



# South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2021 Issue 69

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## All Change at South Brent

At the Parish Council meeting in April, Richard Fone was co-opted back onto the Council filling one of the two vacancies. Richard served as a Parish Councillor from 2014 to 2018 and we are very pleased he has re-joined us. Rich said "I care about my local community and feel that I can bring ideas and energy to this important forum and help South Brent remain a great example of a vibrant and caring community into the future". This still leaves one vacancy, which we hope to fill at the next Council meeting.



Councillor Richard Fone



Councillor Glyn Richards

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, I was elected Chairman. My acceptance speech can be seen below.

I would like to thank my predecessor Councillor Cathie Pannell for her four years of Chairmanship and continuing the good work of the Council. The Council has faced numerous challenges, particularly over the past two years, with five new councillors co-opted after the election. Two new clerks appointed following the retirement of Julia Willoughby, our long serving clerk and her replacement Katharine Griffiths moving on to ventures new and the COVID19 pandemic, the problems this created and continue to cause. All of which she managed with calmness and professionalism. Thank you Cathie.

It was a privilege to serve as Chairman from 2005 to 2009 and an honour that you have the faith to re-elect me as Chairman. I hope to continue the good work of my predecessors and we can all work together to improve the support and services we provide to this community which we serve and love.

Councillor Paul Astal Stain was elected as Vice-Chairman.

He said "It is an honour to be elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Our Chairman is a very knowledgeable and experienced Councillor and I am sure I will learn much from working with him. As your Councillor I will represent everyone in the Parish to the best of my ability, but I need to know your views, so talk to me!"

We were unable to elect a Chairman of the Planning Committee at this meeting and this will be carried out at the next meeting of the Planning Committee or Full Council, whichever happens first.

Councillors were appointed to our four Committees, Planning, Finance & Human Resources, Land & Estates and Media as well as representatives to or liaison with outside bodies made. All this information will soon be posted on our website at [www.southbrent.gov.uk](http://www.southbrent.gov.uk)



Councillor Paul Astal-Stain

At the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, Katherine Johnson was co-opted on to the Council, bringing the council up to full strength. However, Charlotte Power has since resigned and we thank her for her contribution over the past two years. This leaves another vacancy and if you are interested in joining us please contact the clerk by emailing [clerk@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@southbrent.gov.uk) or telephone 01364 701900

**CLLr Glyn Richards**  
**Chairman, South Brent Parish Council**



## **Chair's Parish Report for 2020/21**

**March 2021**

At this time last year we were all just beginning to feel the effects of the Pandemic. The Parish Council had to cancel our face to face meetings and were unsure what would happen next. Our residents had been advised to stay at home unless it was for an essential reason and most of our businesses, except for food and medicine, were closed. Life seems to have changed so much in the last 12 months for us all, but we may now look forward, hopefully, to gradually going to a new normal. We are still living a restricted lifestyle, but with more hope.

The Parish Council, like so many organisations, have learned to live, with some difficulty, without face to face communication and rely on Zoom meetings to keep things going as best we can.

Our various committee have met as and when it was strictly necessary, and the Parish Council has met most months to conduct Parish Business. I thank all the Councillors and particularly our outgoing Clerk and our newly appointed Clerk for their hard work. I also wish to thank John Shepherd for his work on the Parish website and Zoe Richards our Park Keeper for her dedication to her job. We are also very grateful to our County Councillor Richard Hosking, and our two District Councillors, Peter Smerdon and Guy Pannell for their very regular attendance at Parish Council meetings and for their assistance on so many matters particularly over this past year.

I will now put before you reports covering this past year from our Chairs of Committees:

**Planning, Cllr Glyn Richards.** These figures cover the calendar year 2020, not the Council year.

41 Planning applications were received, almost 50% up on the previous year. 39 of these were in Dartmoor National Park, 23 granted, 4 refused, 3 pending, 4 withdrawn and 5 certificates of lawful use or development, issued. 2 Applications were in South Hams District Council area, both granted. Only three of the decisions differed from the view of the Parish Council, which were granted when the Parish Council objected, however these were all amended prior to approval. One decision was appealed against, but this was dismissed by the Inspector.

The applications by type were; 2 Commercial, 11 Agricultural and 28 Householder (more than double the previous year). Changes seen were the increase of almost 50% in applications, which may have been as a result of "post Brexit" or "Coronavirus". In 95% of applications there was agreement between the planning authority and the Parish Council – a very slight reduction.

