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# Ludwell Life

The logo for 'Ludwell Life' is presented in a green, hand-drawn font. The word 'Ludwell' is on the top line, and 'Life' is on the bottom line. A blue kite is positioned above the 'u' in 'Ludwell', and a white volleyball is above the 'e'. Three flowers in red, yellow, and purple are scattered around the word 'Life'.

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Ludwell Valley Park



## February 2022 Newsletter

The days are getting longer, the Valley is coming to life again, and quite a lot is going on, a bit of a mixture: planting the Ludwell Life Oak and receiving our DWT volunteer award; more trees in the Community Orchard; problems with litter; a planning application; and an idea for a new feature, 'Why I Love Ludwell'.  
Read on!

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### Ludwell Life Oak

As you can see from the main photo above and the photos below, some of our Friends joined us on Saturday morning to plant the Ludwell Life Oak on Burrige's Hill. Our hope is that this tree, a native English oak, will be there for us and for future generations to enjoy as it grows and spreads. Devon Wildlife Trust's Anya Oliver and Chris Moulton were there, to guide us through the planting, present us with our DWT Volunteers Award (which you may remember, we reported in our December newsletter) - and provide refreshments!



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## Community Orchard

We had a happy morning a couple of weeks ago, planting three more fruit trees in the orchard, two Ponsford apple trees (a 19th century Devon culinary variety) and one Beurre Hardy pear tree. It was a bit special, the first new trees we've been able to plant for two years due to the pandemic, but what made it really special and quite frankly, joyous, is that each tree was donated and planted to celebrate a new life: Helen and Brian Moore's granddaughter Ursula; Anne-Marie and Matthew MacManus's daughter (and Debbie's grand-daughter) May; and the Smith's son, Matthieu (donated by their family friend Lynn). They all have a certificate to mark this, and it will be recorded our website.





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## Problems with Litter

We hesitate to mention this - people who read this newsletter love Ludwell and look after it, but others, sadly, don't. There is regularly litter around - not as much as in many other places, but we don't want any! We know a lot of you take on the rather unpleasant task of picking up litter as you walk in the Valley, which is very much appreciated by everybody.

But, as the photos show, we are increasingly seeing bags of dog poo thrown up into the hedges, sometimes so high they can't be reached even with our 8 foot picker. What can we do? Encourage others to be more responsible if we see them doing this or littering generally? (Without risking a punch in the face, that is!) What do you think?





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## A Planning Application

As most people will know, Exeter Golf and Country Club have put in an application to create a golf driving range/academy in the field behind 'In Focus' (the blind school). Although not in the area managed by DWT, this field is still part of the designated

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Valley Park, so you may want to have a look at what is involved. We understand DWT have objected to the plans as they do not consider sufficient evidence has been provided and it does not meet the policy set out in the Exeter Core Strategy.

You can view the application - reference **21/1676/FUL** and submit any comments (by 5pm on 27th February) to: <https://publicaccess.exeter.gov.uk/online-applications/> or e-mail [david.green@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:david.green@exeter.gov.uk)

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## Why I Love Ludwell

To end on a happier and much more upbeat note, we would love to hear your stories on “Why I love Ludwell”. Throughout 2022, we would like to share your stories through our newsletter and Facebook page. It’s been a tough couple of years and we want to celebrate how Ludwell Valley Park has helped us through. If you would like to share your story and write us a little piece, please contact us on [ludwelllife@gmail.com](mailto:ludwelllife@gmail.com).

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