

Landkey is a beautiful village
with a pub, church and the
Millennium Green. Please
help to keep it clean and tidy

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If you have anything you would
like included in the next
newsletter, please email Laura
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The deadline for the
October/November edition of the
newsletter will be 18 September

Women's Institute

Our WI does not normally meet in
August but on the 19th August we are
going RHS Rosemoor for coffee and
lunch and of course looking around the
wonderful gardens.

If anyone would like to join us please
contact me Nicola Comer 07867128737.

The Castle At Landkey

There's always something happening at The Castle Inn, and we're thrilled to invite you into the heart of our vibrant community hub. Whether you're in for a quiet cuppa, a raucous quiz night, or a spin on the sound system, we've got a little something for everyone.

Monday Mornings Made Easy: Our Pop-Up Post Office sets up shop every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am, perfect for those quick errands and friendly hellos over a morning coffee. **Tuesday Pub Quiz:** Fun with a Purpose.

Join us every Tuesday at 8:00 pm for an evening of trivia, laughter, and community spirit. Not only do we test your wits, we also raise money for a locally chosen charity — so your brainpower goes to a great cause. **Jazz Night – Local Soul, Live Sound:** On the first Wednesday of every month, the pub comes alive with the smooth sound of local jazz musicians. Whether you'd like to play, sing, or simply soak it all in, the music starts at 7:30 pm and everyone's welcome.

Coming Soon: Bingo Nights! We're rolling out a monthly Bingo Bonanza — a fun night of games with a mixture of prizes up for grabs. Keep your eyes on our socials for launch details. **Vinyl Nights – For the Love of Records:** Dust off your favorite vinyl and bring it along to our upcoming Vinyl Night, where guests can spin their records on the Castle Inn sound system. We'll also offer a professional vinyl cleaning service to keep your collection pristine. **Stay Tuned** Follow us on Facebook for updates on dates, new events, and behind-the-scenes peeks. **Friday Breakfasts & Sunday Roasts** Fuel your Fridays with a hearty breakfast from 9:00 am, or settle in for a legendary Sunday lunch that draws crowds week after week. **Music, Barbecues & More (Weather Permitting!)** We're cooking up plans for live music and barbecue days throughout the season. If the sun's out, chances are we're firing up the grill! Come for the post, stay for the pints, and leave with great memories. We love seeing new faces and familiar ones, and we'd be honoured to have you join us for whatever sparks your interest.

Landkey Brownies

This term Brownies have been having lots of adventures. We have spaces available from September and would love to have new members. To join please visit girlguiding.org.uk

On Sunday 7th September from 10-12, four of the children from the village are holding a little fayre to raise money for RSPB, Cancer Research and Children's Hospice South West. There will be raffles, games and cake. Please look out for posters in the village for the location and come and support the children and these charities.

Landkey Repair Cafes 2025

If you have any textiles or clothing, which need a minor repair, bring it along and our skilled volunteers will mend it. **Willow's Team Room** from 10am – 1pm on 3 Sept, 5 Nov and **Church of St John the Baptist** in Bishops Tawton from 10am -1pm on 1 Oct, 3 Dec. For more information, please contact EarthActionNorthDevon.org

Landkey Parish Council

The Parish Council has now completely renewed the fencing around the Tanners Road play area and also made some minor repairs to the equipment. Please keep the area free from litter so it can be enjoyed by everyone through the summer holidays. The Parish Council have removed the old metal bin in the play area. Users should use the nearby larger bin if necessary, but it is far better that any visitors to the Millennium Green and play areas take their litter home for disposal. Also as a reminder - dogs are not allowed in any of our village children's play areas. North Devon Council is undertaking a review of Parishes which involves an examination of parish boundaries. Concerns have been expressed over Barnstaple Town Council's ambition to expand its boundary and Landkey is discussing this with other neighbouring Councils. Currently Landkey has no plans to alter our own Parish boundaries. You can access the public consultation on all of this on the NDDC website or via letstalk.northdevon.gov.uk

There is usually no Parish Council meeting in August so the next Full Parish Council meeting will be on September 1st. At this meeting we will be making the formal presentation of this year's Community Shield. Residents are reminded that at each meeting there is an item whereby local people can ask questions to the Parish Council, so do come along if you have a burning issue to raise!

