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Cover Picture - Christmas Market (Photo by Lynda Hinton on Unsplash)

Dear lovely readers, Welcome to our Christmas double issue!

The other evening while out collecting for the poppy appeal, I got to speaking to a young girl while the lady of the house went to look for some money. She told me she has just started at Lewtrenchard primary school. I told her I also went to Lewtrenchard school. There was a look of horror on her face and you could see she was struggling to come to terms with the fact that someone so old went to the same school. So I told her there were no such things as computers when I went there, the most modern piece of technology was the light bulbs and a radio which was used in the music lessons, and you know what, I don't think we turned out so stupid although many might disagree.

Before I close I would like to say a big thank you to all of the valiant and just plainly wonderful people who help to get the link ready and printed for you each month. Andy and Terry who edit and print the magazine. To Sarah, Mary and many others who distribute it all around the area. Finally a big thank you to Tracey and Sarah our secretary and treasurer without whom nothing much would get organised.

I forgot to mention Stuart, Faye, Thomas and Poppy who live in the old post office, who have kindly watered and tended the planters around the war memorial throughout the summer, many thanks indeed.

Before I close I have got to tell you about a massive thing that's happening on the evening of the 20th of December, yes by popular demand the carols around the Christmas tree at the Victory hall is returning. There will be mulled wine, picky nibbles and the now almost famous Christmas quiz. About the most fun you can have in a Christmas jumper.

Will close now as my coco is getting cold.

Here's hoping you all have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Here's a topical joke.

Santa is not allowed to enter houses through the chimney any longer.

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What is a Christmas tree's favourite singer.

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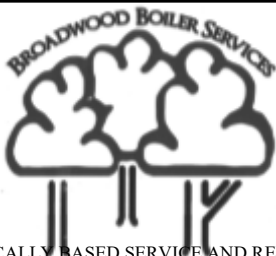
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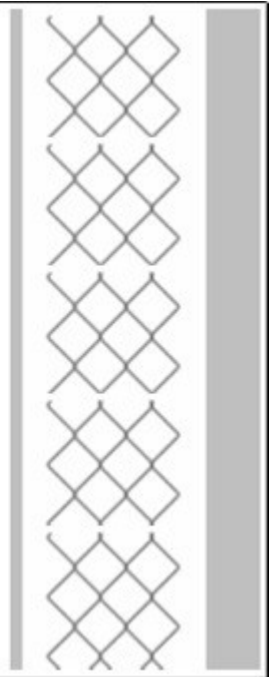
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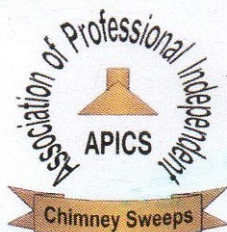
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Lewtrenchard WI

Report from November 8th Meeting

The meeting opened with the singing of 'Jerusalem'. Margaret, our president, welcomed everyone and cards were handed out to our members with November birthdays. Margaret reminded us of upcoming events including the Bag2School collection scheduled December 8th, where members and local residents are invited to drop off donations of suitable clothing and household items by 9.00am at Victory Hall or Stowford Hall. A list of acceptable items is available in the Newsletter. The November Walk will be the down the Okehampton tramlines on the 11th and a coffee morning and short walk at Roadford will be on the 18th. Members need to sign up for the Christmas Lunch at Trethorne on January 16th by December and bring the correct money in an envelope to Monique by the January meeting.

We had an update about the Rampsonwillis Nature Trail. Much has been accomplished this year, including the clearing of a large patch of *Ionicera*. Thanks are due to all those who have helped, including some members' families, who have made short work of removing a particularly large and stubborn rhododendron root, and to a neighbour for chain sawing the branches of the same tree. A concealed land drain has been exposed by recent rain, and the Council Tree Officer has undertaken to make it safe and put a fence across the edge, where the stream leaves the site, to protect children.

Margaret then handed over to one of our members, Karen, who with help from her husband had prepared kits to construct bird boxes suitable for different species. Working alone or in pairs a lot of fun was had putting together the floor, sides, roofs, back and front of the boxes. All had been cut to the right size already, and pilot holes drilled for the screws - all we had to do was attach the right bits together. Some hilarity, some cries of frustration as the pieces did not seem to want to come together, occasional bursts of the power-drivers as we grappled with unfamiliar tools and a lot of help from Karen resulted in 12 bird boxes of various sizes, 13 with Karen's prototype, and 1 bat roost. These will all be put up amongst the trees at the Rampsonwillis Nature Trail.

