

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
December/January edition of the
newsletter will be 20 November

Women's Institute

Our next meeting will be held on 21st
October 2025 at 7.30pm where the
speaker will be talking about Lace
Making. It will be held at Goodleigh
Village Hall. We would love to welcome
anyone who would like to visit us.
contact me Nicola Comer 07867 128737.

The Castle At Landkey

Hello friends,

As the leaves turn brown and the nights draw in, we've got a whole host of happenings to keep things lively at The Castle Inn. Whether you're here for the music, the mischief, or just a good cuppa, there's something for everyone this season.

Spin Your Own Vinyl – New Music Night! Bring your favourite records and take a turn on our internal sound system. In this new event, you set the vibe. Dust off your collection and come share your sounds, Mondays from 7pm.

Bingo Nights Begin – First Game: 19 October at 6pm: We're thrilled to announce the launch of our regular bingo nights, kicking off on Sunday, 19 October for a 6pm start. Each book (6) is £20, which includes your choice of a classic burger, cod, or ham and eggs—so come hungry and ready to play! Future bingo dates will be announced on our Facebook page, so make sure you're following to stay in the loop.

Halloween at The Castle – Two Spooktacular Events!

October 31st – Adults Only Costume Party: Live music, dancing, and a free buffet for anyone arriving in fancy dress (subject to availability.) Start time is 9pm we will keep you updated on our Facebook page, so make sure you're following!

November 1st – Children's Disco at 11am: A morning of music and fun for the little ones. Costumes welcome!

A Huge Thank You to Landkey: We want to give a heartfelt shoutout to Landkey for all the support over the past year. Your kindness and energy have meant the world to us.

Local Services Reminder

- Post Office: Still here every Monday!

- Daily Essentials: Eggs, milk, and newspapers available every day (no papers on Sundays).

Midweek Moments & Friday Feasts: Pop in any time for tea or coffee, we love seeing familiar faces throughout the week. And don't forget: our famous Friday breakfasts are still going strong. Come hungry!

We're proud to be your local hub for connection, celebration, and community. Thanks for being part of it all.

Landkey Brownies

Do you enjoy making a difference in your community? Could you spare an hour a month or a Monday evening to support local girls? Volunteering with Landkey Brownies is a great way to use your skills, meet people, and help young people thrive. We're looking for a treasurer (no meetings required – just an hour a month) and a unit helper to join us on Monday evenings in term time. Interested? Email firstlandkeybrownies@yahoo.com to find out more.

Landkey Sings

Have you heard about the Landkey Carols, our very own carols some of which are unique to this village? Would you like to come and learn them? You don't need any singing experience as you will learn lots at the rehearsals. So many people have told us they can't

sing but then come along to find out that it is not only fun, but they can do it!

Rehearsals: Tuesday 11th, 18th, 25th November
& Tuesday 2nd, 9th December 7-9pm Landkey Village Hall.

Join us:

Saturday 13th December 5pm (TBC) Village Hall – Landkey Sings concert

Thursday 18th December – St Paul's Church carol concert

Come and join us, all ages and abilities welcome.

Date for your diary:

LANDKEY WASSAIL 5.30pm Saturday 17th January 2026

Our ever-popular Wassail is back! Save the date and if you fancy joining our organising committee please e-mail landkeysings@gmail.com



Pilates & Brunch Morning

Fancy a slow, nourishing Sunday morning of Pilates movement, mindfulness and delicious food?

Start your day with a calming Pilates flow - suitable for beginners

Sink into stillness with a peaceful meditation (think cosy layers, candles and blankets!)

Refuel with a delicious brunch and hot drinks

📍 Date: Sunday 12th October | Landkey Village Hall

🕒 Time: 9.30am-12pm

📅 £30pp – book now to treat yourself this Autumn, dedicate a morning for you! Please book by emailing rebecca@healthybalance.org.uk or text/call on 07706042746

Senior Citizens Outing

Many thanks to all who supported this on 13th September We had a lovely trip through some more unknown parts of Exmoor and came back to a delicious cream tea. We even avoided the rain!



Book at www.storybears.co.uk/book-a-session

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

It has been a quiet summer on the green since the last newsletter.

We continue to install new signs around the green and website updates to add information about each of the six areas identified with a QR code.

The wildflower meadow has now had it's season cut and the resulting hay is being/has been collected by the volunteers.

More wildflower seeds and bulbs have been purchased, ready for sowing and planting this autumn, thanks to kind donations from our supporters throughout the village.

We also have more native trees on the way which we will be planting around the green.

All these tasks are carried out by a small group of volunteers, they know who they are and they work hard for your benefit and should be applauded by you all. We welcome all their help and any new volunteers, aged 18 to 80+, who want to give back to the community, please get involved.

