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Summer 2025





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## **Editorial – Alice Chesbrough**

I am very happy to report that it is summer, finally. Despite getting burnt on the first sunny day, I am excited to see Dartmoor at its most beautiful. Tis the season for wildflowers, long walks, and sitting in pub gardens without a jacket!



I hope to see everyone at all the wonderful local events happening this summer. Hopefully the weather holds, but it's important to support our local community rain or shine!

As you may (or may not) have noticed, my name has changed. Pete and I got married in April! It was a beautiful day surrounded by friends and family. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful community around us. Pete and I would like to send our thanks to everyone who congratulated us, including the Parish Council, who sent us a stunning bouquet of flowers.

I apologise for the lack of a featured creature or featured artist in this edition, this season has been crazy for me, leaving little time to write. However, expect those articles valiant return in the next edition.

## **Clerks Report**

Two councillors have resigned recently, Cllr Christian Carson and Cllr Brian Wills, we thank both of them for their valued contribution to the council. Brian has been a member for many years and has chaired the Royal Oak Inn Committee for many of those.

This means that there are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council, if you would like to know more or wish to join, please get in touch.

The Planning Committee are consulted on local applications; all planning applications can be found on the DNPA website.

<https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/living-and-working/planning>

A volunteer group has been working in the Helen Rowett Garden and have refurbished the benches. The council are arranging for the gates and fencing to be repaired to make access easier for the community space for all to enjoy.

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## **Sheepstor Villages in Action - Summer 2025**

I now have definite concert dates for your diary for the Autumn of this year and next Spring. Wurlitza (<https://wurlitza.com>) are at last returning for a gig on Saturday November 15th. Those with long memories may remember their showing in St Leonard's Church of a Dartmoor black and white silent film, accompanied by their own composed film score, or even the taster session in the village hall when they were starting out on their musical journey. Since their last visit they have played at Glastonbury no less, so I am really looking forward to their new venture.

Ninebarrow (<https://www.ninebarrow.co.uk/>) are no strangers to Sheepstor now, and are coming back on Friday April 10th, hopefully for yet another sell out concert! Their collection of music industry admirers continues to expand, including local boy wonder Seth Lakeman, so if you have never heard them yet you won't be disappointed.

Iain Thomson, the Singing Shepherd, who played here under the VIA banner with Marc Duff of Capercaillie fame in 2017, is going to return in the Autumn of 2026, with a date yet to be confirmed.

The Haldon Quartet have been very busy with local concerts and social engagements, but we hope to arrange a definite date for Spring 2027. they drew in quite a different mix of audience, and we have always aimed to promote an eclectic wide ranging group of artists of many genres that will suit the ambience of St Leonard's Church.

To that end please put forward to me the names and details of any Southwest performers that you think would appeal to this venue. Likewise, if you want to make sure you are still on my mailing list, bearing in mind it may well be pre Covid vintage, drop me an e-mail or leave a message on the phone. Patrick Drennan (Sheepstor VIA promoter) 01822 853186; [drdartmoor@doctors.org.uk](mailto:drdartmoor@doctors.org.uk)

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## **Sheepstor Village Hall Bulletin Summer 2025**

In the end there were at least 12 householders who took advantage of the free offer of the use of a thermal imaging scanner courtesy of Tamar Energy Community – not bad for a hamlet of just over a score of dwellings. Some even used it as a ‘before and after’ exercise as they were in the midst of refurbishment. My thanks to Kate Royston and Rhianna Goodyear of TEC, and to West Devon Borough Council for their support for the scheme.

The March Quiz night was very well supported with the hall filled with the cafe style table arrangement. Thank you to all who contributed to the food and refreshments and to the audience, who were very generous with their donations for the aforesaid! The Treasurer Simon reported we had made more than a ‘biscuit’ on the night. What is more to the point was that it felt a good fun evening despite my getting into a total mix up with my crib sheet for the local questions! Fortunately Simon the Treasurer was able to ad lib with his general knowledge list. It even went down well with some recent ‘blow-ins’ who gave it top marks despite being handicapped by their lack of local knowledge.

