

- **Floral Displays**

The watering contractors have been working hard during the drought, keeping the planters hydrated. The trough at the Central car park is particularly challenging and may need less drainage to retain more moisture. A few ground cover plants died and have been replaced. (expenditure less than £10 and pre-approved/budgeted)

A larger water butt has been purchased for the Village Hall, installed for them by the PVMT who refitted the old, small water butt at The Oily as organised with the owner.
(Expenditure already approved)

Beds created by railings at St. Dubricius Church have been weeded and tidied by me, and I replanted the hanging baskets at St. Dubricius Church with the permission of the Church. (expenditure pre-approved/budgeted)

Wooden planters at St. Dubricius School entrance still need planting up. LT/SMc to liaise with school.
Estimated cost less than £50.

- **Signage**

for OSC/Parish Room

The noticeboard on the wall of the Parish Room (aka the Library noticeboard) may be able to be reused as the key has been found. Unfortunately, the lock is jammed. Cllrs D & L Thornton to resolve.

- **Flood prevention**

PPC have requested the gully at the Central car park by Hope Cottage, under the footpath be cleared to prevent future flooding.

- **Exmoor Coaster Bus**

It is felt by many traders that the Coaster is not bringing visitors to Porlock and possibly taking them away. Plus, there are problems when these rather large buses travel through Porlock especially if they meet another Coaster going in the opposite direction, or another large vehicle.

The Coaster bus is, however, very popular with visitors.

Previously, people bought a 'day ticket' for £10 and could get on and off as much as they wanted. This year, each journey is being charged at £2. So, if you get off in Porlock on your way from Minehead to Lynmouth, say, you have to pay again when you continue your journey. Whilst this is still cheaper than the previous day ticket, this may psychologically be a disincentive to alighting in Porlock. Ideally, a system which allowed people to get off, spend a couple of hours in Porlock and get back on to continue their journey on the next Coaster coming along without having to consider the cost of doing this would be of benefit to Porlock. In conjunction with this, the promotion of what a stop off in Porlock would provide visitors would be great.

Consultation with Somerset Council should be sought in conjunction with the Visitor Centre who are best placed to promote tourism in Porlock to support businesses and the High Street in general.

- **Car parks and bus/coach parking**

The cost of Doverhay short stay (max 2hrs) is £1.20/hr and this is due to be increased by Somerset Council. Parking schemes to support Porlock businesses and the High Street in general should be sought offering free parking periods (first hour or two, say).

As a popular walking hub, longer stays are often required.

Doverhay has an advertised bus/coach stop. Tour companies could be encouraged to stop here for free to allow visitors some time to explore Porlock High Street. To be promoted by Porlock Visitor Centre.