

MARLDON PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Wednesday 16th April 2025 **at the Village Hall , Marldon. Meeting Commenced a 7.00pm**

Present – Cllr Hore chaired the meeting and Karen Gilbert as Clerk took the minutes
In attendance - Cllrs Bailey Caddell , Clarke , Cooke , Roddy and Sharland
County Cllr Hawkins and Dist Councillor Penfold
39 members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending
He further explained that , due to the forthcoming Devon County elections , Cllr Hawkins will report on only the year past It was NOTED that all candidates had been made aware of the Meeting - those attending were welcome to just introduce themselves in the Meeting in order that any Parishioner wishing to engage after the Meeting closed , would know who they were
Jack Garner introduced himself as the Green candidate

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Cotton , Morris-Rabbitts and Claridge
Simon Rake and Colin Chapman - candidates at DCC election 1/5/25
Ray O'Brien - Bowls Club

2. Report from the Chairman of Marldon Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Good evening and welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

I must start by saying that this is a SEPARATE meeting from the Parish Council Annual Meeting and is a relatively informal event for the community as a whole, giving the opportunity for a representative from each Parish group to give a brief explanation of what they do; along with giving Parishioners the chance to say what they like and dislike about the Parish!

I will add that 28 invites were sent out to our Parish groups this year and I would like to thank the Village Hall Secretary Viv Arscott for assisting me with this.

I must also say that with the Devon County Council elections looming on May 1st we are in a period of heightened sensitivity, so our County Councillor will be giving his report on events from the past year only, but he may not be able to answer all questions.

We have ensured that we have invited all the other prospective County Council candidates to the meeting but they can only introduce themselves.

However, to start things off, I would like to give you all a brief summary of some events that took within the Parish over the past 12 months, along with our plans for the future.

Many things have been ongoing, for example, the raw sewage overflow incidents that regularly occur in Compton and despite South West Water promising to start a project to alleviate that this March – this work has now been put back to 2028.

Potholes are still a major issue but we have been fortunate to see some of our roads having been resurfaced and some potholes filled. This work will continue over the coming months and I would urge residents to continue reporting potholes to Devon County Highways via their website.

Speeding traffic continues to be an issue within the Parish and again we are continuing to work hard to try and reduce that. You will be pleased to hear that we have now purchased a Vehicle Activated Sign, or VAS, which will be positioned at various approved sites around the Village to alert motorists of their speed. This was aided by a generous grant from our County Councillor Jonathan.

Following three successful grant applications made to South Hams District Council for S106 money, the Village will shortly be enjoying a fabulous multi-use games area or MUGA in Tor Field along with improved facilities for the Bowls Club and the Cricket Club which you will hear about later. We also obtained a £12,000 grant from the National Lottery towards the MUGA.

New bus shelters have been provided at three sites within the Village, one replacing an old one and two on new sites. In an ideal world there would be one at every stop but sadly finances prevent that.

The fifteen allotments have benefitted from a very generous grant made by our District Councillor

which allowed us to purchase rubber grass mats to cover the whole access path, alleviating the muddy and slippery route plot holders had to make during wet weather so a big thank-you to Sam.

We are delighted to report that the new Garden of Rest will soon be opening. This will be a place for locals to have their ashes interred as the Church graveyard is now full. An incredible transformation has taken place here in what was once an overgrown field to turn it into a place of peace and tranquillity. Many thanks to the Marldon Lands Charity for their generous donations towards this work and to the Environment Group for their help with all the planting. Our Clerk will soon be taking bookings! 😊

The Lands Charity also funded the fabulous fitness equipment in Tor Field which benefits the health of young and old, along with four defibrillators and bleed packs, three in the Village and one in Compton, which hopefully will rarely be needed.

I must thank all the MEG Volunteers who turn out weekly to keep our Village footpaths passable for all and also helped with planting in the Garden of Rest plus all the Compost Group volunteers who turn out to receive our garden waste donations. Without all these volunteers the Village would not be able to maintain such a high profile within the South Hams.