As I type this out the preparations for the return of the Sheepstor Open Gardens event are almost complete. A truly community event with nine gardens, plus the churchyard, on display, and non ‘garden openers’ helping out in the village hall with the refreshments. It has been a struggle for all of us trying to get back the enthusiasm for what was a biennial event pre-Covid, but hopefully it will be a success again and replenish the village hall coffers. Sadly Pat Robinson, of Little Meadow, a very keen gardener and ardent supporter of the scheme when she was well, passed away this Spring but I am sure she would have been pleased that we are holding it again.

Talking of replenishing the village hall coffers, thanks to Phyllis Day we were successful with being chosen as one of the three local charities supported by the Tavistock Tesco branch for their community projects for three months. I don’t think we are likely to be the favourites but nevertheless SVH stands to gain at least £500 from the support from the tokens collection.

A reminder that, thanks to Charlotte Barriball, the hall now has a Facebook page to publicise events, so please help to increase its footfall by liking/following its pages. Trevor Rookes has organised an e-mail address for SVH correspondence: [sheepstorphall@gmail.com](mailto:sheepstorphall@gmail.com), which should be used for all communications.

Please also make a note of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September for a late summer BBQ at the village hall and Bull Ring field. Mike Stebbings has finally decided to hang up his chef’s hat and barbecue utensils after several decades of sweating behind the



coals, so a very big thankyou from the rest of us who have enjoyed his offerings on many occasions. His shoes will be hard to fill but be filled they must, so please step forward all sous chefs, as now is your chance to wield those tongs in earnest!

Patrick Drennan (Chairperson Sheepstor Village Hall committee)



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The Rotary Club of Yelverton, like the weather, is preparing for spring 2025. We will start the season by supporting “Lambing Live” at Greenwell Farm from 17th to 22nd March, providing refreshments and any assistance needed. Later in the month, we will join RC Callington for a joint meeting to hear the experiences of a local Rotarian delivering aid to Ukraine.

Our Spring Tea Party this year will be held later than usual to align with the “VE Day 80th Anniversary” celebrations. It will be very much 1940s-themed, and we hope our guests will enjoy it.

In February, the Rotary movement turned 120 years old. We are proud of our heritage, but as an organisation, we are forward-looking. For the first time, our District annual conference was open to the public with free entry, and the key theme was ‘Helping Young People Achieve Their Potential’. Numerous youth groups and charities attended with Rotarians to showcase the work they do in our communities, ranging from mental health support to mentoring young entrepreneurs. It was a stimulating weekend of inspirational individual and collective achievements, and forward programmes to assist young people in the future, often led by those who had benefited in the past.

‘Youth Service’ is one of the five avenues of service for Rotary Clubs, and we hope to further enhance our activities in the Yelverton area. This will depend on a grant funding application, so watch this space.

A key facet of our ‘Youth Service’ is the annual ‘Rotary Young Leadership Award’. This is a residential course held locally, creating positive and confident leaders through a life-changing experience, giving young people the tools to be the best version of themselves. Rotary has been running it in the southwest since 1995, and many of its graduates are now at the top of their careers. The Rotary Club of Yelverton will fully fund one candidate’s attendance each year. If you are aged 18–30 and are available from Sunday, 29th June to Friday, 4th July, and would like to be considered, please email [secretary@yelverton.rotary1175.org](mailto:secretary@yelverton.rotary1175.org) by 31st May for more information.



One aspect of being a Rotarian that does not get mentioned enough is the enormous amount of fun we have in supporting our communities and raising funds for worthy causes. If you would like to join in the fun, please get in touch with @RCY via [secretary@yelverton.rotary1175.org](mailto:secretary@yelverton.rotary1175.org). Enjoy your spring!



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## **MAY NEWSLETTER MOORS EDGE U3a**

Are you retired or semi-retired, then come along and make new friends, develop new interests and enjoy yourself. We are a friendly group and meet on the second Friday of the month at 2.30 (except August for our summer break) at the Woolwell Centre PL67TR.

We have a guest speaker at the meetings with tea, coffee and biscuits after. There are volunteers to meet and greet you offering a friendly face and answering any questions you may have.

