

District Councillors' Report to UPC (Cllr Victor Abbott and Cllr Alison Dewynter) September 2024

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

A. Nothing to report other than responses sent in the intervening month.

News from South Hams DC of note to Ugborough PC:

1. Please share - Polling Station Consultation

SHDC need residents to tell them what they think about current polling stations.

Are local polling stations convenient?

Can they be reached easily walking, by car or public transport?

Could there be a better location?

Is there somewhere more accessible for those with disabilities?

SHDC would like to hear ideas and thoughts by 5 p.m. on Monday 7 October.

More at www.southhams.gov.uk/statutory-review-polling-districts-and-places

2. Gambling consultation

Please see the message below from Karen Proctor, Principal Environmental Health Officer at SHDC:

"The Council is required to review its gambling policy, known as the 'Statement of Principles', every three years. The policy sets out the principles South Hams District Council will apply under the Gambling Act 2005 when dealing with applications, enforcing legislation and making decisions.

This is the Council's sixth Statement of Principles since the introduction of the Act in 2007 and, once approved, the updated policy will be in effect from 31 January 2025 to 30 January 2028.

The main proposed changes include new sections on 'safer gambling and social responsibility' and 'gaming in alcohol licensed premises', as well as further information on our expectations in relation to gaming machines and small society lotteries.

We would welcome any comments you wish to make about the draft policy during our public consultation.

[Click here](#) to visit our consultation page.

[Click here](#) to read our gambling policy.

Any responses to the consultation must be received by Sunday 13 October 2024 at the latest."



4. South Hams Festival

More information will be sent soon from the organisers of the SH Festival regarding the event and funding.

5. Funding sources for cricket clubs

Cricket clubs can apply for between £1,000 and £10,000 for:

Creating welcoming environments – open to affiliated cricket clubs registered for All Stars or Dynamos, or actively involved with women's and girls' cricket and/or disability cricket.

Enhanced facilities and playing opportunities for women's and girls' cricket and/or disability cricket – open to affiliated cricket clubs actively engaged in competitive female only cricket
Tackling climate change – open to any affiliated cricket clubs

Clubs can apply for funding to improve access to good quality, safe playing facilities for targeted groups. The priority groups are: Women's and girls' cricket; cricket in diverse communities; Disability cricket; and low socio-economic groups

For investment in three main areas:

- improving the quality of squares and outfielders (for grass pitches rated 'unsuitable' or 'basic' to improve to at least 'good')
- creating sustainable management of sites (through irrigation and machinery improvements)
- installing hybrid pitches to increase playing capacity

Applications will be accepted from cricket clubs and other organisations affiliated to the ECB via their local CCB or CF. You will need to arrange for a County Pitch Adviser to conduct a site visit to assess the current Performance Quality Standard of the pitch: only organisations that receive ratings of 'unsuitable' or 'basic' will be able to apply for GPIF funding.

Grant amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Focus of fund/fund aims:

Funding for ECB affiliated cricket clubs

Application deadline:

Refer to the website for details

Fund description:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding>

6. Citizen's Advice South Hams are appealing for new board members

If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying to become a board member, please email recruitment@southhamscab.org.uk for more information.

7. Grants for charities and organisations that help to make transport accessible for disabled people

Motability provides grants to charities to support the transport needs of people with disabilities.

There are six different grants schemes with grants are up to £4m.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/motability-grants-to-charities-organisations/>

8. Funding opportunity to support drop-in hubs that offer mental health support to young people aged 11-25

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/prudence-trust-early-support-hubs/>

9. Grants for projects that improve understanding of dementia

Alzheimer's Research UK is offering grants up to £5,000 for innovative projects that engage and empower the public by improving understanding of dementia and sharing the benefits of dementia research.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/fundingnews/fund/alzheimers-research-uk-inspire-fund/>

10. Hidden homelessness survey

Citizens Advice is conducting a major research project with the University of Plymouth into the issue of hidden homelessness in the South Hams, Plymouth and SE Cornwall.

They want to hear from people who are sofa surfing, living in overcrowded accommodation, living with someone where the relationship has broken down but neither side can afford to move out or adult children living with parents where this is causing a problem such as straining relationships, financial issues or unsuitable living arrangements.

The survey will help inform the research to be published later this year and shared with local and national policymakers, other charities and interested community organisations.

[Anyone can visit this website to find out more and take part.](#)

11. Help shape adult education in the district

The SHDC communications team are working with [Learn Devon](#) to better understand how local residents can engage with adult education.

Learn Devon is Devon County Council's adult education provider and delivers courses and qualifications across Devon, both online and in-person.

To help ensure that relevant courses and opportunities are available, please complete their [short survey](#) and encourage others to take part.