To end my report I would like to personally thank both our County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins and our District Councillor Sam Penfold, for their continuing support and advice – and also our Parish Clerk Karen for all her hard work over the past year, taking on a lot of extra duties which I am sure she never signed up for!

So enough from me .. we can now move on to first report from our County Councillor, then our District Councillor and then from the various Parish groups who wish to speak.

Thank you.

3 Report from County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

Jonathan Hawkins thanked the Parish Council and Parishioners for their hard work and support during his 8 years as County Councillor . He added that he was standing as a Candidate at the forthcoming Devon County Elections

2024/2025 had been a very busy year - He had , in his capacity as Chair of the SHDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee engaged with SWW three times over an 18 month period - culminating in a unanimous vote of no confidence in South West Water

He had been pleased to assist in the provision of three new bus shelters in the Parish and to have been able to grant funds towards the mobile VAS sign soon to be installed around the Village

He thanked MEG for its continued hard work to ensure the areas of the Parish and its rights of way remain a pleasure to use

Finally he thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for all the hard work which they put in to keep Marldon such a great place to live and work in

4. Report from District Councillors Penfold

I am delighted to be here, and I can honestly say that having experienced other parish AGM's this is the most well attended AGM in the South Hams district. This is because of the commitment of all of you who give up so much time and effort to making this a such wonderful, thriving village.

It isn't only the clubs, societies and parish council that I see putting in such effort, it is also the villagers who are doing things off their own back, such as the man I saw cleaning the street sign in the road he lived in, and the couple clearing the weeds from the public pathway in front of their home.

I am continuing to learn about my role and now have better an understanding of who I can turn to, to get answers and support for you. Jonathan your county councillor has been a great example for me, and we have worked together well.

Back at Follaton headquarters, I'm on a number of committees. I am vice chairman of the Licensing which rarely impacts Marldon directly but if you ever use taxi, go to a pub or organised event you will be affected by it. I'm on the OverView and Scrutiny committee where we challenge decisions made by the council to ensure they are being fair. I don't agree with all the decisions such as new increased two tiered parking charges. I'm also a substitute on a number of other committees one of which is planning. Planning isn't "usually" controversial for this village as we have a small amount of planning applications compared to the rest of South Hams' districts. But I am concerned that with the local government reorganisation, and Torquay having run out of available land to build on we are going to have to work hard to make sure our corner of the world isn't overrun with housing and the associated problems such as drainage.

I work with all of my fellow district councillors whatever stripe they may be to make things as best as I can for the village and the area. An example of this is the championing of a new a bike path that I and Jonathan have been working on with MPs and fellow councillors.

Although the proposed bike path won't run directly through this village it will extend the bike path over the river dart and along outside of the river so if we are successful, you may well make use of it, and is an example of the work your councillors do to make our area a lovely place to live in.

One of my joys and is in under the preview of the district councillor and district officers is any S106 funds that are contributed from the developer if there is any significant building in the parish. This year we were able to release a batch of S106 money that has been held in trust at District Council for a while.

Thanks to the consultation day organised by your parish council, three groups came forward requesting support, the parish council for the MUGA, the Cricket Club with their request for fencing and electronic score board, and the Bowls Club for improvements to their hut and matting around the green. It seemed serendipitous that the amount requested from the three groups almost marched perfectly the amount that was in this batch of S106 funding.

Hopefully the funding will benefit a range of people of varying ages and interests. I know the MUGA will be open to all, and I also expect that the Bowling and Cricket clubs will continue to be inclusive, and welcoming to all potential users. It's also important to note that whilst the money has been allocated, there is still a lot of work necessary to complete the projects with people who will give up much of their free time.

