



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2021 Issue 70

Any Organisation in South Brent may use the Parish Crest

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Parish Council newsletter. Normally, things are quieter for the Council over the summer, but having returned to face-to-face meetings at the end of May, we have been busier than usual with 14 planning applications over just the past three months.



South Brent Community Benefit Fund

Funding is available to groups, organisations and individuals for benefit to the community. The fund is the direct result of the solar farm operating on land at Marley Thatch Farm and ceases in 2023. The fund is not for the general use of the Parish Council but is administered by the Parish Council.

Applications for £100-250 and also for more than £250 (maximum up to £1,000 or 50% of the project cost, whichever is the lower figure, within the capabilities of the fund).

Full details are available on the Parish Council website (under Financial Publications)

Queries and applications should be sent to clerk@southbrent.gov.uk

Following the easing of restrictions some local organisations, who have struggled financially due to the lock-downs, have received funding from the Community Benefit Fund. The Under 16's Football Club, Sweeney Toddlers Group and SSB's Big Bike Revival all received small grants of up to £250. South Brent Recreation Association, Art House South Brent and the Share Shed all received large grants of up to £1,000. There is still some money left in this funding stream and any charitable, not for profit organisation in need of financial support is encouraged to apply.

Information can be found: <https://southbrent.gov.uk/s-brent-community-benefit-fund>

The Parish Council was asked to act as 'promoter' for the Common Players production of 'The Tuck Inn'. This was to ensure any financial liability was covered with a risk that the Council may need to contribute £440. Knowing the artistic nature and community spirit of the residents this was a very low risk. Ultimately this ended up being the most successful performance of their summer tour with 300 attending. The production was so successful that there was no cost to the Parish Council and they were able to repay most of the Grant received from our County and District Councillors.



It is with disappointment that I have to report that one of our Councillors has been found to have breached our Code of Conduct for 'Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation' of two fellow Councillors and our former Clerk.

The SHDC Standards Complaint Decision Notice can be viewed on SHDC website or via this link, 11th March decision and 5th August review: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/standards-complaints> Decision notice 23/03/2021

The Subject Member has been censured by the Parish Council and the sanctions imposed can be seen in the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd August 2021 or via this link: <https://southbrent.gov.uk/archive-of-meetings/archive/full-council-meeting-minutes/2021-minutes-pc>

Cllr Glyn Richards, Chairman

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for one new Councillor. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role and would like more details, please contact our Parish Clerk, Lucy Brucknor.

Email: clerk@southbrent.gov.uk Tel: (01364) 701900

South Brent Feoffees:

Grants from **South Brent Feoffees** are available to support post 18 education for all young residents of South Brent parish. Grants are not income-related but reflect whether the student is studying away from home or living locally and in what year of study the application is made. Each individual can apply once a year for 3 years whether it is a university course or vocational training. Our allocation of funds varies according to the number of applications and the amount made available each year by the charity. Application forms are available from The Clerk to the Trustees via the Luscombe Maye office in the village or as a PDF document at <https://www.stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk/south-brent-feoffees/>. The deadline for completion and submission of the form for the academic year 2021/2022 is **Sunday 31st October 2021** and applications need to be supported by a letter of authority from the tutor or head of department at the student's college or university.

NEWS FROM SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

As we continue to deal with the consequences of Covid we have been pleased to see how much the open space at the Recreation Ground is being used. Covid has highlighted the importance of local outdoor facilities and we are grateful to South Hams District Council who have provided grants to enable us to cover some of the costs of running the facilities. As some of our regular users return (observing current Covid advice) we are pleased that we are developing a wider base of groups who use or are interested in using the facilities. These include *Chair Yoga on Thursdays from 3.15pm*. From the 5th of September a monthly Sunday market will begin and will take place on the tennis courts. Provided the Covid situation continues to improve and does not get any worse, we hope to restart Bingo on the 29th September, at 7pm in the Pavilion. Details of contacts and diary can be found at: <https://southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/>

We continue to look for grants to make improvements at the Recreation Ground. Current projects include an extension of the footpath and the refurbishment of the kitchen.

