



Ashburton Town Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting
held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 7.30pm
(or on the rising of the Planning Committee meeting)
in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall

Present: Cllrs. Coles, Distin, Giles, Nutley and Wood.

In attendance: The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan and four members of the public.

Cllr. Distin opened the meeting at 7.36pm and welcomed those present.

009.26GP Apologies.

The Deputy Clerk noted that apologies had been received from Cllrs. Bovey and Turner due to illness. Cllr. Distin proposed to accept these apologies; seconded by Cllr. Wood. All in favour.

010.26GP Declarations of interest.

There were none received.

011.26GP Public comments/statements.

There were none.

012.26GP To agree the minutes of the previous meeting of 28th January 2026.

Bike racks – Glendinning will provide cement and aggregate to mix and fit the racks, but Cllr. Distin proposed it may be more straightforward to seek a skilled volunteer or hire a professional, seconded by Cllr. Wood. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk's office to seek volunteers or obtain quotes to fit the bike racks.

013.26GP To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.

The Chair of the steering group, Barbara Dunball introduced Graham Rogers. He reminded Councillors that the Plan covers an area over two planning authorities – Dartmoor National Park Authority and Teignbridge District Council. He presented many justification reports including: Local Green Spaces 2026, Local Heritage Assets, Statement of community consultation and Around Ashburton articles.

The Chair, Barbara Dunball, noted that the residents of Amberley Close have approached her raising concerns that the green area is currently owned by Teignbridge District Council and they do not want to lose it to development; they would like to safeguard the land via the NHP. ATC may not be in a position to accept ownership of the land during the asset transfer process, Councillors suggested that a residents' association would be a better group to take the land on but they would support its inclusion in the NHP.

Cllr. Wood noted that the Doctors surgery have expressed an interest to be included in the Plan and will be in touch with the Clerk in due course.

014.26GP To notify the public of upcoming Highways Road Closures.

(Appendix 1) TTRO2667415 – North Street-Rew Road, Ashburton, 6/4 – 10/5

(Appendix 2) TTRO2667573 – Horsehill to Summerhill Cross, Knowle/Ashburton, 6/4 – 1/5
(Appendix 3) TTRO2668223 – Rew Road, Ashburton, 23/4 only

015.26GP Matters raised by Councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

Cllr. Distin noted that he will shortly be attending a meeting at Glendinning to discuss the piece of land previously offered to the town for allotments. This was delayed due to the discovery of Japanese Knotweed. Cllr. Coles requested to also attend this meeting.

Cllr. Distin thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.22

..... Date:
Chair

ACTIONS FROM GP MEETING – 25th March 2026

012.26GP To agree the minutes of the previous meeting of 28th January 2026.

ACTION: Clerk’s office to seek volunteers or obtain quotes to fit the bike racks.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (NORTH STREET-REW ROAD,
ASHBURTON) NOTICE 2026

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give NOTICE that:

From **MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026**
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2026** (both dates inclusive)

Between the hours of **08:00** and **18:00**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -
NORTH STREET-REW ROAD, ASHBURTON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - EAST STREET, ROBOROUGH
LANE, ROAD FROM LONGSTONE CROSS TO TERRACE WALK, ROAD FROM
BROADPARK TO LONGSTONE CROSS, BROAD PARK & VICE VERSA

