

## SHDC Report to Ugborough Parish Council

9/8/24 (update since 17/7/24)

SHDC's leisure centre provider, Fusion are offering support for children in care or care leavers. Those eligible and interested can follow up through Clare Bill at [clare.bill@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:clare.bill@fusion-lifestyle.com)

There is a scam linked to the Household Support Fund. The Household Support Fund is a fixed amount of money given with no expectation to be paid back. They are used to support households in the most need with food, energy, water bills or similar expenses.

These are not loans. If anyone has any doubt at all, they can contact our Benefits Team to check at [benefits@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@swdevon.gov.uk).

SHDC are supporting local businesses and helping them to become more energy efficient through a decarbonisation scheme with a specialist business consultancy, being run by Libraries Unlimited. Those who take part can also apply for Rural England Prosperity Fund decarbonisation grants, which could help to pay for implementing one or more of the measures highlighted in their decarbonisation plans. Please help signpost local businesses to more information. They can sign up for the project by registering an interest online at <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/decarbonisation-plans/>

SHDC passed a motion including these first three from the complete ten separate points:

- calls the government to recognise the guiding principle in all policy that clean water is a right and not a commodity;
- calls on the government to ban all bonuses and company dividend payments until such time as the Environment Agency's Environmental Performance Assessment (EPA) metric is "good" (4 stars);
- calls on the government to limit the time to no more than five years to reach an EPA of 4 stars after which it would take the company into "special measures" with a view to the possible creation of a public benefit company or re-nationalisation.

Feeding into recent news on the safety of women, research shows:

- 80% of women in the UK have reported experiencing harassment in public spaces
- 75% of UK harassment victims said no one helped
- 93% of UK women and 90% of UK men believe there is lack of training on how to intervene
- 86% of UK witnesses who have intervened reported that their action improved the situation

- 86% of UK respondents say they did not intervene because they do not know what to do

There are training sessions on bystanders helping others with harassment through the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

There are ongoing conversations on Active Travel, where the Bittaford/ Ivybridge route is mentioned. Victor normally attends the Ivybridge Rail Users Group where the station and its facilities are addressed by Graham Wilson. The Link Member on the Dartmoor National Park, Guy Pannell, advises Councillors of current issues. Formal meetings at the District Council included Site Visits and the business of the Development Management Committee, Licensing, and the Executive.

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