Landkey Sings

If you enjoyed our Barn Dances - you'll LOVE this!!! Date for your diary: Friday 12th September Ceilidh at Filleigh Village Hall in conjunction with Wren Music. You will find posters around the village with a QR code you can scan to book tickets, you can also visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for the event to buy tickets online. We highly recommend you buy in advance as this is likely to be a very popular event. E-mail us at landkeysings@gmail.co.uk if you have any difficulties. There will be a full bar run by Green Man Cider and you can buy food from Thin Nick's pizza (GF and vegan options available). Dust off your dancing shoes and we will see you there for a fantastic night. Landkey Sings would like to thank all the local businesses who donated amazing prizes for our Scarecrow competition and Ceilidh raffles. They are: Green Man Cider, Shop Raw North Devon, Lucho Bakes, Ashford Farm Shop, Venn Valley Vineyard, Cube Cre8, Terra Fyr Pottery, The Vine at Landkey, Digifunk Work Site Radios, Dave Coombes Woodcraft, Taz Pollard Ceramics, and also Lynden Davies, Richard Prowse, Karen Thomas and Jann Wirtz.



Landkey Hedgehog Group

September is often a time for a second litter of hoglets for hedgehogs and it will be a tough time for these little ones to gain enough weight for hibernation. Please continue to leave a shallow bowl of water out and if you can dry cat food. The ideal weight for hibernation is 600g plus. Hedgehogs out in the day not moving or "sunbathing" need rescuing. If you can place in a high sided box, with lid (as they can climb out) on a blanket and contact a rescue centre or take to your nearest vet.



Want to know more or share your sightings? Come along to our next meeting held at The Castle Inn on Saturday 20 September at 10am. Karen 07791 561 480

Musicians Wanted

Musicians wanted to join our u3a group in Barnstaple. All levels of ability are welcome. U3a is for the enjoyment of anyone no longer in employment and provides an opportunity to meet others who share interests and get together to find new ways to learn and socialise.

For more information call Ken on 01271 830025.

St Paul's Church

Bring your pet to the Pet Blessing Service
Sunday August 17th at 3pm ,

St Paul's Church Garden



St Paul's Church

All are welcome to join us for Anglican Christian worship at our parish church. Services are normally held at 10:30am on Sundays and take the form of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer. Since Revd Cathy Scofield was installed as our vicar two years ago, positive changes have been made to the ways in which we hold services and engage with the parish. We are also working on improvements to the building and would welcome any support with this that is available in our community. Find us in Manor Road at the western end of the village. www.landkeyparishchurch.org



Landkey Millennium Green

In the months since our last news update, we had a few ups and down's one being the limited germination of the red poppies at the bottom of the wildflower meadow due to lack of rainfall. Also, the installation of new signs has been slower than anticipated but hopefully that will accelerate soon. On the upside I feel that the wildflower meadow has been a particular success this year with the likes of Yellow Rattle spreading well allowing other meadow plants such as Birdsfoot Trefoil to establish. The meadow grasses are looking particularly attractive now. A new bench has been made from reclaimed wood and installed near the stream, by one of our great volunteers Graham, to commemorate our 25 years anniversary. We held a Nature (Bio Blitz) event on the green in July with local experts on birds, moths, butterfly's and ecology talking to the public about the biodiversity on and around the green. We also had nature related children's activities which were enjoyed by the participants. Although the turnout was lower than hoped, probably due to the high temperatures experienced on the day, everyone there had a good time. On a more negative note, it is very disappointing to see how much dog poo is being left on the green by dog walkers! There are pathogens in dog faeces that can cause serious harm to human's including intestinal diseases and can even result in blindness so please be considerate dog walkers and keep an eye on your pets and clear up after them.

Senior Citizens Outing

This year we are planning an afternoon trip to Exmoor, stopping for a break at Lynmouth. This will be on Saturday 13 September 2025. As always there is no charge for the day. We are grateful to Landkey United Charities for paying for the bus. The bus will pick up at the Village Hall at 1.00pm to arrive back in Landkey at 4.00pm. A cream tea will then be served in the Village Hall. Please contact Karen Trigger 01271 831451/07974924956,

CLr Ed Tyldesley – Update

I am thrilled to share the success of our recent community clear-up day on Bakery Way and Mazzard Close, which I organised with North Devon Homes after a resident got in touch with me. It was great to see enthusiastic participation from residents, who came together to improve where they live. A big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this day a success! Excessive speeding on Blakes Hill Road and Mount Sandford Road is a growing concern of mine. I went to speak with the residents on Mount Sandford Road this month and it is clear to me – we need to extend the footpath from Garden Green all the way up to Landkey. Surveys have been completed, and I'm told by highways officers that they are in the process of drawing up designs. I am grateful to our dedicated Community Speedwatch group for their efforts in monitoring and addressing this issue. Their vigilance and commitment have been instrumental in promoting road safety and ensuring a safer environment for all residents, the data they provide allows the police to allocate resources where we need them and highway planners to see where improvements are required.