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
CABLING WORK

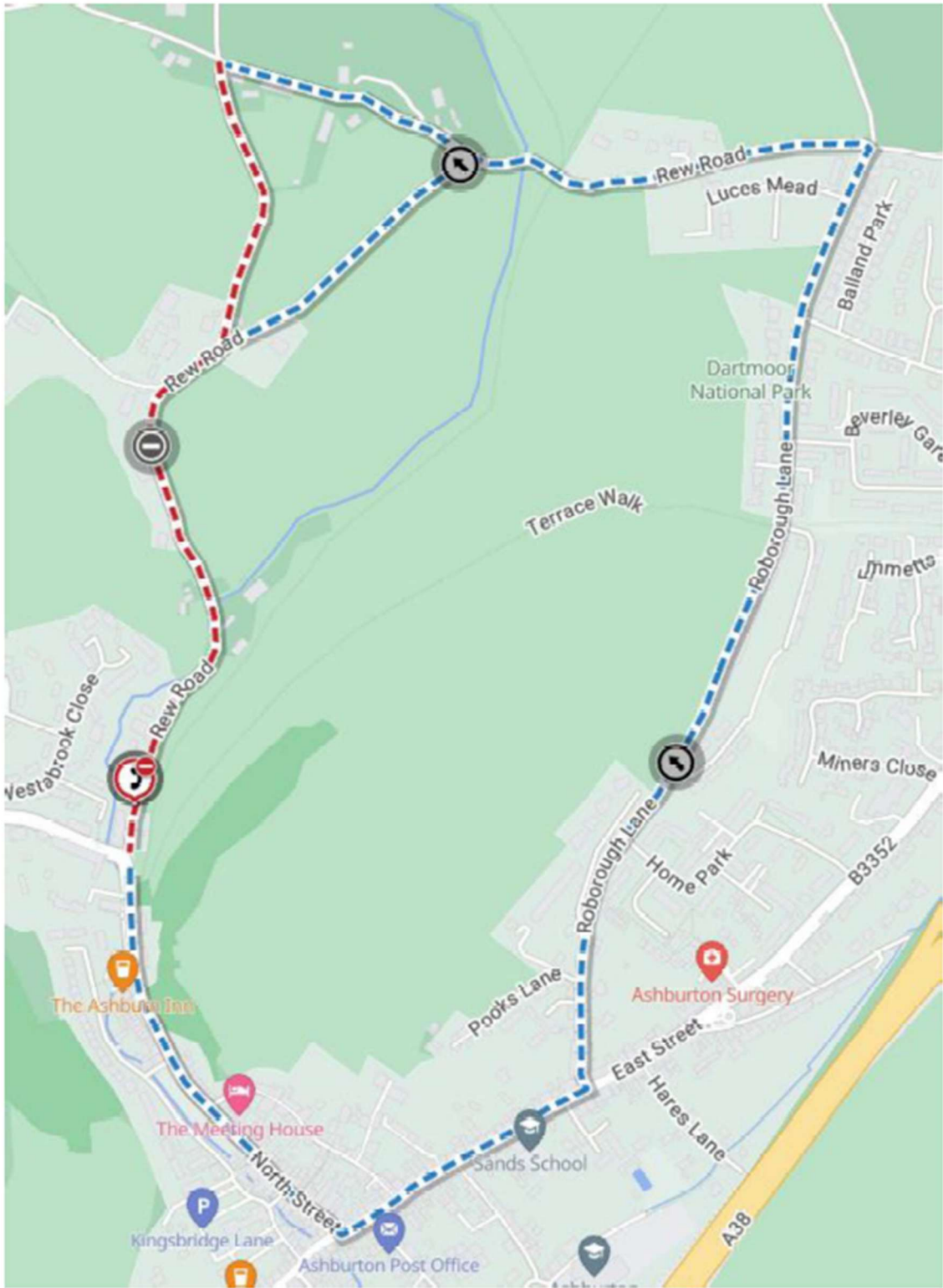
For additional information contact:
SUNBELT RENTALS
Telephone: **03700 500792**

Dated: MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026

Meg Booth
Director of Climate Change, Environment and
Transport
Devon Highways
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Ref: TTRO2667415





ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (ROAD FROM HORSEHILL TO
SUMMERHILL CROSS, KNOWLE/ASHBURTON) ORDER 2026

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -

ROAD FROM HORSEHILL TO SUMMERHILL CROSS, KNOWLE/ASHBURTON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - ROAD TO POUNDSGATE, NEW BRIDGE, NEWBRIDGE HILL, ROAD TO LEUSDON, ROAD TO PONSWORTHY, ROAD STRAIGHT PAST COCKINGFORD CAMPSITE TURNING, ROAD TO COLD EAST CROSS ROADS, ROAD TO ASHBURTON, HEADBOROUGH ROAD, B3352, WESTERN ROAD & VICE VERSA.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

WORKS REQUIRED FOR DAMAGED 150 YEAR OLD STONE BUILDING IMPACTED BY VEHICLE .

