

The Big Community!!

A Parish Chairman recently asked the Chief Executive of a District Council if he could arrange to clean some street name signs. He told him that there was no money for such services and he should get a bucket and mop and clean it himself !!

With the new government promoting the Big Community and with a severe reduction in money for local government services over the next few years, there will be a swing towards communities looking after minor services themselves.

Following complaints from the public, I am finding it much more difficult to get small jobs carried out by both South Hams DC and Devon CC as they both complain that they have no money for such services. Jobs like cleaning signs, clearing blocked drains and gullies, removing a few weeds from the pavement, removing small amounts of graffiti, clearing dog mess and litter, replacing signs, cutting small areas of grass, extra cuts for footpaths are only likely to be carried out by SHDC or DCC in extreme cases.

So, instead of being annoyed and complaining about such works not being done in future, it will fall to the community to get their hands dirty and to do these small jobs, to make Wembury Parish the place we wish it to be.

Wembury Parish Council have prepared a Parish Plan and as part of that plan are looking for good citizens who are prepared to get their hand dirty and with the help of the Parish Council, are willing to do some of these jobs as they arise, to help the community.

The Parish Council would like to create a group of people who are prepared to help when the need arises. If you are one of those people who would like to help, then please go onto the Wembury Parish website at www.wemburyparishcouncil.info and under the 'Your Views' heading send me your details and what you are prepared to assist with. Alternatively, please telephone me on 01752 863778.

The future well being of the Wembury Community will be in your hand in the future, so let us get prepared now, stop the minor complaints and do our bit to make Wembury Parish the place of the future.

Roy Fairclough
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Wembury Parish Council