

13. Correspondence

- 13.1. 20240725 Temporary Traffic Order - Bluepost to Hazard, Hazard Cross to Fork Cross along ZC794, Fork Cross to Dorsley Barton & Dorsley Barton to Follaton Gate, Harberton, South Brent, Dartington, Totnes, Rattery, North Huish, Ugborough (TTRO2458579) *For information* Cllrs are informed of the temporary road closure in place between 14th – 25th October to enable patching works. A diversion will be in place.
- 13.2. 20240801 South Hams bus service changes for 1st September 2024 *For information* Cllrs are informed that Stagecoach has given notice on the contract extension that provided additional evening journeys, funded by the Bus Service Improvement Plan grant from the Department for Transport. Due to the low number of passengers using these journeys, it is unfortunately not possible to continue them. The following 92 Dartmouth – Totnes journeys are withdrawn: 2010 Totnes to Dartmouth journey. 2100 Dartmouth to Totnes journey. The bus will serve Dartmouth Park & Ride again. Additional journeys will operate between Dartmouth and the Park & Ride
- 13.3. 20240807 #34 2024 DALC E-Bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes news that an eight week consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is underway and closes on 24 September. More information can be available here: [Proposed reforms to the NPPF.](#)
- 13.4. 20240813 Temporary Traffic Notice - Leigh Bridge to Broadpark Stile, Harberton TTRO2459043 *For information* Cllrs are informed of a temporary road closure in place from 18th – 22nd November 2024 to enable drainage works. A diversion will be in place.
- 13.5. 20240815 #36 DALC E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes information about DALC's annual AGM, conference and exhibition 10am – 4pm on Weds 2nd October 2024, costing £50 plus VAT per person which includes access to all sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities.
- 13.6. 20240820 Agenda item for September Support for Climate and Nature - Symposium 11th Oct **For consideration Sustainable South Hams, working with South Hams District Council is asking Town and Parish Councillors for feedback on what hampers Parish and Town councils from taking more action for climate and nature and what tools would be useful to help overcome these barriers. Collated feedback to responses to the questionnaire will be presented at a symposium on 11th Oct at Follaton House. As well as exploring what hampers action, Sustainable South Hams will showcase a wide range of solutions to help Parish and Town councils take more action for climate and nature, both from mitigation and adaptation perspectives. Any parish/ town cllrs who have not yet provided feedback is invited to complete this [short questionnaire](#) . Cllrs interested in attending the Symposium at Follaton House on 11th October can [register for a free place here](#) NB space is limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.**
- 13.7. 20240820 South Hams Festival *For consideration* Following the briefing about the South Hams Festival on 25th July, questions were raised concerning the extent of the town and parish councils' involvement and contribution. A paper has been prepared setting out the offer for support and participation. SHDC is offering support for the development of creative and cultural activities in each town and parish across the District which will enable local groups to participate. At this stage all that is required from the town and parish councils is for each to provide their support for the festival together with a pledge to make the financial contribution of either £2,500 for town councils and £500 for parish councils and this be included in budget to be set for 2025/26. Payment will not be required until the next financial year.
- 13.8. 20240818 #38 DALC E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes a link a new round of 'Being a Good Councillor' online training for councillors, available from September.
- 13.9. 20240902 Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places 2024 - South Hams *For information* Cllrs are informed that the District Council is carrying out a review of Parliamentary polling districts and places and the opportunity is also being taken to review the polling stations. This is not a review of the parish boundaries; this process is to review the polling places for each polling district within parishes. The District Council would like to hear from those people who are happy with their polling station as well as those who are not in order to have a balanced view to consider. No proposed changes have been made for Harberton Parish. More information is available here: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/statutory-review-polling-districts-and-places>
- 13.10. 20240904 #39 DALC E-bulletin *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes a link to training to new rules of the Procurement Act 2023, which comes into force on 28 October 2024 and replaces the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The session covers the basics of procurement for local councils – inviting quotes, producing specifications and tender documentation, achieving competition and value for money. The Clerk requests the Council's consent to [attend the session on 5th November](#), at a cost of £35 plus VAT.

SOUTH HAMS FESTIVAL 2025

Town and Parish Councils' support and participation

South Hams District Council is planning to hold a district-wide festival in June 2025 and it is hoped the town and parish councils throughout the district will be able to play their part in making it a success that we can all be proud of.

In helping to bring the festival together SHDC is offering support for the development of creative and cultural activities in each town and parish across the District which will enable local groups to participate..

SHDC is able to offer the following:

- £10,000 of capital grant funding to each town, to help local groups and organisations to purchase equipment they will require to participate in the festival.
- £1,000 of capital grant funding to each parish, to help local organisations to purchase equipment they will require to participate in the festival.
- SHDC will work with the towns and parishes to administer the grants.
- SHDC will also work with towns and parishes to support their local community groups and organisations and coordinate activities being developed in relation to South Hams Festival.
- SHDC will link local organisations and community groups with NDP Circus who are coordinating the umbrella activities so that they can be promoted and advertised as part of the wider festival.

The funding available from SHDC will need to be capital funding. However, any match funding provided through the towns, parishes or community organisations can be revenue funding, enabling a mix of support to be made available to the local groups and community organisations.

In return, the Council would ask:

- Towns and parishes to match the grant funding that we make available to their communities. This could be done in one of two ways:
 - The town or parish could provide 25% match, and their local community organisations could provide the remaining 25% match
 - The towns and parishes could provide 50% match, meaning the community organisations would not need to find match funding for their project.
- The towns and parishes make a small contribution towards the cost of the umbrella activities relating to the festival and the following is proposed.
 - Each town make a contribution of £2,500 towards the umbrella activities required to support and promote activities in their area.
 - Each parish contribute £500 towards the umbrella activities required to support and promote activities in their area.

What will the towns and parishes get for their contribution to the umbrella activities?

NDP Circus, working with South Hams District Council, will coordinate the following activities in support of the towns and parishes:

- Creating the opening and closing ceremonies
- Organising a headline theatre act

- Creating the marketing campaign and programming – as an umbrella for the wider festival
- Communications, website and social media
- Ad-hoc support to community based creative organisations (TBC)
- Festival Evaluation

At this stage all that is required from the town and parish councils is for each to provide their support for the festival together with a pledge to make the financial contribution of either £2,500 for town councils and £500 for parish councils and this be included in budget to be set for 2025/26. Payment will not be required until the next financial year.

The festival is attracting support throughout the district and we at SHDC look forward to working with the towns and parish councils in bringing about a success story we can all be proud of.

Cllr John Birch

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