This year my pot of locality funds in Marldon has been used to buy the matting for the allotments to prevent the path turn into a muddy slide, to the cricket club for it's pitch compressor so hopefully the cricket club can win more matches, the parish council for the replacement lawnmower so that the churchyard can have a nice haircut, and the summer scouts' camp so local scouts could attend.

Your parish council does a good job of working with the county and district to keep on top of the needs of the village. My job is to make sure the district officers are kept accountable and doing their jobs in a timely manner when they are asked by the parish or the residents to do something.

So, I have followed up on bins that have been missed or needed replacing, or made sure bins are put back tidily after being emptied. Sadly, fly tipping seems to be a growing issue and I have followed up on the bigger dumped stuff being removed which has included caravans, trailers, boats and cars. I am booked to go out with the fly tipping crew soon which I am looking forward to.

One of the more recent fun things I experienced was the opening of the River Dart Saltmarsh rejuvenation project, and your SHDC money went to support it. The project included the creation of a new boardwalk at the end of Longmarsh in Bridgetown. It is buggy and wheel chair accessible, and I would strongly encourage you to go for a stroll there if you haven't already. It really is a beautiful and tranquil spot, and you can now experience the saltmarshes up close and personal without getting muddy.

I have worked hard on but only managed to get a very unsatisfactory apology for is the sewage situation in Compton. It really is unacceptable, and I have raised it many times directly with SW Water officials, and at South Hams Overview and Scrutiny meetings in which SW Water was invited. At the last meeting, SW Water publicly apologised to Compton residents saying that they although they had promised they would update the drainage system, that they now feel unable to deliver within the time scale they promised because of more pressing business needs.

Along with your previous MP and your current MP, your county councillor and parish council, we have all been using whatever capital we have, to move the situation forward. I can assure you that I am not going to let it rest. The Marldon ward has a sewage plant in it and SW Water have planning applications for that area so unfortunately or fortunately they have to deal with me, and whatever I can do to keep putting the pressure on, I will do.

Over the year I have held a number of surgeries where you can just turn up with queries and questions. I usually do them with one of our local pcs. I can't say I was inundated with people and there were a lot of questions about parking, but I will continue to do them at regular intervals.

Lastly, I want to come to the reorganisation of the local government that is due to happen in this parliament's life. It is going to affect all of us, not least your parish council who will have to grapple with lots of changes. I will be your last district councillor as you will lose both your county and district council, and the powers will be combined under one large unitary council with about

500,000 residents in it. The Devon district councils especially South Hams are trying to take a lead on how the unitary is going to work, meanwhile I will do my best to make sure that Marldon and your parish councils needs are not overlooked. I had started delivering a survey around the village asking your thoughts about how you think local government could better serve you which I'll continue to deliver when the election is over.

It's genuinely a pleasure for me to serve your community and I love helping people and making a difference so please ask if you think I can be of help or support. I love supporting the clubs and societies and bringing as much attention as I can to them, so please do invite me if you want. I am not a prolific "poster" on Facebook but I do have a Facebook page, and it is a good way of keeping up with some of what I do. You are always welcome to contact me by mobile or email which a lot of you do, do. It's important to me to be as transparent in what I do as possible so I am always happy to answer any of your questions, and I am always ready to be informed by you.

5 . Speakers / reports from Parish organisations

POLICE

Kirsty Meakin , PCSO attended with two colleagues inc Sgt Rich Hickman and confirmed that Marldon was amongst the safest places to live in .

