

South Hams District Council Report to Ugborough Parish Council, 12th March 2025

Parking across the District.

Residents are encouraged only to download the PayByPhone App at:

- The App Store - <https://apple.co/49Tv3WF>
- On Google Play - <https://bit.ly/4gRErg1>

The danger has always been downloading from QR codes or from unofficial websites.

Parking in Ivybridge

The charges are:

Ivybridge	Tariff									Residents Discount Tariff							
	1/2 hour	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	all day	24 hour	overnight	Motorhome	1/2 hour	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	all day	24 hours	overnight
Glanvilles Mill car park		£1.50	£2.50								£1.00	£2.00					
Harford Road car park		£1.50	£2.50	£3.50							£1.00	£2.00	£3.00				
Leonards Road car park		£1.50	£2.50	£3.50	£4.50	£7.50			£15.00		£1.00	£2.00	£3.00	£4.00	£6.50		

Charges in other towns in the District are available through

https://www.southhams.gov.uk/parking/residents-discount-parking-scheme/locations-and-prices#lgd-guides__title

Apprenticeships

We're developing future talent by investing in 9 apprenticeship positions, including an electrician, a planning officer and Life on The Edge apprentices. We're also helping 5 of our staff gain more qualifications through the apprenticeship levy.

Details of our next apprenticeship opportunities will soon be available on our website and social media channels and we'll be on the lookout for our next three Business Admin apprentices.

Help for residents with damp and mould

Landlords of both social and private rental properties have a responsibility to make sure their properties are safe, habitable, and free from significant hazards. However, we are aware that not all damp and mould issues are being dealt with by some landlords.

SHDC have a useful leaflet where residents can find help and information on what to do.

Messages for residents:

There are some simple things you can do to reduce or solve damp and mould problems. Information can be found at: www.southhams.gov.uk/rental-housing-standards

Report any disrepair to your landlord in the first instance.

If that is not possible or you are still having problems then you can report your housing issue online at www.southhams.gov.uk/report-disrepair or complete the paper part of the leaflet and return it to the Council.

Have the confidence to speak up and raise concerns without the fear of losing your home.

Plans are underway to further engage with our housing community, such as letting agents, landlords, housing providers and residents, to help tackle damp and mould issues and improve the quality of homes across the District.

Avian Flu - latest update

On 19 February, Avian Flu was confirmed in commercial poultry at a premises in Teignmouth. A 3km protection zone and a 10km surveillance zone have been declared around the premises. In the Southwest we currently have confirmed cases in Bodmin, Braunton and Teignmouth.

Advice to residents

- Do not touch any sick or dead birds
- If walking dogs, keep them away from infected birds.
- Report dead birds on the [gov.uk website](http://gov.uk) or by calling 03459 33 55 77.

South Hams and Dementia Awareness

The next meeting of the South Hams **Dementia Awareness Forum** is on Wednesday 16 April, held in the Chamber at Follaton House. We intend to run a hybridised meeting, allowing those who cannot attend in person the opportunity to attend online.

Partners such as Town and Parish Councils and some caring organisations will receive joining instructions automatically, but if you know of any group in your community that might appreciate participating please ask them to email CommunityEngagementandEvents@swdevon.gov.uk

Thank you to Colin for being the Council's representative to the SHDC Dementia Forum.

Devolution and local government reorganisation

There is a statement at

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/news/2025/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation-joint-statement>

Village Halls Week ...

... runs from 17 March to 23 March and is an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of those who keep their local community buildings open. For more information including an events map

<https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/courses/village-halls-week-2025>

Investing in council homes

The Executive Committee has agreed to purchase the three remaining properties at Holywell Meadow in St Ann's Chapel, Bigbury as part of our drive to tackle the affordable housing crisis. Originally planned for the open market, the three 3-bedroom homes will now be available for rent, supporting our drive to help local people who have a housing need.

We have ringfenced £300,000 of second home council tax income to help fund projects such as these.

Hope Wood

After the recent success of Hope Wood in South Brent where 8,000 trees have already been planted, we are making significant progress towards our goal of planting a tree for every South Hams' resident by mid-2027.

Bottle bank closures

The bank is being removed from Ugborough, Hill Head Cross

Dads and male carers

Our partners, Safer Devon and South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership, have launched a new series of free Let's Talk online sessions aimed at dads and male carers.

We all know parenting can be difficult at times, and dads and male carers can often find it even harder to support their children as advice and help is frequently tailored towards mothers and female carers.

If you are dad or male carer help is at hand with a series of short online free sessions this month. The 20-minute sessions will provide tips and techniques on key safeguarding issues to help young people navigate some of the challenges they face and to allow men to feel more confident in their parenting.

Ivybridge Market Consultation

We will be talking to the Ivybridge community over the next few weeks about what they want from their local market. This is all part of our work to help the local economy thrive and prosper.

Residents can now have their say on what they want from their market by taking part in an online survey, or by popping along to chat to the Council's Community Development Team at Glanville Mill Car Park on Friday 14 March and Saturday 15 March between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

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