

District Councillors' Report to Ugborough – Alison Dewynter and Victor Abbott May 2025

Feedback on Issues Raised by the PC and Residents for action by District Councillor:

A. N/A

News from South Hams DC of note to PC and residents:

1. Devon County Council Election Round Up

The following people have won the seats for the 7 wards within the South Hams.

- Totnes and Dartington - Jacqi Hodgson (Green Party)
- South Brent and Yealmpton - Dan Thomas (Liberal Democrats)
- Salcombe - Louise Wainwright (Liberal Democrats)
- Kingsbridge - Julian Brazil (Liberal Democrats)
- Ivybridge - Victor Abbott (Liberal Democrats)
- Dartmouth & Marldon - Simon Rake (Liberal Democrats)
- Bickleigh & Wembury - Tony Carson (Conservative)

For wider Devon results, go to [Devon County Council's website](#).

2. Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest Plan consultation

The public consultation on the Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest Plan has begun and will run until Monday 19 May. The consultation draft of the Forest Plan and link to the consultation can be viewed here: [PSDCF Consultation](#)

3. Water Quality Monitoring Pilot for South Hams

In April, South Hams District Council launched a pilot project which aims to deliver real-time (or near to real-time) data to help residents and visitors stay better informed about the health of our rivers and estuaries. The pilot supports our Delivery Plan on climate and biodiversity and our commitment to local tourism and marine businesses.

Throughout this pilot, SHDC will work closely with local community groups already actively engaged in water monitoring activities to identify the most effective locations for exposure risk. The pilot will also work with organisations such as the Environment Agency to help build a better picture of water quality in our district.

The pilot offers an important opportunity to partner with University of Plymouth, with researchers from its Faculty of Science and Engineering playing a key role in providing support for data management and analytic activities, and in developing a user-friendly water quality dashboard. Historic raw water quality data will also be maintained.

Monitoring equipment is expected to be deployed over the course of the summer and will be followed by the launch of the dashboard. An impact report at the end of the pilot will also offer recommendations for potential future activity.

4. Be Tic Aware

Message for residents:

- Ticks are small, bloodsucking, spider-like creatures that live in grassland and woodland habitats
- Some ticks can pass on infectious diseases when they bite you or your pets.

You can learn how to protect yourself, manage tick bites and stop the spread of diseases such as Lyme disease on the [UK Health and Security Agency website](#).