**Finance and HR, Cllr. Rachel Rafiqi.**

The year's Budget was set at £76,750. An increase of £3,400 from the previous year. £1,200 represents the loss of Council Tax credit, received from South Hams District Council. In previous years, the Parish Council has received additional funds which support the precept. This has gradually decreased over the last few years with the 2020 precept seeing the last of this financial support. A total of £2100 represents the additional increase.

Most budgets were kept at a standstill with a few minor increases. The two significant increases were as follows. £1000 to the Local Projects Fund, which is being slowly increased to make up the shortfall when, in two years time, the Community Benefit Fund comes to an end. This will mean that the community will be able to access the same level of funds through the Parish Council as they do at present. The remaining £1000 went to the Media budget, which usually has a modest amount to cover council communications, such as the Parish Newsletter.



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### **Finance and HR, Cllr. Rachel Rafiqi (continued)**

Over the last few years councils have needed to increase their online communications with Parishioners. As such, guidelines have been issued to make sure websites are compliant. This budget increase will allow the Council to make sure these actions are undertaken. Parishioners are welcome to attend Finance Committee Meetings, with any queries they may have about the Budget or other financial matters.

### **Land and Estates, Cllr. Peter Kelly.**

Following the first lockdown during which the Stockbridge Lane public toilets, the Playpark at Sanderspool Cross and its toilets, all in the ownership of the Parish Council, were closed. We were able to reopen them all later and the Stockbridge Lane conveniences have continued to be cleaned by our contractor and the Play Park and its facilities looked after by our Park keeper, Zoe Richards. There was some damage done to the door of the Gent's in Stockbridge Lane during the time it was locked.

The Toll House which is now owned by the Parish Council has been decorated and the Clock repaired with the replacement of the main control box which was 20 years old.

The potholes in the Station Yard, which is leased from South Hams District Council by the Parish Council, were repaired. All the seats and signs in the ownership of the Parish have been inspected and repaired where necessary, the replacement seat for Splatten will hopefully be put in place soon. The Bus Shelters are regularly inspected and graffiti removed, it is hoped that a regular redecoration scheme for these will be put in place. Various grass areas are cut by contractors employed by the Parish Council, supported by payments from the District and County Councils for the areas in their ownership.

This year a new initiative of employing a Lengthsman to begin clearing the drains and gullies in the more rural areas and to clear the gutters and kerb area of vegetation in the more central part of the Village has begun. Inspection of Railway wood and cutting, at the Recreation ground has been carried out on a regular basis. This area has been very well used by parishioners for exercise and dog walking during the various lockdowns. In association with SSB 4Bs group the Vision 2020 report is being progressed, various areas have been earmarked for possible enhancement using suitable trees, shrubs and wildflowers. After consultation with the residents the first area will be the Queen Mother's Garden in Clobells.

As well as our Christmas lights we were fortunate to have a Christmas tree donated by a Parishioner, which was placed in Wellington Square. The weather was very unkind and eventually the tree had to be fastened to a bench. Parishioners were invited to decorate the tree, which they duly did, adding something special to Christmas. The Notice Board near the Co-op and the Jubilee Memorial in Wellington have both been refurbished, the latter now on a yearly contract to keep it looking good. The Parish Plan has been reviewed for key items that require the attention of the Committee.



## **Chair's Parish Report for 2020/21**

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### **Media, Cllr. Lisette Granados.**

Following the setting up of the Council's Facebook page in 2019, which is administered by the Clerk and two Councillors, all Parish meetings with an Agenda are posted there, together with other relevant notices and items of community interest.

The Council are in the process of looking into updating their website to meet accessibility, General Data Protecting Regulations (GDPR) and website security requirements. Since the Spring of 2020 all Council meetings have been held remotely, the Media Committee would like to thank our former Clerk, Mrs Katharine Griffiths, for setting up and giving guidance very quickly to Councillors in the use of remote meeting technology whilst ensuring that meetings were open and accessible for the public to attend. Meetings will continue in this form until early May 2021 with the Annual Parish Council meeting planned for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by Zoom.

Feedback from the Parish Newsletter has been mixed. As Editor I took over a focus from my predecessor aimed at encouraging a more community based content. Delivery of the Newsletter has been an issue during the various periods of lockdown. Our regular deliverer has done a wonderful job, when he was able, within the 30 mile limit of the Village. Other Parishioners were able to access it via the website.