She listed the Various issues which had arisen in the past year and asked that Parishioners signed up to Devon Alert - an initiative whereby the Public can select the type and place of information they wanted to receive

The team added that it is important that the Public report suspicious activity and it is the gathering of such information , when added to other data held by the Police , provides a bigger picture

P3 - Jon Boyd - Public Rights of Way Officer - Partnerships and Projects Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Jon introduced himself as the Officer taking over from Ros Davies - and explained the P3 scheme He also recognised the excellent job carried out by MEG and stressed that MEG / the Clerk should keep in close contact with him - in order to ensure that the Parish was assisted - both financially and with information - to ensure that the Parish might continue to look as good as does today

MARLDON COMMUNITY COMPOSTING scheme

David Bradbury addressed the meeting after handing around bags of the excellent compost produced by this group - briefly explaining the process used to bring green waste to compost

He was delighted to report that the Group had recently celebrated its 1st Anniversary and he thanked all involved to date . They had been able to purchase a shredder through Grants

Cllr Hawkins commented that the scheme has been the most successful in South Hams and congratulated all involved

David thanked him and added that the scheme has become a small victim of its own success - despite the number of existing Volunteers ,the scheme would benefit from more to enable the service to be accessible to all Parishioners

Marldon Lands Charity

Hello, everyone, I am Julie Hore, Chair of Marldon Lands Charity. It's great to see you all here. Last year, we made a promise to use the charity's resources to benefit our whole community—focusing on health, wellbeing, and bringing us all together—and I'm thrilled to bits to say we've done just that!

We've been busy all year: we've bought and installed some brilliant fitness equipment up at Tor Field for everyone to enjoy. We've also added four defibrillators and four bleed packs around the village, including in Compton—lifesaving stuff that's super easy to use. Sadly, over 25,000 people still die from cardiac arrests outside hospitals annually, often because help doesn't reach them in time. That's why we're so proud to have these lifesaving devices dotted around Marldon—ready for anyone to use in an emergency.

Don't worry, we'll be sorting out a training day soon, but even without it, the emergency services are there to talk you through it if ever needed. A massive thank you to Cut of Class Hairdressers and The Olde Smokey for letting us put some of this equipment on their premises—you're stars! As you leave the Village Hall, you'll spot some new equipment on the wall outside too.

But it's not just about fitness—we wanted to leave a little something for the future as well. So, we're thrilled to have donated about 60 trees, heaps of wildflower seeds, three benches, and a gazebo to the new garden of rest. It's going to be a lovely spot for years to come. Now, our works nearly wrapped up, and we're planning to wind the charity down this year. Before I finish, I just want to give a big shoutout to my fellow Trustees and the Parish Council for all their amazing support—it's been a real team effort. Thanks so much for listening, and here's to keeping Marldon the wonderful place it is!"

MEG

This group is formed by an excellent team of mainly retired folk - and has worked tirelessly on the Rights of Way system in the Parish over the last 25 years . The Group also keeps other Public areas of Marldon , Compton and Westerland well tended - looking clean and tidy
It is a service of which the Parishioners are justly proud - and thanks should be given to its co-ordinator , Robin Cox . Additional members would always be welcomed

Mosaic Group

Marldon Mosaic Group. Our village continues to shine brighter and more colourful, thanks to the incredible artworks we've been adding over time. I'm delighted to report that all of our previous installations are still in fantastic shape—a true testament to the care and appreciation of our community.

This year has been busy as usual! We've replaced the totem poles in Jubilee Meadow, we never did find out what happened to the previous ones! We've also created large, stunning mosaic for the new garden of rest. Something we can't wait to share with you all soon! We are currently working on a project for the bowls club.

We are always open to fresh ideas and love discovering new places around the village that could be transformed with a splash of mosaic magic. So, if you have any suggestions for a location you think would be enriched with one of our colourful creations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support—it's the community spirit that fuels our creativity and keeps our projects thriving. Here's to even more bright and beautiful adventures ahead!

Cricket Club

2024 was a progressive year for the club filled with new players joining, much needed repairs to club equipment and gratefully received support through grant funding and volunteering.

Please reach out to club secretary Grant Thompson if anyone wants to get involved with playing or volunteering – grantlthompson92@gmail.com.

We managed to attract a number of new players including 5 juniors, who were looking to get into senior cricket in a friendly environment, and 5 new senior players. We are however always looking for new playing members and volunteers, such as for supporting with pitch preparations, umpiring or scoring during games.