In the first three months of my new role, I have been working to address various community issues. I have hosted meetings with school leaders and cabinet members to tackle the pressing issues in children's services. Additionally, I am pleased to have been elected as vice chair of the North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC). I have also been elected to be the vice-chair of the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, as well as sit on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. These roles allow me to work closely with various stakeholders to improve our community's infrastructure and services. I am committed to being a tireless advocate for our communities.

North Devon Council is currently seeking input on the proposed local government reorganisation. This initiative aims to simplify the current two-tier system by creating larger, unitary authorities, which are meant to streamline service delivery and improve efficiency. Residents are encouraged to participate in the consultation process to ensure that our community's needs and voices are heard. For more information and to share your views, please visit the North Devon Council website.

I urge all residents to report any potholes, damaged inspection covers or fading road markings to Devon County Council. You can easily report these issues on the Devon County Council's "Report a Problem" page. Our roads are not in an acceptable state. It is a shame that after years of slashed budgets our highways team have been reduced to a reactive program instead of a proactive one. If we can highlight the extent of the issues, I can push for better resource allocation from cabinet. There seems to be an awful lot of substandard repair work being completed by contractors, please make sure that you report these issues too. Please feel free to email me with any problems or concerns you may have. I am here to listen and help in any way I can.

Qi Gong Better Breathing Workshop



Saturday 9th August
10am-1pm
Filleigh Village Hall
£25.00

- Improve lung capacity and develop a strong respiratory system
- Boost your immune system
- Increase energy and reduce tension
- Including breath work, stretches, flows, acupressure, meditation

Who is this workshop for?

Lungs conditions such as asthma, COPD, long COVID, people with an interest in improving their breathing.

Perfect for all experience levels.
Can be done seated.

Ali Miller Qi Gong Teacher
Contact me for more information or to book a place
07774 898819

Jazz at The Castle

A beautiful evening of music. Come and join us. If you want to play with the band come and say hello. All abilities welcome.

3rd September
1st October.

How to Make The Village More Sustainable.

Written by Hannah Barnet, Landkey resident

Landkey is already creating positive sustainable alterations. From Willows Tea Room hosting their Repair Cafe to the Hedgehog Conservation group encouraging wildlife preservation. But as a young resident of Landkey I can't help to ask the question...what more can we do? This little extract in this month's newsletter aims to spark ideas that are renewable, resourceful and effective for us as a neighbourhood as we do our bit for the constantly warming planet.

One easy way to make change is by creating a produce share table. People do say sharing is caring, so why not share with your fellow neighbours. This shared space on your road will encourage growing goods and will reduce the Village's food waste hugely. Plus, a lot of our gardens in Landkey have the capacity to grow more. Why not spend some dedicated time this summer curating a mini pollinator patch! This helps the bees flourish which inevitably affects local crops and ecosystems.

The last idea is to create projects with those on your street – "Edible Landkey". Use your land or verges to communally grow your food! Vegetables, herbs and fruits can all be organically grown, limiting plastic in packaging and food miles.

So, why not? This Village has a great community, let's make the most of that and come together to make positive change.

Citizens Advice – Beware Parcel Scams!

Parcel delivery scams are common and sophisticated. Phishing scams (via text and email), aim to trick you into revealing personal information and financial details to access your bank account. Scammers entice people to click on links which can lead to fake websites in the hope that this information will be entered. They often choose Royal Mail because it's the largest delivery company in the UK.

Here are some tips to help you stay vigilant and spot the signs of a parcel delivery scam:

- If you're waiting for a parcel and get a message that asks you to pay to get it, or reschedule the delivery, it's usually a scam.
- Don't click any links or attachments in the text or email.
- To check if a link is genuine, hover your mouse over the link without clicking on it, to see the address the link goes to.
- Check the address carefully; many fake addresses can at first sight appear to be the real thing
- Beware of spelling or grammar errors or generalised greetings rather than your name
- Don't feel pressured to respond; contact the genuine company directly and ask if they have been trying to contact you.

For local, friendly advice on this or other problems, contact Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon on our free, local Adviceline 0808 27 87 999 or visit our website.