

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

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There are many new residents within Diptford Parish – who are all welcome to join the
mailing list for the Parish News – find out what is going on in the village and come and join
in this vibrant community

Three Rivers Mission Community Sunday Services October 2026

Date & Liturgical Colour	04.10.2026 Trinity 18	11.10.2026 Trinity 19	18.10.2026 Trinity 20	25.10.2026 Trinity 21 (Bible Sunday)
Harvest Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9.6-end Luke 12.16-30	<i>Exodus 20.1-4,7-9 & 19-20</i> <i>Psalm 19</i> Philippians 3. 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-46	<i>Exodus 32. 1-14</i> <i>Psalm 106. 1-6 & 19-23</i> Philippians 4. 1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	<i>Exodus 33. 12-23</i> <i>Psalm 99</i> 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22. 15-22	<i>Nehemiah 8. 1-4a</i> <i>Psalm 119. 9-16</i> Colossians 3. 12-17 Matthew 24. 30-35
Diptford with North Huish	11am HARVEST Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	NO SERVICE	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Morning Prayer	NO SERVICE	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
Ugborough	4.30pm HARVEST All Age Worship	9:30am Holy Communion	NO SERVICE	9:30 Holy Communion
Halwell	12.30pm Harvest Lunch	As Above	As Above / below	As Above / below
Moreleigh	As above	As above	As above/ below	3.30pm Holy Communion
Harbertonford	As above	As above	12.30pm Harvest Lunch	As above

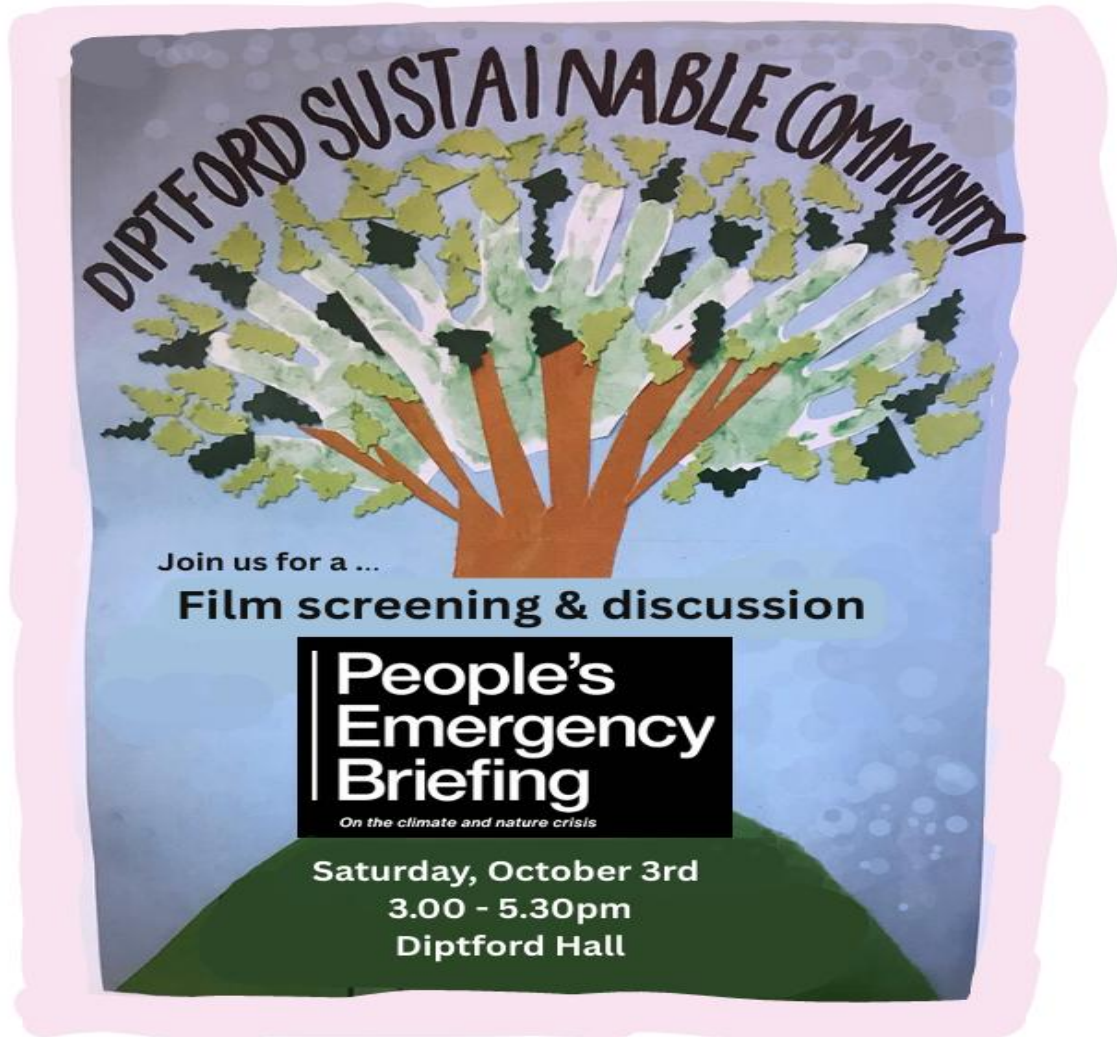
Further information can be found on the Mission Community website
www.3rivers.org.uk or at www.achurchnearyou.com/8942