Newsletters can be picked up at the Old School Centre and the Village Shop when they are open. Please contact the Editor with ideas and feedback. Equipment provided by the Parish Council for Public use, which is kept at the Old School Centre, including a laptop and projector for making presentations, a PA system and a microphone and stand (which is due for purchase later in the year) will be available when lockdown rules allow.

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Cllr. Granados also kindly submitted reports on her work as our Parish Tree Warden and on the Parish Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Project for which we thank her. As these are not Committee reports they will be posted on the Parish Council's website in the very near future.

Among many items that have come to the Parish Council during this past year were: asking for our views on a Feasibility Study looking into the possibility of re-opening Brent Station – which we welcomed; Plans have also been put forward suggesting the re-opening of the Primrose Line to Kingsbridge, but this has not been taken forward; An alternative initiative for a trail, for walkers, cyclists and horse riding along the route, has been proposed.

The Council agreed to acquire the decommissioned phone box at Aish from BT, with the intention of housing a defibrillator and emergency telephone. I am delighted to report that the defibrillator was commissioned this morning and is now working.

The Foodbank organised by South Brent Assist during the Covid crisis is now administered from Buckfastleigh, with contributions being collected through our Parish Church. These can be taken to St. Petroc's on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month or to South Brent Co-op at other times.



### **Chair's Parish Report for 2020/21**

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I would like to thank South Brent Community Assist, which has been administered through South Brent Caring and their volunteers and our shops and businesses, who have been remarkable in their dedication to helping our Community during the last, very difficult, year. This also includes so many individuals for their acts of kindness during this time. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring Community.

As my term as Chair of the Parish Council ends at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, I would like to take this opportunity to say what an honour it has been to fill this role for the past 4 years and thank all those who have supported me during this time.

**Cllr. Cathie Pannell.**  
**Chair, South Brent Parish Council.**  
**March 2021**

### **Volunteers Wanted**

The newsletter is delivered to households within the 30 MPH catchment of South Brent village. If you live outside the catchment, and in the parish, the council is looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver to their neighbours in small hamlets and rural properties. For further information and what is involved please email: [newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk)

### **NEWS FROM SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well during this difficult time.

**CONSIDER JOINING OUR COMMITTEE** We are very fortunate to have such a great facility at Palstone Park. It would be great if local people would consider joining our committee to help run the facility. We meet once a month for about an hour. There are currently a number of different areas where we could do with some help. If you are interested please contact Anne on 01364 72223 or Peter on 07836270576 for further information.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has visited the Recreation Ground and other facilities and for being responsible and observing social distancing rules.

We hope things will return to normal in the not too distant future.

Join our **MONTHLY LOTTERY** scheme £12 per year.. We currently have 44 members and last year the fundraising helped towards installing security cameras.

50% goes in prize money and 50% goes directly to help aspects of maintenance or development of facilities in your local community. **Players must be 18 and over.**

This lottery has been registered with South Hams District Council

## South Brent Parish Council Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE)

Parish Report March 2021

The Parish Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency, a proposal presented to the Parish Council by Sustainable South Brent, in May 2019. As a result, a written declaration containing relevant components from the Parish plan, together with further 8 points for the Council to support proactively to the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency 10 year action plan with members of the community. Cllr Granados was appointed as lead Councillor, supported by Cllr Rafiqi to develop the project.

In the Autumn of 2019 the Council developed a community wide sub-committee, an Advisory Group, with representatives and interested residents to encourage a network of people Parish wide to support the new project and each other. Over 40 people attended the inaugural meeting of the new Advisory group in January 2020, which was open to all members of the public with presentations from Sustainable South Brent, South Brent Extinction Rebellion, Devon Climate Emergency Net Zero Task Force and information about the exciting new Climate Fair organised by Sustainable South Brent's Zero Carbon Group.

The Council received very positive feedback from the public meeting with several attendees inspired and encouraged to join the Parish Councils new sub-committee. In February 2020 the Council decided to put the new project on hold and focus on supporting the existing Parish plan.

