

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

This interim newsletter contains three items that cannot wait until next month's newsletter. Please don't forget to send in your notices and advertise your events in this free newsletter. And please tell your friends about it or forward a copy to them. They can request a copy on the village website using the link above.

National Award Winner in East Boldre



16-year-old Archie Kitcher of East Boldre has been crowned the winner of the Young Person Award kindly sponsored by Bestway Wholesale at the 2025 Rural Community Business Awards, hosted by Plunkett UK. Individuals from across the UK put forward their community business and individual champions for the nine categories in this year's awards. Winners were announced at an awards ceremony held at the Royal Society of Chemistry in London on Thursday 3 July, sponsored by Lands Improvement. The large number of votes his nomination received from local residents helped Archie secure this award.

Archie has volunteered at Chapel Stores since May 2023 when he joined a team of 60 local volunteers who helped to strip out East Boldre's Baptist chapel ahead of building works to convert it into Chapel Stores. He was one of the first volunteers to sign up at the shop ahead of its opening and has helped with cleaning, date checking and food preparation, having gained the relevant food safety qualification. He has also helped the National Lottery funded Chapel Story heritage project by cleaning

gravestones and presenting the project's findings to the local community. Last December Archie single handedly conceived and organised East Boldre's first ever Christmas show. This craft and baking competition saw entries from across the community and raised over £1000 for Oakhaven Hospice.

Archie commented, "I was surprised when Rebecca Gabzdyl, a founder of Chapel Stores, told me she had nominated me for the Young Person award and even more surprised to win! I started volunteering with the team there as part of my Duke of Edinburgh award. It is great our community run village shop provides volunteering opportunities for local young people right on their doorstep."

Mike Hawker, chairman of Chapel Stores commented, "Well done Archie, we are very proud to have you as a valued member of our team of volunteers and you are a role model to other local young people. We hope your success encourages more young volunteers to join our brilliant team."

Sarah Benn, Membership Manager at Plunkett UK, says, "It has been a great joy to recognise and celebrate all of the finalists at this Rural Community Business Awards. Each one is truly dedicated to making a difference in their community and having a considerable impact on the lives of local people in a variety of different ways. Well done to all of this year's winners - their award is very much deserved!"

Plunkett UK is a national charity which supports people in rural areas to set up and run a wide range of businesses in community ownership. It does this to achieve its UK-wide vision for resilient, thriving and inclusive rural communities. There are more than 800 community-owned businesses across the UK, including shops and pubs, and each one is democratically owned by community members. For more information about the Awards go to <https://plunkett.co.uk/rural-community-business-awards> .

Jack Gabzdyl
Communications – East Boldre Community Stores

East Boldre Parish Council

Vacancy For Clerk/RFO

We have a vacancy for a Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO), ideally suited to someone with a helpful, supportive personality; an interest in the local community; and excellent communication skills.

Applications are invited from suitably experienced candidates who are highly organised and can work independently and flexibly. You should be available to travel to East Boldre to attend the monthly evening meetings and other matters by own means of transport.

The successful candidate will primarily work from home. Salary is based on 13 hours per week at £14.13 per hour (up to £27,269 pro rata per annum, SCP 11) plus working from home allowance and travel expenses.

East Boldre Parish Council is committed to equality of opportunity and actively welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

For more information contact: clerk@eastboldre-pc.gov.uk.

To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to the Parish Clerk at clerk@eastboldre-pc.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications – 31st July 2025

Private Sculpture Evening at Beaulieu in aid of the Countryside Education Trust

Thursday 10th July 2025

18.30 - 20.30



Tickets - £25 per adult and £7.50 per child

Entry includes a glass of wine, canapes, the Sculpture Exhibition and entry to Palace House.

Purchase tickets here -

<https://www.cet.org.uk/events/private-sculptureevening-at-beaulieu/>

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