

Loxhore Parish Council
County Councillors report
September 2024

Winter Woes

At the time of writing it is a warm, if wet September day but all too soon we will be back in the colder months. With the announcement that pensioners will not be receiving a winter fuel allowance this year I am concerned that there will be more people worried about turning on the heating in the area, especially as a lot of us have no access to gas. In addition the energy price cap is as is reported likely to rise, adding to the concern.

To check if you are eligible for pension credit, below is the link to the Pension credit claim form; gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim

Alternatively, it is also worth looking at the Rural Devon Citizens advice webpages or calling them on the number below. North Devon Citizens advice; www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk

Telephone; 08082 787999

Mobile Boost Scheme

The Mobile Boost scheme has been hugely popular and it's extremely rewarding to hear from people that it's made such a difference to their business or their daily lives. People in some rural areas continue to struggle with their mobile signal and I know there are many in Combe Martin rural area. There is new funding support will enable more people to benefit from improved connectivity,

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/better-connection/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme-guide/>

The latest round of the scheme will continue to enable businesses and residents in Somerset, Devon, Torbay and Plymouth to apply for a voucher of up to £1,300 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a number of registered suppliers. Applicants have to pay towards the cost of installation themselves.

Local matters

If it hasn't been removed yet (I was going to check on my way to you, but its looking increasingly unlikely I will be with you) the contractor has ben told to remove, please let me know

I am in Full Council in County Hall Exeter, representing you all, sorry to miss you, if I do get out by 5-5.45 I will come straight to you.

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