DIPTFORD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

We'd love for as many people as possible to attend.

Please note the minimum recommended age is 16.

Facilitated by Diptford Parish Council



Coffee Morning Diptford Green

An eclectic range of cakes and produce was enjoyed at the recent coffee morning held at Diptford Green on Thursday 17th September. There was a wonderful atmosphere with joyful conversations. Ruth and Sheena would like to thank everyone for their generosity in contributing to produce and for donations. £200 was raised for St Mary's Church

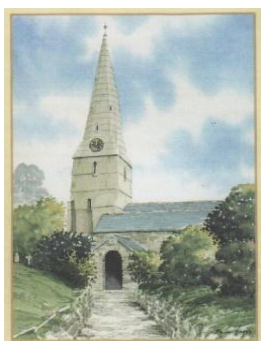




The Parochial Church Council would like to thank David and Heather Sayle for 11 years of ministry within our Parish of Diptford with North Huish. We particularly give thanks for David's thought-provoking, well prepared sermons which have led to the deepening of faith and understanding, together with his pastoral work supporting parishioners under his care. Heather has supported David and us throughout their years here and has recently taken the role as Worship Leader taking services jointly with others, allowing the church to maintain continuity every Sunday. They have had the vision to develop the inclusion of families with young children through their self-styled monthly 'Brick Church' initiative, allowing families to engage in practical play-based learning developing faith amongst our youngest of children together with supporting family life.

We wish David and Heather well as they embark on their next step of ministry in North Devon.

DIPTFORD CHURCH CLEANING



2026 is a very special year for our Church
as it is 800 years old

Would you like to keep our lovely Church sparkly?

You will be very welcome to come along to

St Mary's Church, Diptford From 9.30 am til 11 am

Saturdays 3 October, 7 November and 5 December.

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE VILLAGE

Parish Council website www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

Village Hall Bookings www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Facebook - Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp – Diptford Support Network

DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST Registered Charity Number 276979

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602 GIFT AID REGISTERED TOO!

These are the details to use if you would like to donate towards the upkeep of our village Playing Field

Diptford Amenity Trust is registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free funds for them as you shop online this year, at no extra cost! All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Argos, eBay and more are ready to donate. Every donation makes a difference! Did you know that you can register on the EasyFundraising app to get a donation when you shop in-store too? Almost £97 has been raised this year for the Playing Field using EasyFundraising.

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2026

A well attended PC meeting on 15 September with welcome input from several members of the public.