Margaret rounded off the evening by thanking Karen for all her hard work putting the kits together in such a short time and taking photos of the finished products.

We enjoyed tea and the raffle was held, which raised £13 and a plant sale raised £3. Winners of the competitions, which was an interesting item beginning with R, were 1st Heather, with her Ring belt, 2nd Margaret P, with an RAF mug and 3rd Lyn, with a picture of our Ruler. The Flower of the Month was won by Margaret D. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Our next meeting will be the Christmas party on 13th December.

You are cordially invited to join us

December 11th 2021 at 6.30 pm

A Christmas Evening

Oliver Twist

Watch a reading by a motley collection of friends and their dogs...with songs from the Lifton Singers

Enjoy traditional Christmas nibbles

Join in the Hamper Raffle

Sing Along

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and

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For more details please see the Marystowe report in this magazine.

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**December 8th Drop off before 9am
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Stowford Remembers

Stowford Parish Community came together on Wednesday 3rd November at 14:00 to plant a

tree commemorating the 75th V.E. Anniversary of World War II.



Members of the Parish Council, County Council and the community gathered by Stowford Church triangle on a glorious autumnal afternoon where Cllr Chris Edmonds planted a fine oak tree and unveiled a beautiful brass plaque to mark this occasion.

The ceremony was to have taken place last year however, due to the pandemic this was postponed. Cllr Leroy St Louis, Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone. Cllr Edmonds, led the ceremony in remembering the men and women who lost their lives in the service of our country. Stowford Parish community would like to thank all those who sacrificed so much allowing us to enjoy the freedom we cherish today.

I look forward hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Cllr Leroy St Louis
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Cllr Leroy St Louis (to the left) and Cllr Chris Edmonds (to the right)

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These minutes are abbreviated, for the full minutes visit our website,
Lewdowngroupedpc.org.uk

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021 at Lewdown Victory Hall No 744

1. New Councillor: Mr Andrew McSmythurs was co-opted for Marystow Parish, motion proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Andrews. Unanimous decision
2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Yeo declared an interest for planning applications 3685/21/FUL and 3686/21/LBC and did not vote for both applications.
3. Minutes of previous meeting 743 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr Dawe.
4. Planning – Ref 2047/21/HHO Readvertisement (revised plans received) Householder application for proposed conversion and extension of small stone shippin, building to form small annex, Broom Park, Coryton, EX20 4PA
Council decision – Support- proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Metherell, unanimous.
Planning - Ref 3677/21/HHO Householder app. for rear ground floor extension, Redcliff Cottage, Lewdown, EX20 4DS
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Vanstone, seconded Cllr Metherell, unanimous.
Planning – Ref 3685/21/FUL Proposed conversion of barn to permanent residential, (resubmission of 2757/21/FUL) Orchard Barton, Lewdown, EX20 4QJ.
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Dawe, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, unanimous
Planning – Ref 3686/21/LBC Listed building consent for proposed conversion of barn to permanent residential (resubmission of 2758/21/LBC), Orchard Barton, Lewdown, EX20 4QJ
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Vanstone, unanimous
5. ‘Crossroads’ Lewtrenchard, development site visit – Seven council members attended the meeting together with representatives from the developers. Issues regarding surplus water flowing from the site into neighbouring properties were raised with the developers. On inspection a site drain pipe appeared ineffective whilst the recent wet weather should

have provided evidence that the pipe was working effectively. Representatives for the developers suggested that the site was so far incomplete and that the drainage system will be effective on completion of the development, however councillors concluded that the design should be permanent from its concept, the representatives for the developer agreed to resolve the flooding issue. The chair thanked the councillors who attended. Whilst no response has yet been forthcoming from the developers representatives, the council will provide a summary of the meeting to WDBC and ask interested parties to also respond directly to the planning officer for the development.