We also continue to look to develop a women's team as we have had a handful of people request this but have not yet had enough interest to get this up and running. We would therefore welcome anyone that is interested to reach out and let us know.

Both men's and women's senior cricket can be played by anyone over the age of 13.

In 2024, we played 11 games, a notable increase from the 7 games in 2023. This improvement was partly due to our small investment in a makeshift pitch cover, which allowed us to protect the pitch and ensure more games could go ahead despite the weather.

We are a friendly club so it's not about results, however in 2024 we had the following results:

• Wins: 4. • Losses: 6. • Draws: 1

Club Improvements

We successfully replaced our outfield strike netting which was run down and beyond repair. We extend our thanks to Councillor Jon Hawkins for his support providing some funds to make this possible. For the first time in over 25 years, we undertook significant end-of-season pitch renovations. This included scarifying, seeding and top soiling the cricket square. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their support providing grant funding to make this possible.

This year, we faced a significant challenge with our roller breaking down. Despite our best efforts, no local companies were willing to repair it. However, we found invaluable support from a

Facebook group and some friends in the village. Thanks to their guidance, we managed to repair and service the roller ourselves, and it is now running better than ever.

As we aimed to finish the year on a high note with our end-of-season renovations, we encountered a setback when the belt on our tractor / outfield mower broke. We are thankful to Councillor Sam Penfold for her support and the funds she provided to help repair the tractor which also had a service and is now back up and running.

More recently we have been undertaking / running cricket sessions at the primary school via our chairman Nick Glanfield, as part of our school liaison.

We have also been successful over the winter in obtaining S106 grant funding and are in the process of obtaining / raising funds to cover a small sum remaining to be able to progress these projects. These are for a new digital scoreboard and to re-provide the net facility that used to be in place at the bottom of the meadow, replacing the concrete pad with a more modern surface to provide a training facility for the team, including a portable net that can be used at the bottom of the ground and also be rolled out to use on the square. A big thankyou to South Hams District council for supporting these projects.

Revd Jane Frost - Associate Priest

Thank you for the opportunity as the part time resident priest in the village to open the door on something of church life in last 12 months.

Some snapshots from the last 12 months here, from a church perspective:

Good to continue to liaise with Village Groups when invited: Pre School seasonal stories to match Christian festivals; Bowls Club coffee morning; cubs & beavers in church of late to explore the building/do some craft/explore whole idea of Easter together.

Connections with the Primary School strengthen: recent end of term Easter service...Collective Worship....teaching opportunities eg recent time spent with Reception Class. Innovation of once a week after school club 'Flourish' Christian teaching/activity/craft run by 2 members of the church. Looking forward to VE Day week – Thurs. 8th May. Working with Derek & Julie Hoare on a photographic display & memorabilia for church display & refreshments – watch out for more information.

Also been liaising with the Parish Council re the new ashes area to be open soon [field above the churchyard]: emotive nature of wanting to be embedded in community at end of one's life. Churchyard nearly full for ash interments so we welcome upcoming Parish Council innovation!

In the last 12 months, continue to offer children's & families craft mornings in some school holidays when capacity permits – enthusiastically supported.

Parish Magazine is evolving: thank you for those of you who support it through purchase or article submission – Joan Veale & Isla Taylor are largely holding the fort as editor John Arscott is unwell.

September: Apple Pie Fair – church stall & free children's craft activities.

Autumn: Harvest & Remembrance matters – thanks to uniformed organisations who felt able to support.

Christmas seasons was hugely encouraging again. Highlights are always the Carol Service: Youth Choir innovation in 2024 – will be repeated as an initiative BUT embedded in a Service of Light to mark the beginning of Advent [in early Dec 2025]; Christingle [- there will be 2 offered in 2025 because of nos]. We also hope to find the capacity to run a village Advent trail in the run up to Christmas as people missed it this last year.

