



Newsletter

Summer 2024



Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and e-scooters

The Environment and Community Group has agreed to support a campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal. Lithium battery fires are on the increase resulting in sometimes severe injuries and fatalities there are some tips available for using e-bikes and scooters safely online which include:

- Buying your e-bike/scooter from a reputable retailer
- Buy replacement chargers/batteries from the original manufacturer
- Unplug the charger when not in use
- Charge batteries in a safe place, preferably outside (but not in sunlight), and not in an exit route. Avoid charging overnight when you are asleep
- Dispose of batteries correctly
- If your battery catches fire call 999



More information can be found www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

You can put small waste electrical and electronic equipment (such as kettles and toasters) in your black/green recycling box – these should be placed in a bag on top of your recycling and any batteries left in the item. Loose batteries should not be placed in your recycling boxes.

Climate Change

There doesn't appear to be much good news when it comes to Climate Change.

European State of the Climate summary 2023

“Since the 1980s, Europe has been warming twice as fast as the global average, becoming the fastest-warming continent on Earth. This is due to several factors, including the proportion of European land in the Arctic, which is the fastest-warming region on Earth, and to changes in atmospheric circulation that favour more frequent summer heatwaves. Glaciers are melting and there are changes in the pattern of precipitation. An increase in extreme rainfall is leading to catastrophic events, such as the widespread flooding seen in Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Norway and Sweden in 2023. Meanwhile, southern Europe is seeing widespread droughts.” The full report along with a detailed snapshot can be found at www.climate.copernicus.eu

The Copernicus Climate Change Service (EU) stated that April 2024 had the worst ever global average surface air temperature 1.58 degrees warmer than the April average of 1850 to 1900 and at the UK Climate Change Committee in March 2024 Baroness Brown, Chair of the Adaptation Committee stated that the “UKs current approach to adaptation is not working”.

As a community we need to do more to tackle climate change and keep applying pressure from the bottom up! The Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency and if you would like more information or to get involved, please do make contact with your Cllrs.



What's going on at The Beechfield Centre.....

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsnorthdevon @oliviacoolestars

Great for Kids Parties too!

Fun cooking classes at:
THE BEECHFIELD CENTRE - FREMINGTON

All ingredients included!
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

Starting Tuesday 18th June
running for 5 weeks
3.30 - 4.45pm
Ages 2 - 12yrs

DBS CHECKED & INSURED

Call Olivia: 07938 608 862
Email: olivia@cookstars.co.uk
Book: <https://cook-stars-north-devon.class4kids.co.uk>

MUM & BABY YOGA
BEECHFIELD CENTRE
FREEMINGTON
MONDAYS 12:15PM
With Annee Hall

PREGNANCY YOGA
BEECHFIELD CENTRE
FREEMINGTON
WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM
With Annee Hall

Tiddly Music
North Devon

Where: The Beechfield Centre, Fremington
When: Wednesdays (term time)
PAYG: One Child £6 (plus £3 per sibling)
9:45 Music with Merlin 0-4yrs
11:00 Musicbots for tots 12-30mths

Book a class today at:
<https://bookwhen.com/tiddlymusicbookings>
Email: tiddlymusic@gmail.com

Devon Air Ambulance Volunteer Opportunities!

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local community through volunteering for Devon Air Ambulance. We have a host of volunteering opportunities to offer

- Retail Volunteer – support one of our 20 charity shops & e-commerce team, warehouse operative,
- Fundraising Volunteer – box collections, super-market collections, delivering community talks, support events and logistics
- Head Office Volunteer – support with administration

No experience necessary as we offer a full induction, training, and friendly support.

So, why not pop into your local DAA shop and chat to one of our store managers or a volunteer. You can also visit our website www.daat.org/volunteer-with-us to find out more about volunteering and its benefits or contact our Volunteer Engagement Officer, Charlotte Fleetwood on 01392 466 666 or email

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