6. Emergency plan – A draft plan has been drawn up by the committee members, it was resolved that a simulated emergency is to be instigated to test and see how robust the plan is.
7. 25yr Commemorative V.E Day- plaque cost and inscription, It was resolved to purchase a granite stone with an inscription. Quote to be obtained by the clerk. Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Andrews, unanimous.
8. 75yr Commemoration of V.E. Day – It was resolved not to plant a tree however a new bench is to be purchased with a plaque, to be located at the Ramson Willis recreation ground. Clerk to obtain quotes. Cllr Mott kindly suggested that a Members Locality Community grant maybe available for this project.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 29th November, at Lewdown Victory Hall,
7.30pm

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Poppy appeal 2021

I would like to take a moment of your time to thank all of you for being so generous again this year. Your willingness to part with your hard earned money is quite magnificent. My thanks also to all the wonderful people who had collection boxes in their shops, pubs and cafes. Lastly to all the wonderful people who went house to house collecting, and being offered numerous cups of tea.

Together you have raised in the Lewdown, Stowford and Bratton Clovelly the grand total of £ 1759.39.

Many thanks again from Tim and Nicky Nash, your hon area organisers.

Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



2021

Wednesday December 8th - Xmas Special

Wednesday January 12th

Wednesday February 9th

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall

Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3



Followed by conversation & games



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St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Sunday 14th November saw our Act of Remembrance with Coryton. It was a very moving and reflective service, and thanks go to Richard Searight for conducting the service and for an excellent sermon. John Dawe was sadly missed as the standard bearer, a role he has fulfilled for 58 years; all our love and prayers go to him and Barbara.

It is lovely to have the Church back in full use, as we now turn from the reflection of Remembrance to getting prepared for our Christmas Coffee Morning next Saturday 20th November at 10am. There will be craft and gift stalls, the launch of our Christmas Hamper Draw and Christmas Oliver Twist Zoom evening, as well, of course, for the chance for a coffee and chat with friends. The books and jigsaws will also be available to browse.

After the 20th we will be checking the book lists and jigsaw catalogue to update the website. Do please let us know if we can help with any ideas for presents, we can arrange wrapping and postage if you are unable to get to us. An alternative to choosing a book would be to give a token for the Pot Luck Readers, a random book a month for a year.

Finally, we hope you are keeping the 11th of December clear in your diaries. From 6.30pm and on Zoom it is our Christmas Evening. This year we are performing a reading of Oliver Twist with songs from the musical by the Lifton Singers. The Zoom invitation is free, however we are raising funds for the Church and The Children's Society, so do please consider buying a lucky programme (£1) as this will give you the words to sing along with us; every programme has a unique number and on the night we will be drawing the lucky number to win a Christmas Cake. You can also treat yourself to our Nibble Bags to enjoy during the performance (details to order on the Webpage shortly), and don't forget to buy a raffle ticket for our Hamper Draw – we have five beautiful hampers: Christmas, Gardeners Delight, Pamper Hamper, Chocoholic Cheer, and a “Himper” (Hamper for Him!). In addition there will be a Just Giving page available.

Full details will be on our Marystowe webpage shortly but if you have any queries or want to purchase raffle tickets, programme, or order nibble bags do call me (Joy) 01822 860630.



CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11am

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Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

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Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

North Tamar Mission Community Sunday Service times for December 2021 and January 2022

For a full list of Christmas Services and events please see Christmas schedule

Any updates will be posted on the Benefice Website. north-tamar-churches.org.
At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Benefice

- 5th December** The Second Sunday of Advent
 8am Eucharist at Stowford
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly
- 12th December** The Third Sunday of Advent
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge
 Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
- 19th December** The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford
 Morning Prayer at Kelly

*For Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,
Please see Separate Notice*

- 26th December** The Feast of St. Stephen
 10am *BENEFICE EUCHARIST at Stowford*
- 2nd January 2022** The Feast of The Epiphany (*transferred*)
 10am *BENEFICE CELEBRATION EUCHARIST at*
 Broadwoodwidge
 3pm *CAROLS FOR THE NEW YEAR at Thrushelton*
- 9th January** The Baptism of our Lord
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge
 Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
- 16th January** The Second Sunday of Epiphany
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford
 Morning Prayer at Kelly

Everyone is welcome to everything, no matter which parish you live in.

Children are always welcome in church, and the events marked with @ are especially appropriate for them.