A useful discussion on the merits of trying to get the **village speed limit** reduced from 30mph to 20mph, using the worst case scenario provided by our Highways Engineer. All felt that the figure quoted was far too high for a small scheme like Diptford's. **Dan Thomas**, our County Councillor was on hand to answer a lot of queries and to help us take this forward at a more realistic price hopefully. We are very lucky to have Dan's support and especially in that he is not only the Leader of SHDC but the Highways lead at Devon CC.

In Dan's report to Council, we were all delighted to hear that the Government has seen sense and abandoned the planned re-organisation of local government in our area and others, but the costs incurred were considerable and thus wasted.

Council acknowledged the resignation of Will Young as Tree Warden, having moved away from the village and thanked him for his past input.

Cllr Parker Davidson, as P3 Co-Ordinator, is hoping that volunteers from the Ramblers Association will shortly assist in **improvements to Footpath 1** – Village Hall to Mill Lane which is seriously eroded in places.

Cllrs have been invited to attend the showing of the **Peoples' Emergency Briefing** screening in the Hall on Saturday 3 October from 3pm to 5.30pm with discussion after and agreed to facilitate this by paying the hire fee for the Parish Hall.

As part of the Parish Council's efforts to improve road safety in the village, Council agreed to buy a **solar powered flashing sign** which can be moved around the village and can be installed when our Road Wardens have been trained up. In addition our **Clerk is ordering a supply of advisory 20's Plenty signs** which will be available **free of charge** to residents.

Diptford School has a consultation running until 12 October, proposing to extend the age range from 3 – 11 to 2 – 11. This planned expansion of the nursery class should benefit children and families within the local community by providing affordable high quality childcare and education enabling families to use their Government Funded Early Education childcare entitlement without top-up fees. The Parish Council fully supports the efforts to expand the provision of our school. See [Diptford C of E Primary School: Proposal to extend the age range – Have your Say](#).

Residents are reminded that Minutes of all Meetings, together with Agendas, are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board by School and published on the website diptfordparishcouncil.org.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER at 7.30pm

All Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend and can raise any item for a limited time within Open Forum at the start of the meeting.

St Mary's Church, North Huish

Churches Conservation Trust NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP



This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of maintaining the building.

Events planned for **2026** are:

- Wednesday 11th November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50.**
- Sunday 6th December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.**

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.



AGM OF FODS FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

All are welcome to come and join in the Friends of Diptford School Annual General Meeting held in school at 7.30pm on Mon 12th October.

Please come along and see what we're all about and share new ideas and thoughts on the year ahead! We're currently a small group of parents/carers who organise events and activities and raise funds for the benefit of all the children at school to enrich their time at Diptford. It would be lovely to meet some new faces 😊 we need your support!

The next FODS event to watch out for is Dipfest on Friday 2nd October - this is all about the children having some fun together and we have lots of games and activities for them to enjoy. Dipfest will take place after school on the school field/village hall. BBQ, refreshments, games and bouncy castle!

Here are some of the things going on:

Bouncy Castle and Nerf shoot out

Hook a Duck

Apple Bobbing

Glitter makeup and tattoos

Donut eating competition

BBQ - vegan and GF options

FODS team

Bat the Rat

Toy Tombola

Sock wrestling

Guess the Baby

Ping Pong jar game

Prosecco and Beers 🍷

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Roads and Transport, Report a Problem

If you have a problem with roads and transport this Devon County Council web page devon.gov.uk gives you the opportunity to report and track problems and issues. Problems to report include, potholes, drains, lighting, broken signs or faulty traffic lights.

If you are reporting an emergency that requires immediate attention, please call us on 0345 155 1004. An emergency on the highway is defined as something that is very likely to present an imminent threat to life or serious injury or serious damage to property.

If the issue you wish to report is not listed please contact our customer service centre on 0345 155 1004.

Area Covered: East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge, West Devon

Categories: Council Services, Other council services

Landowners are encouraged to keep road signs on their land clearly visible and to cut roadside hedges on an annual basis out of the nesting season. There are exemptions from the timing if there are road safety issues.