Once you are a member there are various groups that can be joined and if inclined can start up one of your own. Some of the groups are Tai chi, garden visits, scrabble, bridge, wine tasting, and many more! So do come along and see what is on offer. A skittles group has just started up and proving to be popular.

The speaker for April was Prof John Spicer talking about the wonders of the shore. He started with how we should look at our shoreline with a sense of wonder, then gave three examples of creatures we may find, small in size, but with amazing abilities.

The first being the shrimp who can't leave the rock pool as the tide goes out, so is trapped in water that is rapidly being depleted of oxygen. To survive, the shrimp places itself close to the water's surface, whipping the water with its legs to get more oxygen until the tide returns. The second was the snail or periwinkle who is unable to run away from its predators, the crabs, so makes it's shell thicker to protect itself. The third was the worm which has the unique ability to reproduce itself no matter how many times it is cut up. The members all enjoyed this talk and many questions were asked.

September there will be an open day for people to come and see what we do, with plenty of information and members of the groups available to answer questions and show how they operate.

The round robin trip is planned for May and an Italian lunch in July. Please look at our website for further information: <https://u3asites.org.uk/moorsedge>.

We also have a Facebook page with photos of various outings and activities.

Diary dates:

June: Matt Cole life on Greenwell farm

11th July: Mick from six bees Beekeeping



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## **Meavy Garden Society**

Monday 16th June 2025 - "A Guide to Pruning in your Garden" by Saul Walker

Monday 21st July 2025 - "Plant Hunting in South Africa" by Mark Walsh from  
Trecanna Nursery

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Summer Show (1pm-4pm, exhibits staged 10am-12pm)

All meetings normally start at 7.30pm in Meavy Parish Hall. Refreshments, time to chat and often plants for sale from 7pm.

Visitors (£3) and new members always welcome. All Enquiries 01822 852672 and 01822 854595. Visit [www.meavy.org.uk/mgs](http://www.meavy.org.uk/mgs)

## **Meavy Garden Society Summer Show**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of August, Meavy Garden Society will hold its Summer Show in Meavy Parish Hall from 1-4pm, always a colourful event. Admission is £2, under 16's free! Non-members are very welcome to enter exhibits at £1 per entry. No charge for under 16's, and there is a children's class.

Exhibits to be brought to the hall and displayed between 10 am and 12 noon. Exhibition vases are provided in the hall for all classes apart from the flower arrangements, vegetable, salad and children's classes. There are plant sales, delicious teas, and a raffle! Prize giving is at the end of the afternoon

Visitors to the show receive a voting paper to vote for the entry they think is best in each class. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and vote for your favourites! The schedule will be on the website: [meavy.org.uk/mgs](http://meavy.org.uk/mgs)



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## **The Helen Rowett Memorial Garden – A Garden for All**

### **Team Helen update May 2025**

As we move into Spring, the Helen Rowett Memorial Garden has been a picture, with carpets of celandine, dog violets, and daisies, while the trees and shrubs are coming into leaf and flower.

Team Helen (and some passers-by who have stepped in to help) have had a busy few months in the garden, carrying out the tasks agreed by the Parish Council at the beginning of the year.

### **What have we been doing?**

The repair and cleaning of the two benches is complete; they are looking good and are now far more pleasant to sit on.

We've created the Buggator Inn, a multi-storey hotel for the discerning insects of Dousland. This is situated in the wildlife area behind the National Grid building, and should be very attractive to many beneficial insects, including solitary bees, lacewings and ladybirds. It's even possible that toads, the gardener's friend, may seek shelter there.

Earlier in the spring we planted some native daffodils and English bluebells in the garden. These bulbs were purchased using a very kind contribution from the Parish Council and hopefully will enhance the look of the garden going forward.

We've been continuing to monitor the plant and animal species found in the garden and were pleased to record sightings of three different species of butterfly last week. Insect activity in general has been lower than you would expect for a site of that size and so we are hoping that the things we are doing will change that as the months go on.



