembury 10.30am. Meet in car park at end of Barton Close Wembury
Thursday	28	Reading Group 10.30-12noon Yealmpton Parish Room £2.00
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	

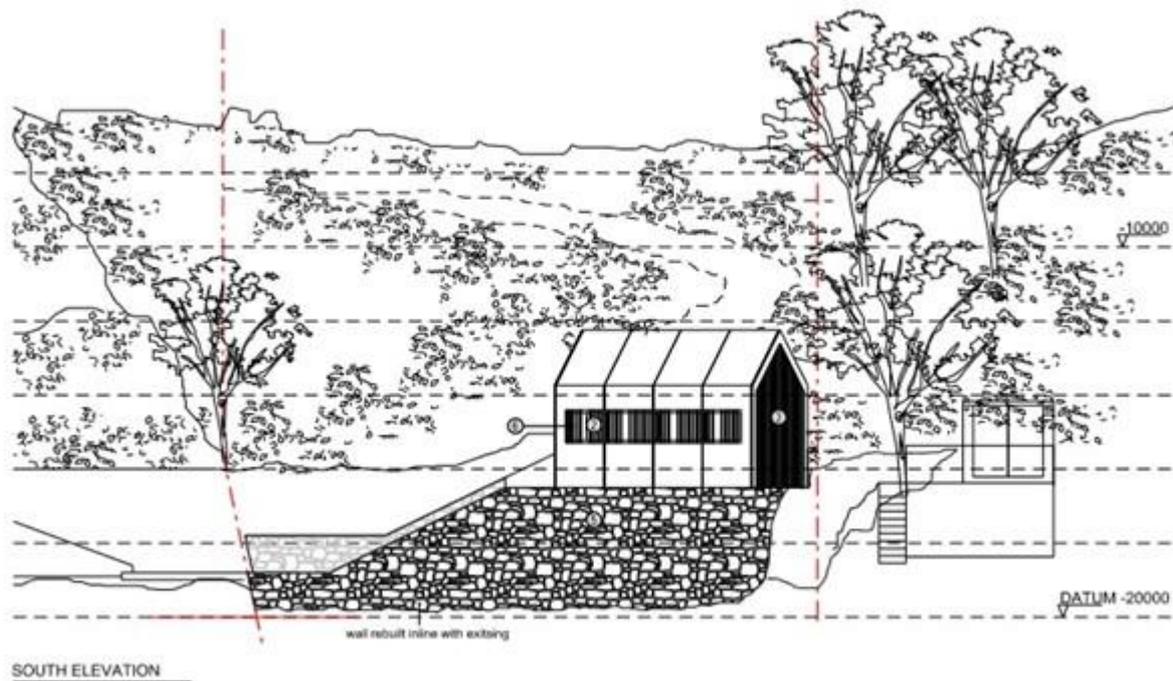
*We can't change the person living with dementia
but we can change the experience they have in their community.*

PLANNING

Arguably, one of the most important sections of the Newton and Noss Neighbourhood Plan is the attempt to protect the waterfront contained in Policy N3P-2. Over the life of the plan there have been several failures to achieve this. We now see another application to develop a quay, slipway, and boathouse, directly opposite protected National Trust Woodland, below Venta, 71 Yealm Road, ([Planning Application Reference 0370/22/FUL](#)) which will continue the “canalisation” of the waterfront. The site contains of the long defunct remains of a quay, but there is no evidence of a previous slipway or boathouse, see photo below:



Although the site has suffered over time and possibly during the demolition of Venta and the rebuilding of the garden retaining wall, some evidence of the original foreshore remains visible.



The concrete ramp, and the boatshed, with its steel cladding roof and sides with aluminium glazing system are not likely to form a net gain to the biodiversity and are completely out of keeping with the location. The reconstruction of the quay may have achieved a degree of biodiversity enhancement were it to be constructed as dry-stone walling and not a mortared stone wall.

Another issue, not addressed in the application, is the potential effect on the integrity of the public footpath. It appears that the quay may be cut back into the cliff bank but no additional retaining structure to the bank seems to be proposed, this may leave the footpath vulnerable to future subsidence. If you have any views on this, or any other, application then please let us know and make your comments to the Parish and South Hams Councils.

Climate Change

Another issue worthy of interest is South Hams District Council's proposals for climate change mitigation within future planning applications for development. As part of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, they have jointly initiated a "Climate Emergency Planning Policy and Guidance Consultation" which started on Thursday 3 March 2022 and you have until Thursday 21 April 2022 to make comments. This proposal sets out ways to ensure that all new development is fit for the future, by including solar panels, heat pumps and electric vehicle charging facilities as standard. It attempts to set out measures that will mean development is better able to cope with the challenges of climate change to avoid overheating and flooding and bring health and wellbeing benefits. We recommend that you make your views known via the consultation (although the link appears as a Plymouth Consultation it is a joint consultation, <https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/36806/section/5948500>)

