

### 13. Correspondence

- 13.1. E-Circulars for information Cllrs are informed that the Clerk receives the following regular e-circulars, that can be forwarded on request: Citizens Advice South Hams, Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency, Devon Communities Together, Devon County Council Community News Round-up, Devon Home Choice, Emergency Planning newsletter, Friends of the Dart, Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM), Harberton Village Email, Healthwatch Devon, Information Commissioners Office, National Association of Local Councils Events newsletter, One Devon NHS Integrated Care Board, Parish Online, Rural Services Network, SLCC Membership, South Hams Society.
- 13.2. Items of correspondence for information
- 13.3. 20251106 Snow Warden Update - November 2025 Cllrs are informed that this update provides information about Devon Highways 'winter service'. Snow Wardens are asked to update their details, check salt levels and if grit bins are winter ready, links to free online training on topics including 'creating your snow plan', 'risk assessments and staying safe' and 'grit bins and salt bags'. Once signed up for training, the Parish Council can request additional salt and/or grit bins if required. Safety messages for the community on preparing for, and travelling in winter conditions are provided.
- 13.3.1. 20251117 TTRO2666724 On Site Notice ROAD FROM FORK CROSS TO ASHRIDGE FORK, Harberton Cllrs are informed of the temporary traffic notice include from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to enable Wales and West Utilities to maintain apparatus remove and replace gas valve lids and surrounding concrete base.
- 13.3.2. 20251128 Zero Tolerance: South Hams Cracks Down on Fly Tipping The Parish Council has been informed by press release that South Hams District Council is intensifying its efforts to tackle anti-social and illegal fly tipping across the district, focusing on stronger enforcement, streamlined processes, and community education. The Council is working closely with its Legal team to pursue prosecutions where possible and is installing cameras in known hotspots.
- 13.3.3. 20251129 New £18m funding for Play Areas – How We Can Help Harberton Parish Council Cllrs are informed of a message received by a commercial playground installation company offering Parish Councils support in developing initial ideas, preparing quotations and advice on equipment options, safety standards and budgets to support grant applications to government funding pots.
- 13.4. Items of correspondence for consideration
- 13.4.1. 20251107 URGENT: Request for Policy Review – Private Sewage Treatment Works (PSTW) Unacceptable due to Critically Endangered European Eels (0828/25/OPA) A local resident has written to challenge the Parish Council's previous position on the acceptability of Private Sewage Treatment Works (PSTW) within Harberton, particularly concerning **Outline Planning Application 0828/25/OPA** (Ford Farm Development), providing a summary of ecological finds and requesting a formal policy change. Specifically, the resident asks the Parish Council to consider supporting the following resolution: *"For all future planning applications in the Parish of Harberton, the Parish Council holds that NO private sewage treatment works (PSTW) or similar effluent discharge into local watercourses are acceptable. All developments must connect to the public sewage mains"*. NB this is a summary of correspondence, cllrs have received the email in full.
- 13.4.2. 20251109 Defib Cllrs are informed that the lights in the Harbertonford defibrillator are flashing, now for the third time. It has been suggested that it would be prudent to pursue this with the electrician that works with Community Heart Beat Trust.
- 13.4.3. 20251124 Free Landmark Tree for your Parish Council or Town from Saving Devon's Treescapes Cllrs are informed that the Devon Wildlife Trust has 50 trees to give away on a first come first served basis as part of their free tree offers to give one Landmark Tree to every parish in Devon. The Parish Council has considered this offer before, but did not agree on whether there was a suitable community space to plant a 1.2 – 2m tree that can act as a focal point and be enjoyed by everyone. The matter is raised on the agenda should further thoughts on a location be considered appropriate.
- 13.4.4. 20251124 Citizens Advice funding request letter 2025 Cllrs are informed that Citizens Advice South Hams is contacting all Parish Councils in the area to make a donation of around £300 to £500 to support the charity. The letter comments that there has been a marked increase in the number of residents seeking support with issues driven by ongoing economic pressures. During 2024/25 Citizens Advice South Hams helped 6,833 people with 22,625 issues, and enabled clients to secure £2.7 million in financial gains through benefits, debt solutions and other interventions. A full end of year report is available to cllrs if they wish to read it.