

South Hams District Council Report July 2025

Local Government Reorganisation

South Hams District Council have launched the first phase of their engagement on Local Government Reorganisation. Please encourage your residents to have their say on what matters to them to help shape SHDC's final proposals and ensure they reflect the needs and aspirations of people living and working in the area. Take part in the short survey here - www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation

Community Resilience Plans

Devon Community Together hosted a community resilience event at Blackawton on Monday 23 June. These events are part of their ongoing work helping communities to help themselves, particularly at Parish Council level.

Traditionally, there has been a misconception in some communities that these plans are all about how a community acts when they are at risk of flooding, but they are much broader than this. Any community that hasn't engaged with them yet is being advised to do so.

Resources and information on grant funding is available on the Devon Communities website: <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/devon-community-resilience-forum> and if you would like more information contact CommunityDevelopment@swdevon.gov.uk

Life on the Edge

Lots more Life on the Edge events planned for the summer holidays in the nearby area, so do check out the South Devon National Landscape website and make the most of these free or minimal cost events.

South Hams Markets

There has been a recent focus on promoting the markets within the South Hams, namely Totnes, Ivybridge and Kingsbridge. Grants have been awarded to individual traders to invest in their equipment.

Personally, I am sorry that the money was not spent on improving the facilities on our market / town squares that would have benefitted everyone throughout the year e.g. installing pop-up electricity points, fold-away canopies, or lighting.

However, residents and local businesses should know that SHDC is keen to support anyone interested in becoming a market trader and wanting to book a pitch in Kingsbridge or further afield. They can find further information on the website: www.southhams.gov.uk/markets