

# **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MAY 2025**

**Cllr Alison DeWynter**

1. Two years into the 4-year term. There are high levels of cooperation between groups represented on the council, reflecting the inclusivity promoted by the Liberal Democrat majority.
2. Finances. SHDC has seen a significant reduction in central government funding, in particular the end of the rural services grant. To protect local services, the decision was made to increase car park charges.
3. Biodiversity work – in particular South Brent woods and support of Sustainable South Hams.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> homes tax – has allowed SHDC to buy housing for social housing.
5. Recycling service. Percentage of waste recycled in South Hams is 47% vs England Average of 44%. (Wales is 57%). This is household waste plus public waste bins plus street sweepings and waste from public gardens.
6. Improvement of enforcement services – working through the back log of enforcement cases and taking developers to court where planning permission has been breached.
7. Ask Angela. Ask Angela is promoted by SHDC licensing committee. It cannot be made a condition of licensing but premises can opt in and are supported to do this.
8. As your SH District Councillor, I have used locality funds to:
  - a. Support the Ugborough Parish newsletter.
  - b. Support initiation of the Ugborough chair exercise class.
  - c. Assist at Your Convenience.
  - d. Support South Hams Literary Festival
  - e. Support the South Hams Way project
  - f. Support the Ivybridge and District Community Transport Association
  - g. Support Citizens Advice South Hams
  - h. Support the local Share Shed