Activity in the Parish to support the first year of the Climate and Emergency action plan includes:

- ◆ Sustainable South Brent:
    - Developed a programme of online educational workshops and meetings
    - Worked with the Parish Council's Land and Estates committee to form plans to increase biodiversity on Council owned verges and within public spaces including the playpark
    - Organising an amazing Climate Fair in South Brent for the year 2021 to 2022
  - ◆ South Brent Councillor Glyn Richards has switched from a plug-in hybrid car to fully electric
  - ◆ South Brent Guides have developed plans to plant trees in 2021/2022
  - ◆ Vicarage Road Allotment Association have installed solar panels so their equipment such as
  - ◆ Strimmer's and mowers that now run off rechargeable batteries rather than a petrol driven generator.
  - ◆ South Brent Parish Council in 2019 embedded in their Terms of Reference for all council meetings to take into account the effect on the progress towards the carbon neutral target and increasing biodiversity
- If you have taken action over the past year or have plans for the future please contact Cllr Granados so that it can be recorded in the Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan for the Parish.

**South Brent Parish Council Climate and Ecological Project**  
**Councillor Lisette Granados, Lead Councillor**  
March 2021

### **The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) Devon**

*BIPC will be hosting a programme of events from May to July to celebrate Women in Business.*

#### Business and IP Centre - Devon - Devon County Council

Devon County Council. Resources to help start, run and grow your business. On the right side of each page you will find upcoming talks, workshops and networking events. Please visit: [www.bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://www.bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk)

*Our intention is to create a space to share women's knowledge, expertise and experience of the business world. We have planned a varied programme of talks, workshops, yoga, panel events, networking and much more.*

*All the events are free and can be booked via our website: <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/>*

*If you would like to contribute to our Women in Business programme, please email [bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk)*

**Lisa D'Alberti BIPC Devon**

## South Brent Parish Tree Warden

Parish Report March 2021

As Parish Tree Warden I have been working closely with Dartmoor National Tree and Landscape Officer, Brian Beasley, as Ash Dieback has been an issue on Council Land with several Ash trees being either felled or managed in 2019 and 2020 as a result of a tree survey commissioned by the Parish Council. The Council will be looking into replacing trees that were felled in the conservation area in South Brent due to this devastating disease in line with recommendations from Dartmoor National Park Tree and Landscape Officer.

The Parish Tree Warden is a separate voluntary role from the Council and I am part of the South Hams Tree Warden Network under the umbrella of the Tree Council. The tree warden's role is, to the best of their ability, to protect, plant and promote local trees.

Protecting trees that have Tree Protection Orders (TPO's) and are growing within Parish Conservation Areas are a key element for a Parish tree warden. Nationally many tree wardens will be monitoring Ash Dieback in their parish areas in May/June as ash leaves appear, working from the Tree Council's published guidance. Volunteers to help with this parish walk around are welcome.

Over the past year several Parishioners have contacted me about overgrown trees which are planted on Council land. Unfortunately, unless this is Parish Council land, there is very little that can be done unless the tree is considered dangerous to the public or traffic. Residents do have a legal right to clip back growth that encroaches into their property but not TPO trees or trees within the Conservation Area.

All trees that have a TPO, or are in the Parish Conservation area, will need permission from either DNPA or SHDC for any works on them. Any suggested works have to be applied for on the DNPA or SHDC website where there is guidance on procedures. It is a criminal offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy trees that have this protection. Do contact me if I can assist in any way or signpost you to the appropriate contacts. I would like to add that I am not personally allowed to advise on work that could be done as this is not in a tree warden's remit.

Trees are an important part of what makes South Brent a special and rich diverse parish for all ages to enjoy whilst providing habitats for increasing the diversity of our local wildlife and essential shelter for livestock.

**Councillor Lisette Granados**  
**South Brent Parish Tree Warden**

## South Brent and District Caring

*A local charity in Devon that helps people living in South Brent and the surrounding area*



We are pleased to announce that our activities and services resume from 17th May 2021 in line with Government guidelines.

The office is now **OPEN** and we have relocated to the Old Library space in the Old School Community Centre. We are in the office Tuesday to Friday mornings from 10am until 12 noon.

Coffee mornings will restart on 17th May in the Hall. We will have one every Monday from 10.30 until 12 noon until 21st June when we will restart the lunch clubs at 12 until 1.30. The coffee morning and lunch group will then run every other week as they used to. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back in.

Our Wednesday afternoon group (incorporating the memory cafe) will restart on Wednesday 19th May from 2pm until 4pm.

