

South Hams District Council Report to Ugborough Parish Council

9th July – 19th August 2026

Moorhaven Tennis Courts

With Cllr Alison Dewynter absent, I shall be pleased to attend the re-opening of the Courts following a contribution of £36,157 from S106 funds.

Interview Support

Ivybridge Cllr Nadine Dommett and an SH Officer held mock interviews with sixth formers at Ivybridge Community College. Together with colleagues from local businesses, healthcare professionals, teachers, the police, and more, it provided an opportunity for students to get a feel for what a job interview will be like. The ambition and confidence from the students really shone through, but what also became clear is that we can do more to promote the broad range of local government careers to potential future talent - something that the SHDC team will consider.

Clean Marine in the South Hams

At Ocean Tech Expo in June, organised bi-annually by Maritime UK and hosted by University of Plymouth, an SHDC officer shared the experience of small harbours in rural, coastal areas and to demonstrate the role of local authorities, like the council, in leading the way towards achieving cleaner waters. She gave an update on:

- Low carbon options for the Council fleet in Salcombe and Dartmouth.
- Converting a crew transfer boat to electric propulsion.
- The completion of a year-long government-funded project to develop marine charging infrastructure pathway for smaller harbours and ports.
- Addressed the wider harbour environment, from water quality monitoring and making data publicly available through a digital dashboard, to raising awareness of the challenges associated with end-of-life boats and exploring potential solutions.

Enforcement

SHDC are deploying CCTV to make further inroads on enforcement against fly-tipping. There have been two successful court cases to uphold prosecutions on planning enforcement.

Lithium Ion batteries

There is a growing concern of fire originating from these batteries, say in electric scooters and electric bikes as a consequence of poor charging practise or damage to the battery.

Ivybridge Car Parks

Resurfacing and re-lining in the three SHDC Car Parks is complete with 4 new spaces for those with a disability in the Leonards Rd CP and 1 in Harford Rd CP. There are 4 bays for minibuses in Leonards Rd, hoping to support Ring and Ride and others. The lower CP (Glanvilles Mill) has a new venture, re-purposing a space typically used for drop-off to be the site of 4 new pop-up stalls erected on a temporary basis but with the option for utilities should they become a useful and regular element of the Thursday market.

Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy

About 24,500 trees have been planted in Hope Wood, South Brent and about 12ha of land opened up to public access.

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