

South Ham District Councillors' Report to UPC – Alison Dewynter and Victor Abbott Dec 2025

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

1. The Future of Local Government

This continues to dominate the agenda.

SHDCs “Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better” proposal for LGR in Devon was debated and agreed upon in the last Full Council Meeting. It has therefore been submitted to government for their consideration. A decision is expected in the summer.

2. South Hams Christmas Events

Local Christmas events can be found at the link below.

SHDC are offering free car parking in selected car parks on key dates in December. Information on this is also available at the link.

www.southhams.gov.uk/christmas-events

3. Placemaking – Visitor Economy Update

Tourism data runs one year behind. There are the links to the 2024 reports:

- [South Hams Report 2024](#)
- [The year in context](#)

The data shows that visitor numbers were down for South Hams in 2024 although the region did perform better with domestic visitors than the national picture.

4. Citizens Advice Autumn Newsletter

The latest local Citizens Advice newsletter is linked here:

southhamscab.org.uk/autumn-newsletter/

5. Report Dog Fouling

Residents are encouraged to ‘bag and bin’ their dog waste responsibly because if left, it poses a serious health risk.

Any concerns about dog fouling should be reported via the SHDC website:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/environment-and-nuisance/dogs/dog-fouling>

6. NHS App

Residents are encouraged to download the NHS App, which can be used to order repeat prescription and nominate a pharmacy for collection, book GP appointments, and locate nearby NHS services.