Join our **MONTHLY LOTTERY** scheme for £12 per year.

We currently have 40 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

Bedroom to Business Programme September - November 2021

The Business & IP Centre Devon (BIPC) is excited to announce the Bedroom to Business programme.

Do you want to make your business idea a reality? Not sure where to start? Our Bedroom to Business programme includes a Growth Accelerator course with sales trainer James White. In addition, our team of 30 experts will provide supplementary workshops covering topics including: mindset, visioning, profit/loss forecasting and writing a business plan. All the webinars are delivered online and all are FREE to access!

The 13-week programme includes all the steps and tools you need to make your dream a reality.

For more details including the full programme see the BIPC Devon website: <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/>



HM Government



**The job keeps your
teen's life on track.**

The COVID-19 vaccine allows your teenager to continue with their normal routine and their education, keeping their lives on track.

Encourage your 16-17 year old to book their job today.

For more information go to nhs.uk/CovidVaccine

Open Letter on the Climate & Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill

Earlier in the year, the Parish Council along with over 130 business, charities and other organizations, and in line with the Parish Council's declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency, sent an open letter to South Ham's two MPs asking them to back the CEE Bill. It is hoped that with this statement of support from the constituencies, South Hams MPs will join the cross-party group of 107 MPs now backing the bill.

The letter, which was organized by South Hams Climate Action Network, is reprinted in full below. More information, as well as a full list of signatories and guidance for individuals who wish to add their support can be found at: www.sh-can.org

OPEN LETTER TO ANTHONY MANGNALL MP AND GARY STREETER MP

OVER 130 SOUTH HAMS BUSINESSES, CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS
URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL

25th March 2021

Dear Mr Mangnall and Mr Streeter,

We, the undersigned, are a group of local businesses and organisations in the South Hams that are committed to action on the climate and ecological emergency. In order to align our businesses and organisations with a sustainable and zero carbon future, we require a strong legislative framework that embeds the Government's targets in law, enabling us to plan and develop our future trajectories to fit in with those targets.

For this reason, we are asking you to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill which has been proposed by a coalition of scientists, academics and lawyers with the aim of bringing the UK's climate policy into line with evolving scientific advice. It will commit us to the emissions reductions necessary to keep global temperature rise below 1.5°C. It will ensure that we fairly account for the UK's entire carbon footprint, bringing in shipping, aviation and emissions embodied as carbon in imported products, all currently excluded. And importantly, it commits to the protection and active restoration of degraded ecosystems, the active management of carbon sinks, and a comprehensive set of metrics to assess progress.

Because behaviour change is required to tackle the climate and ecological crisis, it is essential that people are involved in decisions that impact them. The Bill proposes Citizens' Assemblies as a tried and tested route to engaging citizens in the democratic process in such a way that effectively mandates and empowers politicians to arrive at recommendations that will address challenging decisions.

The CEE Bill has already gained the support of 100 MPs and a range of businesses and campaign groups (for example the Sustain Alliance and Save British Farming). It goes above and beyond existing and currently proposed legislation such as the Environment Bill, in that it will set binding targets and budgets that will give our businesses and organisations the certainty to act. In contrast the Government's proposed Environment Bill only sets long-term targets of 15 years, with no binding interim targets for improving air and water quality, biodiversity, resource efficiency and waste reduction, and it does not include any greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. Another initiative, the Ten Point Plan, sets out the Government's vision and some welcome investment, but does not provide binding targets or a detailed plan on achieving the emissions cuts we need to keep global warming below 1.5°C.

This year, the attention of the world will be on the UK as we host both the UN Climate Change Conference and the G7 summit here in the South West. This will be an opportunity to offer an ambitious policy framework, to present the UK as forward thinking, going above and beyond the policy framework we currently have in place, widely regarded by scientists as inadequate for meeting our climate targets.