The second annual Plant and Seed Swap was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and it was lovely to have a bright sunny day. Nearly all the plants that were brought found new homes, and sunflower plants were also distributed to families who wanted to have a go at the 'Great Dousland Sunflower Competition'. No prizes, and previous years suggest that not having your sunflower eaten by slugs counts as a win! Volunteers were on hand to show people what we've been doing over the last few months.

## **The Dead Hedge – what and why?**



If you've walked past the garden, you've probably spotted the 2m x 1m dead hedge, made from hazel coppiced from the garden, donated bamboo poles and brash. The dead hedge is a sustainable and natural way to delineate the start of the wildlife area, and itself will have a positive impact on biodiversity.

Over time, it is used by a wide variety of wildlife, as home to birds, beetles and butterflies and as a refuge from predators for field mice, amphibians and hedgehogs, becoming a microhabitat in its own right. As it decomposes, fungi and micro-organisms break down the wood, enriching the surrounding soil. It will be easily topped up with prunings and other woody debris from the garden.

Dead hedges can be used to quickly create a useful boundary in almost every garden, it keeps woody organic materials onsite and avoids the need for disposal through the garden waste scheme or burning. If you need advice on how to make your own, then do come along and have a look or ask one of the volunteers.

## **What's happening next?**

In the wildlife area, the council contractors have been instructed not to mow for the month of May. As that area seems to be mostly moss and quite heavily shaded in the summer, we're not expecting a huge amount of change because of that, but it will be interesting to see if we start to get more diversity of plants and insects.

The contractors have also been asked to raise the mowing height to around 4cm for the rest of the garden. This will allow low growing meadow flowers such as clovers and birdsfoot trefoil to continue to bloom throughout the summer. But the grass won't be so long that the area isn't practical for people to use.

We are also planning to create some planting areas, particularly for native herbs and wildflowers that you would expect to see in a natural environment. Again this is to enhance the biodiversity of the garden, particularly attracting some more specialist pollinators.

All of us probably have lots of books around, as well as books we'd like to read, and a great way of keeping them in circulation is to have a village library. Don't get too excited, as unfortunately we can't do that in Dousland, but during the summer holidays, we'll be having a book exchange fair in the garden. The date isn't fixed yet but look out for publicity posters and information on the Dousland Noticeboard Group on Facebook.

We will be, once again, liaising with the Devon Wildlife Trust to carry out our annual ‘bioblitz’, a survey of plants and animals on a fixed day, enabling us to see whether the things we are doing are making any difference to the biodiversity in the garden. This time we are hoping to be able to participate in their bat monitoring programme over the summer.

### **Community use of the garden**

Everyone who lives in Dousland is very welcome to use the Helen Rowett Memorial Garden. The land was left to the community and is managed by the Parish Council and is accessible to everyone at all times. Bear in mind though, that there is no parking, and we should all be considerate of our neighbours.

If you want to have a bigger event there, like a yoga class or a MacMillan tea party, it is possible, but you will need to get permission from the Parish Council, who meet once a quarter to discuss requests. If there’s something you’d like to do, please email the Parish Clerk [theclerk@burrator.gov.uk](mailto:theclerk@burrator.gov.uk)

### **Interested in finding out more or getting involved?**

We have regular sessions in the garden to get things done. You don’t have to commit to every session, and any amount of time can be very valuable, as was demonstrated by the men who helped us with the dead hedge.

We use WhatsApp to arrange our sessions so we can make the most of the weather! ‘Team Helen’ monthly meetings are held in the Burrator Inn usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, and we produce a monthly newsletter sent to everyone who has registered with us. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group or receive the newsletter, please email your details to [douslandcg@gmail.com](mailto:douslandcg@gmail.com).

Carolyn Tiley, on behalf of ‘Team Helen’







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## **Yelverton Local History Society**

### **The Tavistock Workhouses -A talk by Nicki Gurr**

On a wet and windy evening in April we all attended this talk by Nicky. She had used various sources for information including censuses, books and online information.



The first workhouse was on Lower Brook Street, established in 1747, which housed about 50 inmates with the old leper hospital for any overflow. Poor repairs and financial management meant that in 1810 a request was submitted for a new one.

