

District Councillors' Report to UPC (Cllr Victor Abbott and Cllr Alison Dewynter)
13 Dec 2023

Feedback on Issues Raised by the PC for action by District Councillors:

A. Spilled paint in Ugborough Square

Localities have visited the square and do not feel that the paint requires a team to clean it up.

News from South Hams DC of note to Ugborough PC:

1. Council tax single person occupancy discount review

The Council (via a company called Liberata) is running a review of those residents claiming the 25% single occupancy discount, which is available to those who are the sole adult occupant of the property. It is expected that most people will retain the discount.

2. Thermal cameras for hire

The Council have 4 thermal cameras for use by town and parish councils, or local communities. Cameras can be borrowed for free for up to 2 weeks to survey homes.

To borrow click [here](#)

3. Free Skills Training for Residents

There are skills Bootcamps offering flexible training in a range of sectors for those aged 19+ and living in Devon.

Find out more [here](#)

4. Police Commissioners Policing Priorities Survey

The police and crime commissioner for Devon and Cornwall is asking residents to take 5 minutes to influence the future of policing in the two counties.

The survey can be completed online via the website of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall or at <http://dcpcc.commonplace.is>, in person at engagement events, or over the phone by calling 01392 225555.

5. New Planning Software at the Council

As part of the council's Planning Improvement Plan, they have gone live with their new planning software called MasterGov.

6. Support with Energy Bills

Lower income households could benefit from free energy efficiency upgrades to their homes this winter with the support of the council. The Homes Upgrade Grant is available to homeowners with an annual income of less than £31K, who have heating that isn't mains gas and an EPC rating of D,E,F or G.

Residents can apply online at this link: [apply online](#).

7. 20 minute YouTube Channel film about healthy relationship for parents and carers of teenagers

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership have recorded a 20 minute 'Let's Talk' about Healthy Relationships for parents and carers of teenagers. This is hosted on our YouTube channel – [Lets Talk Devon](#).

The session provides parents and carers with tips and techniques to support their teenagers in developing healthy relationships and recognising unhealthy ones.

8. A Reminder about Waste Enquiries

For all general waste enquiries please email Waste@swdevon.gov.uk or go to www.southhams.gov.uk/recyclingwaste and select 'contact the waste team'

- Please direct any missed collections to www.waste.southhams.gov.uk/misshedcollection
- For full dog/litter bins or street cleaning (comes under litter header) requests through our report it page - www.southhams.gov.uk/report selecting the subject you require