Our next 'Green' volunteer's day is the 4th Oct. Please meet at the containers at 10am for up to 2 hours of hedge cutting and wildflower seed sowing and bulb planting.

Once again, a negative note, dog faeces continue to be left by anti-social, inconsiderate dog owners visiting the green. This is unpleasant and potentially dangerous with various nasty pathogens within the faeces that can make people very ill and in extremes could cause blindness particularly in children. DO NOT BE SELFISH, PICK IT UP.

And finally, it costs the trust upwards of £2,500/year to keep the green looking nice, clear of rubbish (and dog poo) and enhance it for nature. This year alone we have spent £1,000 on the tractor which cuts the grass, £600 on a replacement poo bin and having it emptied plus insurance, tools, seeds and new trees so we are always grateful for donations.

You can donate via the North Devon Lottery, Easyfundraising (donate for free as you spend online, use link below) or gifts through Just Giving.

Payments to Landkey Millennium Green Nat West Bank

Sort Code: 40-09-13

Account No: 81406264

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/landkey-millennium-green-trust/>

Landkey Parish Council

The Parish Council had lots of suggestions for this year's award, but felt that they should recognise the efforts made to make The Castle a kind of Community hub by selling a few basics and newspapers, but also, in recognition of the charity fund raising they have done over recent years.



Presentation of the Landkey Community Shield to Creighton and Sharron Kirk.

In other business The Parish Council paid tribute to Councillor Andy Clayton who sadly, recently passed away. They noted his contribution to the work of the Council and stood for a minute's silence in his memory.

This will create a vacancy on the Council. For more information, please contact landkeyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Councillors also expressed their support for the Landkey Larder and looked forward to its reinstatement. District Councillors explained the situation with the food regulations and hoped that any problems can be soon overcome.

The Parish Council have now replaced the defibrillator cabinet outside the old Shop site. The new cabinet has NO access code now to aid ease of use in emergency. We are very grateful to Janette and John Stitt for allowing the continued use of this site. This device together with the defibrillator at the entrance to St James Close (Landkey Newlands) are maintained by the Parish Council. If anyone spots any damage or issues with the cabinets or devices then please notify the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is proceeding with its plans to sell the Old School Centre next Spring. This will make a significant contribution towards the funding of the new Mazzard Hall. The next meeting is Wednesday October 1st - don't forget any parishioner can attend and ask a question to the Council at the start of the meeting.

A special 'Thank You'

Joyce Adams was 100 in August and has lived for most of her life on Blakeshill Road. When asked how she would like to celebrate, she said she wanted to attend the new Landkey Horticultural Show. With help from the Horticultural Society and her WI friends, she did exactly that. She says this:

"I wish to thank the organisers for the wonderful Horticultural Show and the special 100th birthday celebrations in my honour. It was a real pleasure to see everyone enjoying themselves altogether: the Horticultural Society, the Women's Institute and all others that came together to resurrect the former Landkey Horticultural Society Show, the first to be held since 2019."

— Joyce Adams

Citizens Advice – 'A stitch in time saves nine'

When people come to us for our help, they are often at crisis point. One problem has multiplied itself into lots of problems and the end result is that people feel totally overwhelmed, exhausted and, very often, fearful.

The simple message this month is don't let it get to that stage before you come to us for help.

There is a wealth of information available on our local website www.citizensadvicenmwd.org.uk and you can also check out the National Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk

You will find links for more detailed information and on our website, you can view our library of advice columns focussing on particular issues and outlining the advice we give.



Move It or Lose it With Claire

STARTING TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025
12.30pm – 1.30pm
Landkey Village Hall, EX32 0LP

£6.00 per session.

Easy to follow lower impact exercises for older adults in a fun and relaxed environment. Seated or Standing exercises. No getting down on the floor!

Cardio, strength, balance, flexibility and games, with tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

For more information and to book a place...please contact:
Claire - 07966166953
Em: claire.parsons@moveitorloseit.co.uk

Repair Cafes

Bring along your broken bits and get them fixed.

1st October and 3rd December at Church of St John the Baptist, Bishop's Tawton from 10am – 1pm.:

5th November at Willow's Tearoom, Landkey from 10am-1pm

For more info: www.earthactionnorthdevon.org

Landkey Hedgehog Group

Autumn is the time when young hoglets born late summer, need to put on a lot of weight, ideally 600g. Please continue to put food out and if you see a young hedgehog out and about in the day place it in a cardboard box with towels and take it to either a vet or Littlest Wildlife Hotel near South Molton. As we near 5th November if you have been building up a bonfire over several weeks a hedgehog may have made it a home so, please check or move the bonfire to another site before lighting it.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 11 October 10am at The Castle Inn, everyone welcome.