In 1817, the second workhouse was placed to the west of the town on Ford Street and built on the grounds of the old leper hospital. It had the capacity for 100 people but usually had no more than 75. This workhouse was used for about 20 years before Bannawell was opened. According to reports in the 1830s conditions here were harsh and inmates lived in segregated areas with barred windows, sleeping and eating in the same room.

The third workhouse, built following the Poor Law of 1834, was known as the Tavistock Union Workhouse and replaced local parish workhouses. Tavistock was an average sized parish with a population of 20,630. This workhouse, built in 1837 at a cost of £7,000, was designed for 210 people and overseen by 35 guardians and inspected by the Poor Law Board. The master's and matron's quarters were in the centre and sections for the different classes of inmates either side: women one side and men the other and so, if admitted together, families were separated. Young children stayed with the women. There were also exercise blocks and an infirmary to the north of the site.

There were 4 main groups of inmates: itinerant labourers, expectant mothers, the elderly and orphaned or abandoned children. Over time the workhouses turned out to be a combination of orphanages and old people's homes. The number of young widows reflected the conditions of the local mines. Vagrants had to seek permission with a ticket from the local police as evidence for entry.

The breaking up of stones was the primary job for long term male inmates if they were strong enough. The women mainly plucked oakum or made clothes for the other inmates, worked in the vegetable garden, the infirmary or the bakery.

Children under 7 were housed on the women's side but after that were moved to the men's. For education there were separate classrooms for boys and girls with

workhouse schools complying with general educational rules in that they were educated until the required age.

Guardians, often prominent people, were elected from each parish and came from a range of professions, largely from the farming community but also innkeepers, post masters, accountants and vicars. The Board would meet fortnightly to discuss issues. Lady guardians started to be elected in the 1890s.

Teachers were responsible for more than just teaching whereby their day began at 5.45 getting the children ready for the day and ending with putting them to bed at 7pm.

We thank Nicky Gurr for a most interesting talk.

### The History of Dartmoor in 10 Objects - A talk by Andy Crabb

Andy's talk took us from the bone caves at Buckfastleigh 125,000 years ago to the present resurgence in the growth of the cider industry, bringing along as well some of the artefacts found among Dartmoor's 3,500 scheduled monuments.



The Joint Mintnor cave had revealed many bones of that period, including those of the 11 ton straight tusked elephant, a vegetarian browsing in the warmth of the abundant forests. By the Mesolithic period, just 14,000 years ago, in the stable climate of the post Ice Age, hunter gatherers were on the scene. Evidence exists from Whiddon Down of a very advanced society with cutting tools and organic clothing

A Neolithic hand axe found at Postbridge was passed around, more evidence of further sophistication as farming began to develop. The peat bogs were expanding, and monuments appeared – stone circles, tor enclosures, dolmens like Spinsters Rock – all perhaps meeting places or symbols of power – maybe the first such built in the UK.

One of the most astonishing recent archaeological finds dating to the Bronze Age was at Whitehorse Hill. Excavation of a burial cist had revealed bones and items from an elaborate burial – beads, wooden studs wrapped in a brown bear pelt. We await now too, the results of the latest discovery of a log coffin on Cut Hill. Hoofprints in the soil have given us further proof from the middle Bronze Age of cattle, ponies, sheep and badgers, as hill farming and enclosures (reaves) began to take over.



The period that followed saw the abandonment of the high moor as humans settled on the fringes. Lydford was an example of a 10<sup>th</sup> century fortified settlement, creating its mint of 1 million silver pennies. A lot of these have since been found in Scandinavia, remnants of payments for Danegeld. A strategic location, it had its own castle and jail. Excavations at Widecombe have revealed remains of the ancient manor of North Hall with its ditch and moat. Pottery found here is believed to have come from Eastern Europe and China.

The Moor is littered with the remains of the tin industry, from the early stream working of the 12<sup>th</sup> century through to the later open cast workings. Hardly a river course has been spared the efforts of these workers, their tin mills, blowing houses, leats, wheel pits, mortar and mould stones abound, uniquely just here and on Bodmin Moor. Later, the stone workers take over in their quarries with unfinished items like granite rollers and troughs still found today. More recently we see evidence of the “improvers” – railways, canals, turnpikes and china clay.