We have restarted our transport too – please call the office on 01364 700282 to arrange this.

For more information about any of our activities or to offer help please ring the office or pop in when you're passing.

**[www.sbadc.org.uk](http://www.sbadc.org.uk)**



## News from SSB

A huge thanks to everyone who has made our past year such a success, despite the pandemic. At our recent online AGM we had a great turn-out of around 50 people (members and non-members), with some great feedback, as summed up by one attendee: *"SSB is an organisation that is very well organised with a lot of energy and a clear direction - a very slick meeting" !*

We've now agreed an inspiring vision, strategy and values, welcomed 3 excellent new Trustees and added two additional project areas of Energy and Transport to our existing fantastic projects. So we've got a solid base going forward and are focussing on offering something for everyone in our community, especially younger people.

We're running a popular series of online EcoPubHubs, sharing ideas and experience in various areas – upcoming sessions are on energy in the home. We've got other great ideas in the pipeline, so look out for further news. You can find out about what we're doing (and join us!) via our website: [ssb.org.uk](https://ssb.org.uk), or follow us on Facebook (@sustainablesouthbrent) or Twitter. And keep an eye out for our events posters around South Brent.

## Marsh Compost Site

While there is plenty of compost at the Marsh, it's not yet ready to sieve and bag. As soon as it is, we will put up a notice outside the Village Shop and on the SSB website. Thanks to everyone for your support and patience, and especially to the Marsh volunteers for making the Marsh such a success over the past 10 years it has been open. Thanks also to Dartmoor National Park for renewing the Marsh site lease for a further 10 years and to South Hams District Council for continuing their support by turning the compost heaps and shredding the garden waste.

Please continue to bring your garden waste to the Marsh which remains open every Sunday 10am to 1pm even when no compost is available for collection. Green waste such as grass cuttings is particularly helpful in creating good quality compost.

## Talking Rubbish Group

We are very busy moving forward with two exciting projects right now! There will be a collection point in the Station Road Car Park for cheese bags from any company (as long as they're of the zip variety). Terracycle® will donate money to SSB for our collections, and in turn, SSB will use the money to help fund local sustainability projects. We are hoping that this is just the start of our work with this company and that we may be able to add different types of waste to our collection point in the future. Many thanks to the Parish Council and SHDC for supporting us with this venture, especially David Hancock and Peter Smerdon.

## Home Energy Performance Group

Sustainable South Brent is looking to work with a small number of households to explore shared learning about replacing burning oil and gas for home energy. The aim is to answer the following questions:

- Who can give retrofit advice?
- What are the alternatives to burning fossil fuels for home energy?
- What retrofit measures are required to make a home zero carbon?
- What grants are available?
- Who can do the work?

If you are presently burning fossil fuels to heat your home but would like to upgrade to more sustainable alternatives, and you can pay for improvements, please contact Jane Nichols: [energy@ssb.org.uk](mailto:energy@ssb.org.uk)

## Community Litter Pick

We are also delighted to be working with the South Brent Recreation Association on our first Community Litter Pick and would love to welcome other groups to join us in the future.

Keep an eye out for the posters with information about the next Community Litter Pick. ALL WELCOME! If you would like to get involved in our next litter pick or join the Talking Rubbish Group or just have a good idea to share then please get in touch: [rubbish@ssb.org](mailto:rubbish@ssb.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

**SSB Trustees**

## **SOUTH BRENT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**



The Community Library in the Old School Community Centre is open again, following the easing of the government lockdown.

During the summer of 2020 the library moved to a bigger, brighter and more welcoming space in the Old School. This room is also home to the South Brent Archive, and provides a comfortable space for meetings, teaching and studying outside of library hours. We have a wide range of fiction, including crime and thrillers, and some non-fiction and biography.

Membership is free, and there are no borrowing charges or fines.

The library is staffed by volunteers, and our books are donated – though we are currently unable to accept donations until further notice. Independent, free community libraries are vanishingly rare these days, and our library is yet another of the long list of local community assets in our wonderful village!

**The library is Covid-safe, and our opening hours are:**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>10am – 12 noon</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>2pm – 4pm</b>      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10am – 12 noon</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>10am – 12 noon</b> |

If you haven't yet paid us a visit, come in and have a browse...we'd be glad to see you.