Gathered HC is still happening every 6 weeks plus monthly Home Communion. Contact Revd Jane [1 Love Lane Close revjanefrost@gmail.com tel 525171 re pastoral visits, baptisms/weddings/funerals]

Toddler group & Community Choir links are such a plus [Toddler Group re-birthed in Sept 2024]: Wednesdays 9.30-11 in the Community Room. See posters/social media/church website for info]. I really enjoy being part of the Community choir & would encourage you to join!

Sing with the Spirit is an ongoing hopeful innovation on Vanessa Rowe's part. Tuesday evenings once or twice a month. Come when you can.

Lunch Club is thriving, thanks to Debbie Cook & the Old Smokey. Once a month on a Thursday.

House Group is growing: thanks to Hilary Carr for a hospitable space. We meet for 90 minutes or so for conversation/Bible Study/discussion re faith matters & a cuppa.

Please remember church is open every day. Prayer tree; tealights. Anyone in the village can call on my time – Vicarage in 1 Love Lane Close; have a chat if you see me dog walking cocker spaniel Daisy!

Hakuna Mutata Animal Trust

Hakuna Matata Animal Trust is an animal sanctuary based in Marldon. We focus on the care and protection of animals and provide a permanent residence where they will live out their lives here at the sanctuary. We also find permanent homes for our smaller, younger rescues. We participate in and help to fund animal rescue missions for animals that would otherwise be euthanized or slaughtered.

We currently have 42 animals within the sanctuary and work together with sanctuaries across the country and providing support to those needing advice.

We have become an important part of the community, providing children with Duke of Edinburgh roles and supporting local businesses with work such as building new pens and buying our feed and bedding locally where possible. We also plan to set up an area for manure where local people can come and help themselves for their gardens and allotments.

Whilst we are not open to the public on a 9-5 basis, due to the fact that we like to keep it peaceful for the animals that have come from all kinds of abuse, we welcome people to come along for animal therapy sessions which gives them a more relaxed experience for those needing it too, we have had people that suffer from anxiety and depression, children with Autism and people going through difficult times come along and they gain so much from having that one on one time with animals.

The Charity is working hard to raise awareness of animal cruelty and promoting a kinder and more Eco friendly way of life. Additional Volunteers would be warmly welcomed

Speedwatch

Community Speed Watch is a national road safety scheme which is designed to help change driver behaviour. Trained volunteers gather information about speeding vehicles and report them to the police who send out educational advisory letters to registered keepers of vehicles that have been recorded travelling more than the advertised speed limit. It is important to understand that volunteers and the scheme DO NOT prosecute drivers, but warn them about the dangers of speeding. Where drivers continually fail to adhere to these warnings, then enforcement action in the area may be considered by the police.

There are Speedwatch teams placed across the whole of the Devon and Cornwall policing area, and where those teams are regularly able to get out and about, there is evidence that shows their activity helps to reduce speeding on their local roads.

I set up the Totnes-Marldon Speedwatch Team in May last year with the sole intention of trying to make our roads a safer place for us all to use.

Before we could start conducting our first sessions, we worked with the police to identify suitable locations in and around the village that we could monitor the speeds of passing traffic. This initial work took a couple of months to complete as sites needed to be identified, photographed, measured and surveyed. Sites can only be placed in areas of 20, 30 and 40mph. Where they have been identified on private land, then permission from the landowner has been obtained to allow the team to monitor traffic from that location.

The sites we operate from in the village have been chosen so volunteers safely stand at least 6ft away from the road edge and are highly visible to approaching motorists. There must not be any obstructions ie: parked cars, road works, bends, VAS cameras within the vicinity.

All our sites have been risk assessed for safety and visibility and authorised by the police.

