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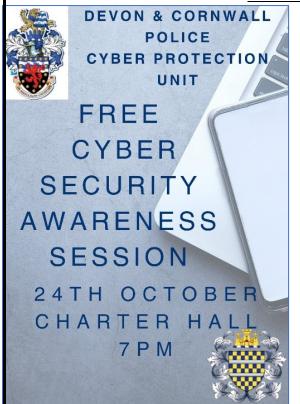
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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024

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FREE Cybercrime Awareness Presentation

On Thursday 24th October Devon and Cornwall Police are offering a free Cybercrime awareness presentation in the Charter Hall at 7pm.

The presentation is free and open to all town residents. Refreshments will be available.

Mick, a Cyber Protect Officer, advises:

'The presentation is designed to raise general understanding of how Cybercriminals operate and promote some simple preventative measures that are available for individuals and organisations to implement and so reduce the chances of them becoming Cybercrime victims'.

Community Green Flag

Award - The Green Flag awarded to Simmons Park earlier this year was officially raised by Councillor Tolley, Chairman of the Parks Committee, on 5th September.

Town Centre Business Grant Initiative - At the beginning of the financial year, the council put aside unspent funds amounting to £2,896 from the 2023/24 Grant budget to be used this year for a pilot scheme – a



Town Centre Business Grant Initiative. This grant will enable businesses to apply for funding to spruce up their shop fronts which will improve the overall look of the town centre.

WDBC have added to this grant pot by providing double the funds, increasing the amount available within the budget to £8,688. The result of an application to DCC's Quick Win Scheme for £3,312 which would bring the total to £12,000 is awaited.

This funding has to be spent within the next few months, so businesses are encouraged to apply for funding as soon as possible. Please see the council website for information.

Civic Service

The Civic Service on Sunday 22nd September turned out to be just as wet, if not wetter than last year and due to the torrential rain the Parade was cancelled. A lovely service was held in Fairplace Church with readings by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Richard Colman, and the Chairman of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council, Cllr Maria Cooper.

All those who turned out ready to take part in the Parade are thanked for their support, including Dinah Cox OBE Deputy Lieutenant, and Okehampton Silver Excelsior Band. Fingers crossed that next years event is blessed with better weather!

Advance Warning - Remembrance Parade and Service Sunday 10th November

Fore Street and the roads leading to All Saints Church will be closed for a short period of time to enable the procession to and from the Church for this annual event.

Town Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Lynne Rogers, a casual vacancy has arisen. The Notice of Vacancy has been published.

Coming up in October

- Mondays Mental Health Drop-in Sessions, Charter Hall 10am-1pm
- Tuesdays Wren Wellness Singers, Charter Hall
- Wednesdays Simmons Park Volunteer Group 11am-12.30pm, meet at the pedestrian gates
- Mondays and Wednesdays Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
- Thursdays Ballroom and Latin American Dancing, Charter Hall
- 1st Friendly Circle, Charter Hall
- 5th Royal British Legion Coffee Morning, Charter

Michael Morpurgo - Kensuke's Kingdom fundraising event, Charter Hall, 4pm-5.15pm

- 11th D-Day Dinner and Dance, Charter Hall
- 15th Councillor Surgery, Town Hall, 10am-12noon
- 16-19 Anderton & Rowland Fair, Simmons Park
- 19th Okehampton Carnival Coffee Morning, Charter Hall
- 24th **D&C Police Cyber Security Awareness Presentation** 7pm Charter Hall
- 26th Okehampton Energy Festival, Charter Hall

فعراء وعلتها الملاقات Nature Trail booklet Explore our new booklet with activities for home and in the park Go on a nature walk with Friday 1st November the park keeper to learn more about the Meet by the phone habitats in the park. box book swap 10:30am

Councillors Surgery

15th October in the Town Hall between 10am and 12noon. PSCO David Condron will be joining Councillors Holt and Yelland if you have any questions or concerns.

Town Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and have the opportunity to address the council. Alternatively, meetings are livestreamed through the council Facebook page where they are available to view.

October

28th Full Council

Simmons Park Carpark Closure

Simmons Park carpark will be closed from 14th to 21st October.

Meeting dates for 2024/25 can be found on the website. Some Planning Committee Meetings have been scheduled; others will be convened as needed. Council meetings normally start at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street. Occasionally meetings are subject to change, details can be found on the website or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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Your Councillors

Cllr Allenton Fisher (Town Mayor) Cllr Richard Colman (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Laura Bird Cllr Terry Cummings Cllr Frankee Hart Cllr Carole Holt Cllr Dr Michael Ireland Cllr Simon Weekes

Cllr Tony Leech

Cllr Christine Marsh Cllr Mark Richards VACANCY Cllr Bob Tolley Cllr Julie Yelland