28 th November 2021	10am:	Advent Sunday	Advent Sunday Benefice Eucharist Followed by Lunch for all at the Rectory
4 th December 2021	1.30pm-4.30pm	Saturday	Lifton Christmas Fair at Lifton Community Centre
5 th December 2021	3pm – 5pm @	Advent 2	Family activity afternoon and Christingle service at St. Nicholas Broadwoodwidge
10 th December 2021	6pm	Friday	Parish Carol Singing @ at Upcot Barton
12 th December 2021	4pm	Advent 3	Lamerton Hunt Carol Service at St. John the Baptist, Stowford
16 th December 2021	5pm-8pm @	Thursday	Kelly Parish Family Christmas Party At Kelly Hall, Meadwell
19 th December 2021	6pm	Advent 4	Community Carol Service at St. Mary's Lifton
20 th December 2021	6.30pm	Monday	@ Lifton Scout Group Carol Service At St. Mary's Lifton
24 th December 2021	4pm	Christmas Eve	Family Crib Service at St Mary's Lifton
	6pm		Christingle Service @ at St. John the Baptist Stowford
	6pm		Nine Lessons and Carols At St. Nicholas, Broadwoodwidge
	8pm		Vigil First Eucharist of Christmas At St. Mary's Kelly
	11.45pm		First Eucharist of Christmas At St. Peter's Lewtrenchard

25th December 2021 Christmas Day	9.30am.	Eucharist for Christmas Morning at St. George's Thrushelton
	11am	Family Eucharist for Christmas Morning At St Mary's Lifton @
26th December 2021 St. Stephen Protomartyr	10am	Benefice Eucharist
2nd January 2022 Christmas 2/ Epiphany	10am	Benefice Eucharist for Epiphany At St. Nicholas Broadwoodwidge
	3pm	An Epiphany Carol Service <u>At St George's Thrushelton.</u>
30th January 2022 Epiphany 4	10am	Benefice Eucharist At St George's Thrushelton.
	4pm	Christingle service At St. Mary's Lifton
2nd February 2022 The Presentation/ Candlemas	7pm	Festival Eucharist for Candlemas at St. Mary's Kelly

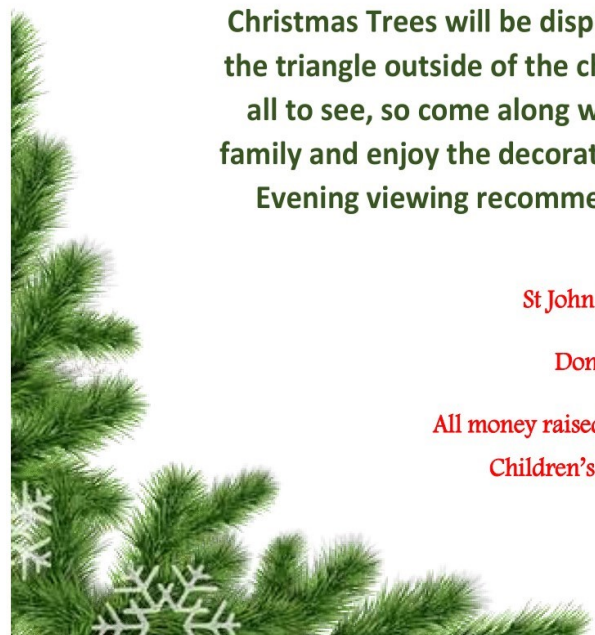
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Preachers for December at 11.00am unless stated	
5th	D Sutcliffe
12th	Bridestowe Worship Group
19th	Rev J Cook
26th	L A café church
 Jan 2022	
2nd	A Morgan
9th	B Searel
16th	Rev C Jackson US
23rd	V Brown
30th	U S at Cof E 9.30am



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Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

