District Councillors' Report to UPC - Nov 26

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

1. **Youth Sessions at Ivybridge Leisure Centre**

Ivybridge Leisure Centre in collaboration with Ivybridge Council, PAFC and other agencies, has an exciting new initiative to keep young people entertained and connected!

PAFC is launching a brilliant new youth session where anyone aged 11–18 can come on down to the Ivybridge Leisure Centre, get involved in fun activities, and hang out with fantastic people who are there to support and keep them engaged, and it's FREE!!!

When: Wednesdays, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Where: Ivybridge Leisure Centre
Who: Ages 11–18

2. **Animal Licensing Consultation**

While there is no statutory requirement to have an Animal Licensing Policy, SHDC proposes to create a document that provides a clear, consistent and transparent framework for how the Council administers and enforces its animal licensing functions.
It also aims to promote high standards of animal welfare and provide clarity for applicants and licence holders.
The policy covers a range of animal licensing regimes, including:

a. Animal boarding establishments
b. Dog breeding
c. Selling animals as pets
d. Hiring out horses
e. Keeping or training animals for exhibition
f. Zoos
g. Dangerous Wild Animals licences
h. Primate licences

The public are encouraged to review the draft policy and share their views before it is considered for adoption.
The consultation is open until 30 October 2026 and can be found at this link:

https://www.southhams.gov.uk/news/2026/have-your-say-our-proposed-animal-licensing-policy

3. **A Reminder of what can be recycled at the kerb-side in the South Hams**

These items can go in your white recycling sack:

- Plastic packaging - including detergent and soap bottles, milk and drinks bottles, yoghurt pots, tubs, trays and punnets
- Metal packaging - including drink cans, food tins, biscuit tins, aerosol cans, aluminium foil, foil trays and metal lids from jars

These items can go in Recycling Box 1:

- Paper - including magazines, brochures, white paper, envelopes and shredded paper
- Glass bottles and jars - including bottles of any colour, jars of any colour and non-food bottles and jars
- Cartons - including drinks and food cartons

These items can go in Recycling Box 2:

- Cardboard - including boxes, corrugated card, online delivery boxes, egg boxes and more
- Batteries - AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V, common household batteries used in remotes
- Household printer cartridges

4. **The Addington Fund**

Short-term financial aid, usually through grants of up to £3,000, is available to farmers and farm businesses in England and Wales when an emergency situation has or will create unforeseen additional expenditure. Applications at any time.
https://www.addingtonfund.org.uk/

5. **Road Closure Early Notice**

Chapel Down Lane End to Marridge Cross will be closed to traffic from Wednesday 6 January 2027 for a maximum of 5 days from 0800 to 1800.

6. **Fly Tipping CCTV cameras**

SHDC is deploying temporary surveillance cameras at known fly-tipping locations. These will help to identify those responsible for illegally dumping waste.

Anyone caught fly tipping could face enforcement action, including Fixed Penalty Notices, prosecution, and substantial fines.

All surveillance will be deployed in accordance with data protection legislation and footage will only be used for legitimate enforcement purposes.

Household waste can be disposed of responsibly through local recycling centres, authorised waste carriers, or council collection services.

Anyone using a private waste contractor should ensure that they are properly licensed, as householders may still be held responsible if their waste is fly-tipped.

Read more here.

7. **Shared Ownership Property Available**

There is a Shared Ownership property available for purchase within Wrangaton.

Plymouth Community Homes have had this property advertised since May, which had required a local connection to the parish of Ugborough. In line with the Section 106 agreement, as no purchaser with a local connection was found within three months, the local connection requirements cascade out wider, so more areas are considered. However, people with an Ugborough local connection may still apply and remain a priority.
The property is a 3 bedroom home, with a share price of £110,000 (40%). There will also be a £489.35 per month rent. The link to the advert, which includes lots more information is here: Creber Drive, Wrangaton

8. **Citizens Advice South West – latest news letter**

https://southhamscab.org.uk/citizens-advice-south-hams-autumn-newsletter/

9. **Free Adult Education Opportunities across Devon**

Learn Devon's adult education programme has around 200 opportunities to develop skills for work and progress careers.

The programme includes courses in English, Maths, Digital Skills, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), and Skills and Development, supporting learners to gain qualifications and build confidence for employment.

These curriculum areas are designed to meet local workforce needs and support progression into jobs, further training or career change.

Courses are starting throughout August and September. Online and face-to-face options available.

Small class sizes and friendly tutor. Find out more here.

10. **Train4Tomorrow**

Train4Tomorrow is launching a fresh wave of flexible training designed to help people across Devon gain the skills employers need now.
Whether you're looking to change careers, boost your earning potential, or get back into work, Train4Tomorrow offers a wide range of short, flexible courses developed with local employers — with a guaranteed job interview on completion.

Courses are open to adults aged 19+ and cover in-demand sectors such as:

- Digital
- Health & Social Care
- Green Industries
- Early Years & Education
- Project Management
- Engineering & more

- There are no cost to learners
- Flexible around work or family commitments
- Open to career changers, unemployed, returners, and the self-employed.

find out more and apply today.

11. **Crisis and Resilience Fund**

The Crisis and Resilience Fund is for residents who may be struggling financially.

The fund is designed to support low-income households in the South Hams who are facing an unexpected financial shock, such as a sudden loss of income, the breakdown of an essential household item, or another urgent cost they cannot afford.

The fund can also provide housing support, financial advice and wider services to help people avoid future crises and build longer-term resilience.

Residents must be aged 16 or over and live in the South Hams as their main home.

Residents in need of support, should check the eligibility criteria and apply online using this link southhams.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/other-available-support/crisis-and-resilience-fund

The team understands that not all residents are able to complete online applications and can provide support by telephone and, longer term, hope to develop a face-to-face offering.

12. Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to support community transport schemes across Devon.

Anyone aged 21 or over with a full driving licence, at least two years' driving experience and access to a vehicle can volunteer, with no minimum commitment and mileage reimbursed. Volunteer drivers help residents get to medical appointments, shopping trips and social activities, with 106,561 journeys provided last year.

To find out more, visit the Devon Communities Together website.

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