We have the opportunity to be the first nation to fully embrace the expert advice, establishing ourselves as a global leader, and providing the certainty that British businesses need to innovate and invest.

We ask you therefore to support the CEE Bill, and to recognise that there is a wide and growing, diverse group of organisations and businesses in your constituency calling on the Government to take leadership by setting binding commitments in law on tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

Yours sincerely

SSB News

Virtual pubs, edible bugs and wearable waste

Well, what a busy summer we've had at Sustainable South Brent! We've run online 'EcoPubHub' sessions, covering all sorts of topics, including wildlife gardening, home energy, travel and food. We held popular 'Waste Not, Want Not' and 'Tickle Your Taste Buds' days at the Old School Centre, a community litter pick, and we supported the Big Bike Revival events. There's even more to come, with further EcoPubHub sessions in the Autumn. Check out ssb.org.uk for full details of all our events.



Displays at our recent events

Young Adult Ambassador (YAA)



Are you 16-21 years old and itching to take positive action for a sustainable future? (Or perhaps you know someone who is?) Then SSB's exciting, new Young Adult Ambassador (YAA) scheme may be just what you've been looking for. We'll work alongside you to help put **your ideas** into action, whether they're about awareness-raising (a nature-hunt for five-year-olds?), or some practical work (with our experts with wild-flowers, or in an orchard or woodland?), or something else (a creative project?). As long as your initiatives meet with our vision of *Creating a net-zero carbon community where people and nature thrive*, we want to hear about them.

As a YAA, you will have the chance to:

- Gain satisfaction by taking positive action and having fun at the same time.
- Add loads of useful experience to your CV (and Duke of Edinburgh Certificate of Achievement, if you're doing that).
- Improve health and well-being through closer connection to the natural world and your local community.

Thanks to kind support from Councillor Daniel Thomas, we already have some funding from the Locality Budget, waiting to make your ideas a reality. For further details and an application form, contact the YAA Liaison Trustee, Hayden Gabriel: yaa@ssb.org.uk

SSB Projects Update

We've done a bit of 'housekeeping', to further improve communications and management of our projects. We've placed them together under a few appropriate headings and assigned a Link Trustee to each group. These Trustees support the Project Coordinators in their group and make sure any issues are brought quickly to the Board's attention. Our new groupings are listed below. Details of each project can be found on our website. **We always warmly welcome new volunteers**, so if anything takes your fancy, please do contact us using the details listed. And if you have ideas for new projects, or would like to offer support in any other way, we'd also love to hear from you, via: info@ssb.org.uk

Waste | Link Trustee: Eva Ball

- **Marsh Community Compost & Re-use Centre** | Contact: marsh@ssb.org.uk
- **Talking Rubbish** | Contact: rubbish@ssb.org.uk

Biodiversity | Link Trustee: Kitty Ford

- **Brent Bees, Bugs and Butterflies (4B's)** | Contact: beesbugs@ssb.org.uk
- **Hedges and Woodland Group** | Contact: woodgroup@ssb.org.uk

Energy | Link Trustee: Jane Nichols

- New projects in the pipeline, e.g. Home Energy.
- Further ideas welcome | Contact: energy@ssb.org.uk

Transport | Link Trustee: Ross Kennerley

- **Bike Bank** | Contact: bike@ssb.org.uk
- Possible new projects e.g. car-share, electric vehicles; more ideas invited Contact: transport@ssb.org.uk

Food and Land | Link Trustees: Pat Armstrong and Nick Cape

- **Food@SSB** | Contact: food@ssb.org.uk
- **Community School Garden** | Contact: garden@ssb.org.uk
- **The Luces Community Garden** (project in development) | Contact: luc@ssb.org.uk

Don't miss out, keep up with what SSB's doing by checking our website ssb.org.uk or South Brent events listings, or local posters/flyers. Even better, become a member and for just £6 a year (a reduced rate membership is also available). Members receive regular, short e-bulletins giving news of SSB's and other local 'green' activities, plus tips and information on actions we can all take to make a difference, as well as a twice-yearly newsletter, with updates on our projects. A member, but not getting our emails? Just add news@ssb.org.uk to your contacts.