For the full minutes of the meeting please visit the website

No 702

1. Minutes of previous meeting 701 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Dunn
2. Finance- Payments were approved for – Peter van Delft – clerk salary £176.80, HMRC – PAYE for clerk £44.20, P. van Delft – Remembrance tree + stake £53.53, Tim Nash – Remembrance wreath £15.00, Visionict – Annual website hosting £150.00, A1 Electrical – New heating & lighting for the hall £2059.06 Proposed by Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Leroy St Louis
R.F.O. Reported that after payments and expected receipts a balance of £1922.50. Proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Dunn
Draft budget & precept 2022-23 - It was resolved to approve the budget. It was also resolved to approve a 3% increase in the precept for 2022 – 23. Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Lorna St Louis
3. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that highways may, subject to funding, undertake work of clearing along the kerb stones on the C822 from Sprytown to Lewdown, this would help improve the removal and free flow of surplus rainwater on the highway.
4. Refurbishment and repairs to the parish hall – The clerk reported that the new kitchen units, and the outdoor furniture has been delivered and the new door had been ordered.
5. 75year Remembrance Tree – Cllr Edmonds planted the Oak tree in grounds outside St John’s Church, Stowford, present were councillors and members of the parish. The plaque was kindly donated by Cllr Edmonds with the backing board made of oak donated by Cllr Kenyon and the supporting plaque stake made by Cllr Leroy St Louis.
6. Portgate Cross grit bin – Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Louis offered to improve access to the bin by clearing the undergrowth around the bin.

7. Safe guarding of the parish map, future protection & display- Cllr Dunn commented that he had thought that a grant was available for the safeguarding items such as a parish map, he will enquire further.
8. Recreation Ground & Parish Hall – The clerk reported that no correspondence has been received from Land Registry, however the Recreation Ground Trust had now met in September, this now paved the way clear for the process of registering the land also with land registry. Cllr Roberts has been appointed a trustee representing Stowford P.C on the board of trustees.
9. Meeting dates 2022 It was resolved to approve the meeting dates for 2022.
10. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – Discussion took place on what celebrations would take place. It was resolved to look at options including; lighting a beacon on the Stowford Recreation ground, possibly joining in with other councils/halls holding celebration parties. The chair elected to contact Cllrs Roberts, Hennessey, Law, and Kenyon to update them.
11. Correspondence – Cllr Leroy reported he had received correspondence from a Stowford parishioner that some mud from nearby fields had entered onto the parishioner’s property. With combined help from Cllr Edmonds and Devon Highways the problem has been resolved. Stowford Church will be holding another Christmas Tree festival in the triangle in front of the church, the council and members of the public plus local businesses are invited to exhibit a tree.
12. Facebook - Parish council page update – After much deliberation on the benefits and obstacles, the chair suggested two options could be open to the council. Option one, the council to manage its own page, this would have its own protocols and code of practise. Option two is to post information on the existing Stowford Noticeboard page, this would also need a combined agreement on the protocols and a code of conduct. The chair to provide detailed guidelines for both options at the next meeting. Cllr Dunn expressed his opposition to this form of social media debating why it was needed since the council had a website already to disseminate information.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Date time and place of next meeting - 11th January 2022 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

Peter van Delft, Stowford Parish Clerk, Portgate Chapel, Lewdown,
Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4PZ
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The group needed more volunteers to be able be more visible and active at educating drivers.

This will also help collate data that we can use to build the case to get Devon County Highways to put in measures to reduce speed though our growing village hopefully before someone is killed or seriously injured by the very poor driving and lack of respect for the residents of the village.

We badly need more active volunteers to ease the burden on the operators of the group and be active more often.

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Vehicles without MOT	2
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Letter sent 2	2
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Mon 3 Jan	Thur 6 Jan
Tues 4 Jan	Fri 7 Jan
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Fri 7 Jan	Tues 11 Jan
10 - 13 Jan	Two days late
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17 - 21 Jan	One day late
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Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ)

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Schedule 1 - Minimum biosecurity measures applying to all keepers

- Keep domestic ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources.
- Feed and water their birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds.
- Minimise movement into and out of bird enclosures.
- Cleanse and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy.
- Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas and fencing off wet or boggy areas.
- Keep free ranging birds within fenced areas, and ponds, watercourses and permanent standing water must be fenced off (except in specific circumstances, e.g., zoo birds).

Schedule 2 – Enhanced biosecurity measures for premises with over 500 poultry or other captive birds

Keepers with more than 500 birds will need to restrict access for non-essential people on their sites, workers will need to change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and site vehicles will need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly to limit the risk of the disease spreading.

Full details of what is required can be found on the government website: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1030990/aipz-declaration.pdf

To assist all bird keepers in complying with the new rules, the [biosecurity guidance and self-assessment checklists](#) have been updated and all the latest information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity>

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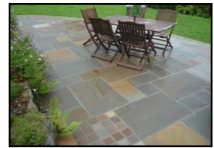
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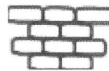
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