

## SHDC Report to Ugborough Parish Council

11<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October

From the September Parish Council itself:

On the noise nuisance resulting from dog control, residents have had significant dealings with SHDC Environmental Health but, as clear last month, remain dissatisfied.

Nevertheless, although statutory nuisance can be dealt with by the Council, the Council has determined it is unable to take action. Thus, the remaining route may be to take a private action in the Magistrates Court under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act.

This link – to another Council’s website – provides more detailed information; <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/208/taking-your-own-action-against-neighbour-nuisance>

On the placement and return of recycling and waste collection bins, Cllr Dewynter is in an ongoing conversation with Cllr Holway and with SHDC Recycling and Waste Collection Service.

## Consultations

There are just two days left to contribute to the cycling and walking consultation, online at: <https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/>

The copper line telephone connections are being replaced by digital technology and BT will visit Ivybridge on the 19<sup>th</sup> November (10am-1pm) with more information at <https://www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice>

There’s a “Let’s Talk” campaign to support Dads and Male Carers.

There’s another scam currently doing the rounds - about a Parking Fine notice arriving by text. This will not originate with SHDC.

There was a District-wide Dementia Forum at Follaton House. Driven by the Council’s declaration to become Dementia Friendly and by the sterling efforts of the Chair of the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance, the forum included established and new representatives from as far as Buckland Tout Saints. There will be three more meetings in 2025 and plans are progressing to promote action plans for villages and towns.

SHDC and South Dartmoor Community Energy are working on insulation solutions for poorly performing energy rated properties in the South Hams. Residents could

save on their energy use and bills with a free energy efficiency upgrade to their property if they:

- Own their home
- Have heating that isn't mains gas
- Have an energy EPC rating of D, E, F, G
- Have a total household income of less than £36,000 per year

Please encourage your eligible residents to find out more and apply at [southhams.gov.uk/hug2](https://southhams.gov.uk/hug2)

As part of the preparation for the introduction of a 100% Council Tax Second Homes Premium from 1 April 2025, letters will be sent to all properties where our records indicate the property is a second home. A short online form enables the owner to confirm the property remains a second home.

Cllrs Alison Dewynter and Victor Abbott