You can download a copy of our Membership Application Form from ssb.org.uk, or pick up printed versions from: Artworks shop on Station Road; SSB notice board in the Toll House on Church Street; SSB notice-board in the Old School Centre.

As ever, we couldn't run any of our projects without the support of our wonderful volunteers and, of course, local people coming to our events. **Thank you.**



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Winter Newsletter 2021

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **December 2021**. Local organisations wishing to submit articles (approx. 150 words) for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word or Rich Text Format) by **Sunday 21st November 2021** at the latest please. The editor in future will be sending a reminder email a week before the deadline so if any organisations and groups in the Parish would like to be included please email the editor newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk and you will be added to the list.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the **4th Monday** of the month.

Parish Council meetings are open 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.

Parish Council meetings for 2021:

27th September 2021 25th October 2021 22nd November 2021 13th December 2021

Planning Committee Meetings are held on the **2nd Monday** of the month – if required, in The Old School Community Centre. If you wish to attend please check the Parish Council website a week before to confirm if it is going ahead.

Please see the Parish Council notice board (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) or website for full details of forthcoming meetings.

www.southbrent.gov.uk

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County Councillor Cllr. Daniel Thomas

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No Brown Bin Collection?

The Marsh – Sustainable South Brent's Community Compost Site on Exeter Road (adjacent to the South West Water site) is open on **Sundays** from **10am to 1pm** and welcomes your garden waste and will turn it into compost.

We accept:

Soft green waste material you can cut with mower or clippers
Twiggy brushwood material that can be cut with loppers, or hedge trimmings cut with shears or a power tool

We don't accept:

Stumps, vines, bamboo, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam
Food/kitchen waste, cooked or uncooked e.g. unwanted fruit and vegetables, peelings, left-overs, so please make sure your compost is not contaminated with any of these.

South Brent

Post Office



Please note new opening times
Now permanently located in the
Old School Community Centre.
Open:

Mondays 9am-12noon

Wednesdays 9am-12noon

Fridays 9am-12noon

Christmas posting dates:

1st class: 20th Dec 2nd class: 18th Dec

Lloyds Bank:



in the Old School
Community Centre Car Park:

Alternate

Mondays 9.45-11.15am

Events and Activities

Thursday 7 October 2021: 'Talking Rubbish' from 8-9.30pm. Another laid-back 'EcoPubHub' Zoom session organised by SSB's 'Talking Rubbish' group, will explore themes around the way in which we manage our waste in order to live sustainably. We all know we need to reduce our waste but what does that mean in practical terms? This session aims to explore how small changes in our every-day lives can make a big difference to our carbon footprint - "Rethink; Refuse; Reduce; Reuse; Repair; Recycle". See: <https://ssb.org.uk/>

Friday 29 October 2021: Harbottle & Jonas: Album launch in St. Petroc's Church, South Brent. Dave Harbottle and Freya Jonas live in South Brent, and are launching a new album of traditional songs - 'Songs of Love & Death' which they recorded in St Petroc's Church with Reg Meuross. Partners in life as well as music, Dave and Freya they have established themselves as one of the most exciting prospects on the folk circuit today, combining a love of the richness of traditional folk with their own original and powerful songs. See: www.harbottleandjonas.com/ and www.regmeuross.com/.

Art House in South Brent www.arthousesouthbrent.com

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

The Mobile Library

The mobile library visits have restarted monthly on Tuesdays from 1.45-3pm at Clobells and from 3.15-3.45pm at Station Approach.

www.devonlibraries.org.uk

The Share Shed <https://www.shareshed.org.uk/>

The Share Shed is a library of things, where people can borrow all sorts of useful things, ranging from tools, house appliances, bicycles, camping and gardening equipment, sewing machines, and much more!

Fridays from 10am to 12pm at the Old School Community Centre