For additional information contact:

SOUTH COAST TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

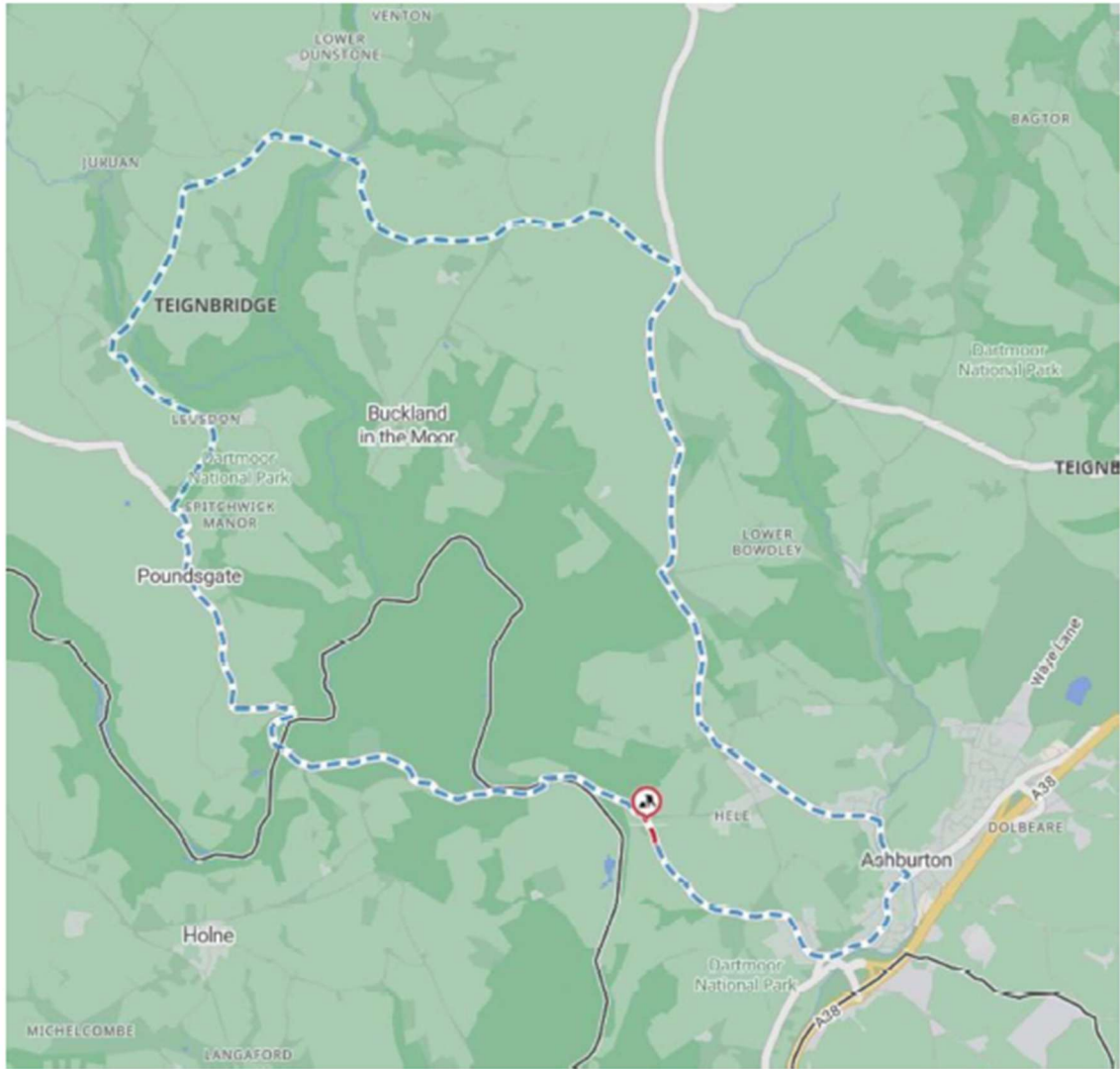
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Dated: MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (23-04-2026, ASHBURTON)
NOTICE 2026

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give NOTICE that:

On **THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026**
for a maximum of 5 days

Anticipated Finish **THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026**

Between the hours of **08:00** and **18:00**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -
23-04-2026, ASHBURTON

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - REW ROAD, NORTH STREET,
EAST STREET, EASTERN ROAD, BALLAND LANE, PLACE LANE & VICE VERSA

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
INSTALL POLE IN VERGE

For additional information contact:
BARR ENGINEERING SERVICES
Telephone: **07787 865902**

Dated: THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026

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Ref: TTRO2668223