This year, despite the heat waves and drought, the amount of vegetation growth on hedges alongside our already narrow lanes, is causing problems for road users. Please can everyone endeavour to cut or get cut their roadside hedges to maintain visibility and safety.



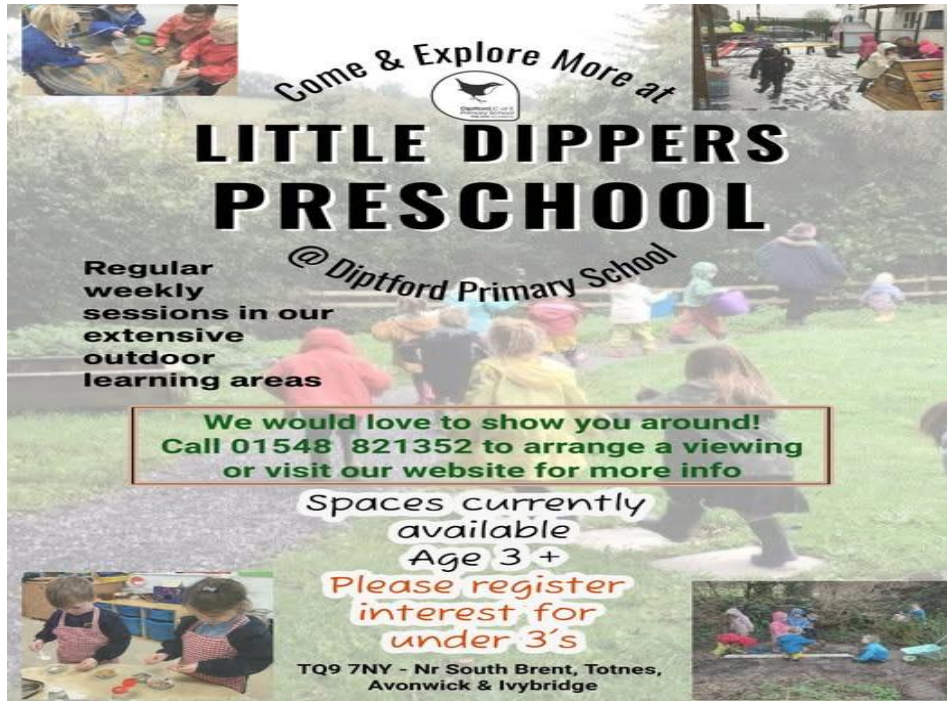
Common activities for local councils and community groups

Local councils and community organisations can support the upkeep of their local highways through several Devon County Council schemes.

The [Road Warden Scheme](#) enables trained volunteers to carry out approved preventative maintenance, while some self-help activities can be undertaken separately with prior agreement.

Communities can also maintain public rights of way through the [Parish Paths Partnership \(P3\)](#), strengthen local resilience via the [Snow Warden](#) and [Flood Warden schemes](#), and enhance biodiversity through the [Life on the Verge](#) initiative.

We only cut grass and vegetation where it is necessary for safety, such as maintaining visibility at junctions, bends and lay-bys. If your local council or community organisation would like more control over grass-cutting in your area, we may be able to support you to procure and manage this work directly and provide a financial contribution.



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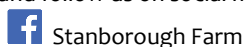
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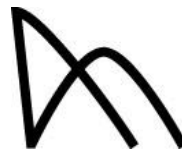
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www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Please use the online Calendar & Booking System.

Also, there is a facility to 'Add an Entry' if your group /organisation would like to add any local events or organisations.

Please feel free to share this amongst your groups & friends.

I hope you find the website useful & helpful in your interactions with the Hall.

Feedback welcomed.

Steve. *Chair of Trustees Diptford Parish Hall.*

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PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 20th October at 7.30pm

All residents welcome to attend

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diptfordparishcouncil.org and on the Notice Board by School

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