Andy finished his talk with the mention of Dartmoor cider and its use of horsepower, old apple crushers and troughs can still be seen, evidence from a lively industry supplied by produce from local orchards. Enhanced by items he brought along such as an arrowhead, a stone cutters jumper tool, a silver penny and a Bronze Age axe, Andy produced a stunning talk of the varied archaeology of the Moor.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: (Meavy Parish Hall 7.30pm)

Tues June 17th – A guided visit to the Plymouth Synagogue – with Jerry Sibley

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## **Dartmoor Border Morris**

Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris have another busy summer ahead. All our dance outs are free to watch, and even free to join in with an audience dance! We usually end with a great music session, so if you know a song or can play a tune, feel free. We do collect during our performances for both the Woman's Refuge Trevi House & the Wingletang animal sanctuary. Please check our diary page at [www.dartmoorbordermorris.com](http://www.dartmoorbordermorris.com) and Facebook for latest updates involving our events especially weather!

Wednesday 11th June, 8 pm The Walkhampton Inn. Morris dancing with guests Plymouth Clog Morris.

Wednesday 18th June 8 pm The White Hart Hotel, Menheniot, with guests Tywardreath Morris.

Saturday 21st June Afternoon. Meavy Oak Fair

Wednesday 25th June 8 pm. Launceston Town Square, Morris dancing with Boscastle Morris before heading to the Bell Inn.

Wednesday 2nd July 8pm. Meavy Parish Hall. We return to Meavy Parish Hall to iron out our dance routines. You're welcome to come and watch and see how a Morris dance is put together. Music session in pub afterwards.

Saturday 5th July, Meadowlands Park, 11 am-5 pm Tavi Pride. Come and watch the colour & pageantry that goes into this colourful day that we are proud to be part off!

Wednesday 9th July. Seven Stars, Tamerton Foliot 8 pm. Morris dancing with high jinks as our guests for tonight is Plymouth based Old Town Twelves.

Saturday 12th July 4 pm White Thorn Inn, Shaugh Prior. We are dancing in the street for a wedding party!

Thursday 17th July, 7.30 pm Olde Plough Inn, Bere Ferrers as guests of Wreckers Morris.



Saturday 19th July All day. A day of mass Morris dancing in Exmouth as around 50 Morris sides celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our governing body, the Morris federation.



Wednesday 30th July 8 pm The Plume of Feathers, Princetown.

Sunday 3rd August all day. Sidmouth folk festival for Morris dancing and ice cream (plus more Morris and folk than you could ever imagine).



Wednesday 6th August 7.45 pm Back in Meavy Parish Hall for a practice. Work out why we keep playing B flat Minor instead of C sharp. Free to watch if you're interested in joining later in the year.

Sunday 10th August 10 am Dartmoor Folk Festival, Okehampton. More Folk fun events than you can imagine in one day!

Thursday 14th August 8 pm Ferry House Inn, Saltash Passage, Plymouth as guests of Plymouth Clog Morris.

Wednesday 20th August 8 pm. Burrator Inn. Heart of the Burrator Parish and just up the road. Pop along and bring the family for some free entertainment!

Wednesday 27th August 8 pm. Horse & Groom, Bittaford, with guests Isambard Gasket Rats. Try and work out what the inspiration is for the name of our guests!

Many thanks - Treggie

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## **Parish Council Meetings**

Full Council Meetings are usually held at 7:30pm on the last Thursday of the month (but not always!). For the dates of the next few meetings, please visit the Parish website: [www.burrator.gov.uk](http://www.burrator.gov.uk) The Planning, Finance and Royal Oak Inn Committees meet on other dates throughout the year – please contact the Clerk: [theclerk@burrator.gov.uk](mailto:theclerk@burrator.gov.uk) for more details.

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	Single Issue	Four issues	Sizes in mm (approx.) when printed*	Size of advert to be submitted (mm)
1/6 page	£12.00	£30.00	30 × 130	42 × 180
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