**Lyn Dent      Library Manager**

### **Events and Activities in South Brent**

All venues have now opened and support active Covid19 safety measures and guidance to ensure your safety

#### **Art House in South Brent [www.arthousesouthbrent.com](http://www.arthousesouthbrent.com)**

Pottery, printmaking, bike mending, book making, felting, and life drawing

#### **South Brent Old School Community Centre**

Art House, Library and Archive, Post Office, Share Shed, Lloyds Bank, Ashmoor South Brent Fitness Centre, Gallery, Bike Bank, Room and Hall Hire, refreshments area, community events, clubs and activities, meetings, South Brent and District Caring, Equipment for hire.

**[www.theoldschool.org.uk](http://www.theoldschool.org.uk)**

#### **South Brent Village Hall**

Events, clubs and activities, meetings, Room and Hall Hire, Cinema, stage, kitchen, storage hire.

**Please visit [www.southbrentvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.southbrentvillagehall.co.uk)**

#### **South Brent Palstone Park Recreational Grounds and Pavilion**

Pavilion hire with hall, showers, changing rooms and kitchen, Free Skate Park, Adventure Trail Play area, Tennis Court, Football pitches and Cricket pitch, activities, clubs and events, monthly lottery.

**[www.southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com](http://www.southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com)**

#### **The Mobile Library**

The mobile library visits have restarted monthly on Tuesdays (1 & 29 Jun; 27 Jul; 24 August; 21 Sep; 19 Oct; 16 Nov; 14 Dec) - from 1.45-3pm at Clobells and from 3.15-3.45pm at Station Approach.

**[www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk)**

## South Hams Ramblers



SOUTH HAMS RAMBLERS are a friendly and sociable group enjoying extensive access to three very different type of scenery and terrain: the coastal paths of South Devon with Salcombe at its southerly tip; the Dartmoor National Park just to the north; and the glorious South Hams countryside in between.

With three walks each week we have walks to suit most abilities. Whether you are a novice walker or a seasoned walker try us and you will find a true ramblers welcome. This is an all-year-round premier tourist area and therefore national and international walkers visiting here are welcome too.

We walk Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday all year round. Starting at 10.30 walks vary in length from 7 - 10 miles (take a packed lunch) shorter walks from 4 miles are also included in our programme. We also have a varied social calendar with events such as walking holidays (HF) or similar, summer BBQ, skittles and horse race evening and a spring picnic get-together.

### Coastal Paths

We enjoy some of the best walks along the South West Coast Path. From Bovisand Bay passing along Wembury, Noss Mayo, Ringmore in the west and around to Dartmouth in the east, passing through the stunning beaches of Bantham, Salcombe, Slapton Sands and Blackpool Sands.

### Dartmoor National Park

The wilderness of Dartmoor is so different it is like stepping into another country. Dartmoor is famous for its tors - outcrops of rock on top of many of its hills, these are the remains of volcanic activity. The moorland and surrounds have been protected by National Park status since 1951.

### Our countryside

Deep green valleys between soft rounded hills, rivers extending from springs on Dartmoor National Park all the way to our estuaries and coast, and native hardwood forests are what make much of our countryside an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

### Five glorious estuaries

Five beautiful estuaries punctuate our South Hams. The Yealm at Noss Mayo, the Erme at Mothecombe, the Avon from Bantham up to Aveton Gifford, the Kingsbridge & Salcombe estuary and the Dart from Dartmouth up to Totnes the heart town of the South Hams.

In the past year with our lives changed dramatically many of us have come to realise the many benefits of walking. Physical and mental health, exercise and fitness, well being, awareness of the flora and fauna around us. Above all to enjoy the great outdoors either walking on our own or with like minded people and have some fun as well. To celebrate "the above".

South Hams Ramblers are planning a Festival of Walks Monday 12th July - Sunday 18th July

There will be a variety of walks, covering all the 4 areas listed above. We welcome new members to come along to our Festival and enjoy a short or long walk with us. We have experienced leaders and all walks are Covid friendly and within the Government guidelines. Full details will be published in June and advertised locally. If you would like more information regarding the Ramblers then do please contact Trish Jackson 01548 550330 who will be happy to chat with you.

## Autumn Newsletter 2021

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **September 2021** Local organisations wishing to submit articles (approx. 150 words) for publication should send them to [newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk) (in Word or Rich Text Format) by **Sunday 15th August 2021** at the latest please.

