

A report on Meadow Cottage Frogmore Rd E/B.

I was told that diggers were working at Meadow Cottage on Wed June 26 I couldn't visit until Thursday 27 June at 3.30 I was very shocked to see the state of Meadow Cottage not a blade of grass or ivy on the wall, but cladding had also been pulled off the wall of the cottage. Planning had been put into E.D.D.C. in 2023 and withdrawn in Sept 2023. E.D.D.C. needed a Ecology report on the lesser horseshoe bats which are rare, which East Budleigh Wildlife group picked up in 2022 and 2023., also a reptiles report on the site. Because no planning had been re-applied for and this work was taking place we called the Police Ref Num for this was DCP 202406270649 the police did say it would be handed over to a Police Wildlife Officer because of the danger to the bats on site :

Because of a lope in planning laws they are allowed to carry on working on the site.

The owner of Meadow Cottage has got Orbis Ecology to carry out a report on the bats and reptiles, they started with a site visit in May before any of the land had been cleared they were very shocked with what has taken place, the second visit was on the 2 July evening the last one will be on July 23 to monitor, a monitor will also be left overnight to pick up bats that are out late and are also out in the early hours which happens with the rare bats, I believe they will put in the report about how everything was cleared before a report on the wildlife at the cottage.

I did update our clerk and our chairman, on what had taken place.

Clk. Mrs Kathy Moyle B.E.M.

Wed 10 July.