

**Brendon Parish Council**  
**County Councillors report**  
**August 2024**

**Winter Woes**

At the time of writing, it is a warm August day but all too soon we will be back in the colder months. With the announcement that pensioners will not be receiving a winter fuel allowance this year I am concerned that there will be more people worried about turning on the heating in the area, especially as a lot of us have no access to gas. In addition, the energy price cap is as is reported likely to rise, adding to the concern.

To check if you are eligible for pension credit, below is the link to the Pension credit claim form; [gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim](https://gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim);

Alternatively, it is also worth looking at the Rural Devon Citizens advice webpages or calling them on the number below.

North Devon Citizens advice; [www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

Telephone; 08082 787999

**Mobile Boost Scheme**

The Mobile Boost scheme has been hugely popular and it's extremely rewarding to hear from people that it's made such a difference to their business or their daily lives. People in some rural areas continue to struggle with their mobile signal and I know there are many in Combe Martin rural area. There is new funding support will enable more people to benefit from improved connectivity,

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/better-connection/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme-guide/>

The latest round of the scheme will continue to enable businesses and residents in Somerset, Devon, Torbay and Plymouth to apply for a voucher of up to £1,300 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a number of registered suppliers. Applicants have to pay towards the cost of installation themselves.

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