### How to raise an issue or bring items to the Parish Council meetings

- Send a letter to the clerk for inclusion under correspondence
- Attend and speak during the public session before the council meeting officially starts
- Contact a councillor to represent you at the council meeting

Contact details of the Parish Council Clerk and Councillors are below.

### Parish Council Meetings are now in person

Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of the month. **Covid19** protective measures are in place to ensure the safety and well being of everyone that attends. Please wear a mask and follow instructions given to you at the venue.

Parish Council meetings are open to everyone and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues which are not on the agenda in an open forum before each meeting and to speak to inform the council on issues which are on the agenda. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday **28th June 2021**. Please visit the parish council website for an agenda and associated supporting documents.

#### Parish Council meetings for 2021:

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|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 28th June    | 26th July     | 23rd August (if required) | 27th September |
| 25th October | 22nd November | 13th December             |                |

**Planning Committee** Meetings are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of the month - if required, please check website a week before the meeting date for details If you wish to attend . Please see the Parish Council notice board (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) or website for full details of all forthcoming meetings.

## South Brent Parish Council

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| Cllr. Cathie Pannell                   | (01364) 72275  | <a href="mailto:cathie.pannell@southbrent.gov.uk">cathie.pannell@southbrent.gov.uk</a>     | Village Ward    |
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### Parish Council Meeting Dates 2021

All meetings will take place in South Brent Village Hall until further notice

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|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14th June      | Planning and Media Committee                                   |
| 21st June      | Christmas lights and Finance & HR Committee                    |
| 28th June      | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |
| 12th July      | Planning and Land & Estates Committee                          |
| 26th July      | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |
| 23rd August    | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (if required)                    |
| 13th September | Planning and Finance & HR Committee                            |
| 27th September | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |
| 4th October    | Media Committee and Open Spaces, Sports and Recreation Meeting |
| 11th October   | Planning Committee                                             |
| 25th October   | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |
| 8th November   | Planning and Land & Estates Committee                          |
| 22nd November  | Finance & HR Committee (Budget)                                |
| 29th November  | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |
| 6th December   | Planning Committee                                             |
| 13th December  | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                                  |

### SOUTH BRENT

#### POST OFFICE:



Old School Community Centre.

Open: opening times

**Mondays** 9am-12noon

**Wednesdays** 9am-12noon

**Fridays** 9am-12noon

#### LLOYDS BANK:

in the Old School

Community Centre

Car Park:



**Mondays**

9.45-11.15am

Every 2 weeks

### South Brent Health Centre

The Local Covid 19 Vaccination Service is being delivered at Follaton House, Totnes. Patients will be contacted by the practice to offer an appointment for their first and second vaccinations.

**WE ARE BOUND BY A CONTRACT WITH NHS ENGLAND WHICH DICTATES IN WHICH ORDER THE VACCINATION GROUPS ARE PRIORITISED. WE CANNOT DEVIATE FROM THIS DIRECTIVE. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO RECEIVE THE COVID 19 VACCINATION YOU WILL BE CONTACTED.**

In December 2020 we delivered our first vaccines as part of the joint South Dartmoor & Totnes and South Hams Primary Care Network Covid Vaccine Programme. Working as a group of 10 GP surgeries with the support of a large group of fantastic volunteers has enabled us to provide the rapid delivery of the vaccine programme whilst at the same time running services in our surgeries as close to business as usual as is possible. This has required our teams working seven days a week and I could not be more proud of the effort and dedication shown by everyone here.

With rapidly changing guidance and very short notice on vaccine delivery I do appreciate that there will be some individual circumstances where people will have questions, so I do hope the below provides clarity on how the programme will progress from here:

#### 1. Patients due first doses - Booking your appointment

As soon as we have our vaccine delivery schedules confirmed we are sending out text messages to those with mobile phones. You can click on a link in this message to book your appointment – this is the quickest way of booking your appointment. We are also proactively phoning patients to invite them for appointments, emailing those we have email addresses for and writing to those who require it.

#### 2. Appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> Doses

We will only be notified of the specific delivery dates of our 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccine supplies 1-2 weeks before they arrive. Regardless of the vaccine you have had, as soon as we know when the vaccine will be delivered we will contact all those who are due to inform them of when this will be. Because of the complicated logistics we are unable to provide flexibility on these dates to fit personal preference.

Thank you all for your support over the past year and please stay safe.

Kind regards

Anna Keene

Practice Manager