

**SHDC Report to Ugborough Parish Council,
11th February – 12th March 2023**

Waste Disposal and Recycling

Have the Garden Waste collections started successfully or are they next week for you? Where operating already, there were 4,700 subscriptions with 22 missed collections reported by the public. There are 11,276 subscriptions altogether.

Residents can check their garden waste collection day by visiting www.southhams.gov.uk/findmycollectionday

Owners with private vans using the Recycling Centre need a permit. The permits are free.

Wild About Devon Grants

Grants of up to £500 are available for Devon community wildlife projects. The scheme is open for new applications, having been extended following from a successful first round. The aim is to provide an easy way for community groups to access small amounts of funding to start a wildlife group or carry out activities that promote wildlife. Funds can be used for advice, equipment and other resources.

The coming elections

The pre-election period runs from Thursday 23 March 2023 to Thursday 4 May 2023 inclusive, constraining comment and funding distribution from the District Council.

Photo ID is now required when voting at polling stations. If residents don't have photo ID they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, which is a free voter ID document. Residents can make an appointment with SHDC to receive help in making an application. Tel: 01803 861434 You will need your national insurance number and date of birth.

Postal Voters do not require Photo ID and you can make a free application to the District Council for a Postal Vote.

There is

- ✓ a briefing on, "Becoming a Councillor", on Thursday 16th March, 6.30 pm to 8 pm at Follaton House, and
- ✓ a briefing for Candidates and Agents on 13th April, 6.30 pm to 8 pm at Follaton House
- Register to vote by 11:59pm on Monday 17 April
- Apply for a postal vote by 5pm on Tuesday 18 April
- Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by Tuesday 25 April

Election Packs, which contain Nomination papers are now available.

Tom Holway and Victor Abbott