After getting the sites approved, I encouraged other volunteers to enlist into the scheme which involved registering onto the online system and completing an initial online training course. Once this was completed, the team were supplied with a Community Speed Watch monitoring kit from the police which included Hi Viz CSW jackets, a handheld speed monitoring device, tuning fork and a counter. We were all trained by the police in how to use the equipment and shown how to wear the safety clothing correctly.

Once we had completed our training with the police we commenced our first Speedwatch campaign on 19th July 2024.

Before we start a Speedwatch monitoring session the Co-ordinator must carry out a site safety check, which includes performing a functionality test on the monitoring device to ensure it is set to record correctly. The team must stand 6ft away from the road and ensure their identified safe area is clear to retreat to and that there are no obstructions that would hinder the visibility of us to passing motorists. We can only operate with 2, 3 or 4 volunteers stood at the roadside. We monitor the speeds of all passing cars, but only report those travelling at a threshold of 10 per cent plus 2 above the speed limit.

The volunteers record on paper the date, time, speed, make and colour of a speeding car. They also count the total number of passing vehicles to help identify a percentage of speeding vehicles. The details of the vehicles traveling more than the advertised speed limit are passed to the Police who write an advisory letter to the registered keeper. This letter explains the dangers of travelling at excess speed and reminds them to reduce the speed at which they travel.

The team try to get out as often as possible, this is dependent on availability and the weather. We are not able to operate in adverse weather conditions and we can only operate in daylight hours.

To date we have taken part in 19 campaigns, each one being different, depending on time of day, the road, the time of year etc. Sometimes we record quite a lot of speeding motorists and other times, hardly any, which is what we all striving to achieve.

At the end of a session, any data recorded will be reported to Devon and Cornwall Police and then all our paperwork is destroyed. Our data may also be shared with Highways.

An example of some data that is obtained is:

Between 3 and 4.30pm on 23rd August we were monitoring on Totnes Road in one direction only 640 cars passed us. Of those 33 were reported for speeding, with the top speed being monitored at traveling 44mph, that's 68% above the speed limit, which is just not acceptable.

We do note and are very thankful to the many drivers, who we witness, who are driving through our village safely, and within the speed limit.

Unfortunately, not all motorists approve or fully understand what we are doing for our community. We often get shouted at and abused. The police are now supporting us in addressing these concerns and have now issued us body cameras to wear for recording and reporting such incidents of abuse to them.

The Speedwatch Team is autonomous. We report to the police. We do not personally advertise who we are (apart from me) nor publish the times and places where we will be out monitoring. The scheme is designed to make drivers anticipate the team being out and to think about keeping to the speed limit. The TotnesMarldon team are very dedicated and experienced people. I feel very lucky to have such a great team.

We enjoy meeting up, chatting and sharing the same community spirit in trying to keep our village a safer place.

Marldon Gardening Group - Jenny Saunders

Jenny advised that this was a small friendly club which meets in the 1st Tuesday evening of each month . The club enlists a good selection of excellent speakers - such occasions being open to all

TRAYE - Adele Marshall

Adele explained that she had joined the Youth Club 3 years ago - during which time she had seen the Marldon group thrive and the numbers swell . She had also taken much training to cater for the safeguarding aspect of the role

The Group meets on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month during Term time with additional events arranged for the school holidays

The sessions are open to the over 8s and the regular Friday gatherings are FREE

1st Marldon Scouts

Laura Balkwill addressed the Meeting as the representative from 1st Marldon Scout Group

The Group meet in Marldon Primary School Beavers Thursdays 6-7.15p.m and the Cubs Mondays 6-7.30p.m. . It was hoped that a session for the Squirrels (4-6 year olds) might be arranged in the future

The original Scout Hut was condemned some time ago - but It was hoped that this might be rebuilt in the future - offering hub for various groups . Fundraising events are being considered

6. Questions and remarks from Parishioners - NONE

The Chairman thanked all for their contributions and hoped that Parishioners would remain to enjoy the refreshments

The meeting closed at 8.30pm