

South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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Any Organisation in South Brent may use the Parish Crest



Act of Remembrance and Church Service

This year the **Act of Remembrance** was held face-to-face at the 11th Hour, on the 11th Day of the 11th Month at the Toll House in Church Street. This was very well attended and I wish to thank Mike Roberts and Peter Brown for bearing the Standards.

Unfortunately we were unable to toll the bell, due to a broken rope, but thank you to Ron Akehurst for his efforts.



Photo Courtesy of Keith Male

The **Service of Remembrance and Rededication**, held in St Petroc's, was limited to 100 people due to COVID restriction but was available to view via Zoom. Thanks to Reverend Professor Gina Radford for an excellent service in these difficult times, Patsy Tidball from the Methodists Chapel for leading the Intercessions, Grace Pearson-Link and Dylan Cowper for reading the Exhortations. Finally thanks to the Uniformed Organisations, Standard Bearers and Wreath layers.

New Year, New Venue, New Schedule of Council Meetings



Palstone Park Pavilion

The Council has made the decision to move Full Council and Committee meeting to the Pavilion at Palstone Park Recreation Ground, TQ10 9JP. This decision has been made to allow Councillors and parishioners to attend all meetings in a safe, socially distanced (if necessary), accessible venue.

Although the Pavilion is located on the edge of the village it is well served with parking, cycle and footpath access.

Full Council meeting will still be held on the 4th Monday of the month, avoiding Half Terms and Bank Holidays, and the Planning Committee meeting will now be held on the 1st Monday of the month. To reduce the burden of meetings, frequently two meeting will be held back to back.

On Monday 10th January 2022 the Planning Committee meeting will be held at 7.30pm (if necessary) followed by a Finance and Human Resources meeting at 8.15pm. This will reduce the number of Mondays when meeting take place. The calendar of meetings can be viewed on the website at <https://southbrent.gov.uk/calendar> and all parishioners are welcome to attend there is an opportunity for public participation before meetings start.

Councillor Glyn Richards
Chairman



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2022



2-5 June 2022 marks the recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 years of reign. Quite remarkable! It is also a salute to her devoted service to our country and her unerring, dedicated sense of duty.

This is the first time a British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee, so it is worth gathering our thoughts as to how we can acknowledge this once-in-a-lifetime event.

For the celebration to be successful we will need a body of willing helpers. They will have to be ready to take on responsibility for organising a small part of the various activities, such as:

Catering	Media Coverage	Children's Activities	Communications
Logistics	Funding and Budgeting	Refreshments Tables/Chairs	
Tent/Marquee Hire	Business Participation	Marshalls/Security on the day	

If you are willing to help, please let the Parish Council Clerk, Lucy Bruckner, know as soon as possible so that a 'get-together' can be organised.

Your ideas are welcome

Please email with your ideas and/or if you wish to be one of the helpers. Every idea will be given serious consideration, and your help, most appreciated.

Let's show what we are capable of and make it a successful occasion; full of friendship, food and fun!
Please contact Lucy Bruckner clerk@southbrent.gov.uk or telephone **01364 701900**

Thank you, in advance, for your help



What happens if you eat Christmas Decorations?

You get Tinseltus!

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as your new County Councillor. I live in Yealmpton and as part of my County Council duties, I sit on the Public Rights of Way Committee, the Standing Advisory Committee for the teaching of Religious Education and am also a member of Dartmoor National Park Authority.



My principal priority at County Hall is to champion the cause of South Brent, along with the 11 other Parishes in the Division. Primarily, this means working closely with the local Neighbourhood Highways Officer to ensure that - where possible – potholes, drains and resurfacing are attended to properly and in good time.

To that end, I have managed to secure a commitment to get Church Street to the top of the local list for next year's financial year, so work starting any time from April 2022. I am also keen to see more money available for community groups supporting biodiversity and environmentally friendly projects as well as improvements in our public transport infrastructure.

I regularly attend South Brent Parish Council meetings, where I have been delighted to be able to support the Council (along with Sustainable South Brent) through my Locality Fund.

You can either request my support via the Parish Council or, if you feel it more appropriate, you can contact me directly using the email Daniel.thomas@devon.gov.uk. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf for at least the next 2 and a half years and would be delighted to hear from you if I can help in anyway.

County Councillor Dan Thomas
07917 877706



South Brent, Fairfield, Palstone Lane

Coming from January 2022

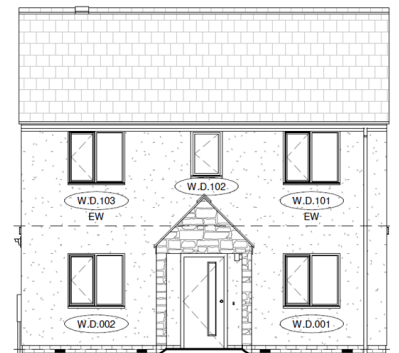
New Build 1, 2, 3 & 4-bedroom homes for Affordable Rent in South Brent

The homes are due for completion from January 2022 onwards. Properties to be advertised on **Devon Home-choice** from late-October in weekly cycles. All properties will have a garden. All flats will have a single parking space & houses will have at least 2 parking spaces.

All allocations will be made subject to applicants meeting a Section 106 agreement, demonstrating a strong local connection to the parish of provision, **South Brent**, or the adjacent rural parishes of **Dartmoor Forest (excluding Princetown)**, **Dean Prior**, **Rattery & Ugborough**.

A local connection is:

- 5 years current residence immediately prior to advertising
- 5 years previous residence but has moved away no more than 5 years ago.
- A strong local connection to the parish eg by current employment or by upbringing



Property drawing will be similar to the advertised properties

If interested or you require further information, please contact.

Blake Brown , Email: blake.brown@livewest.co.uk , Tel: 01872 267383



South Brent Old School Community Centre

GYM CLOSURE

It is with great regret that the Trustees have to inform members that South Dartmoor Academy (SDA) have recently told us that they have decided to close the South Brent Fitness Gym permanently and will be removing their equipment in the near future.

We hope that South Dartmoor Academy will communicate in some way to each and every member of the Gym their reasons for closing the Gym. SBOSCC is unable to contact members of the Gym individually as SDA hold membership details. SDA in complying with data protection legislation (GDPR), cannot share member's personal details with us.

We would kindly ask you NOT to contact Trustees or the Manager of the Community Centre about the closure; it is totally out of our control. SDA like many other users of the Community Centre merely licensed the space from us in order to organise a Gym facility.

For further information we suggest you contact:

Ashmoor Sports Centre, Balland Lane, Ashburton, TQ13 7EW on 01364 654303 or
Ashmoor@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Raise the Roof



Our roof is in need of urgent attention!

We are raising money to replace it entirely, to ensure the centre remains weathertight for future activities and users. We aim to include solar panels, to ensure a sustainable energy supply for the centre.

For more details, or to help by donating, please visit our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/theoldschoolroof>

Snow and Ice

There are several salt and grit bins dotted around South Brent

You are welcome to take a small amount of salt/grit for your pavement in case it gets icy. Please check and help your neighbours if they are on their own and cold icy weather sets in.

A small amount goes along way: approx. one cup per square metre.



South Brent & District Caring

Lunch Club – alternate Mondays. Food served promptly, arrive for 12 noon. Soup, a roll and a pudding crafted by dedicated volunteers. If you haven't been before please call to book Tel: 01364 700282.
Starts again 17th of Jan 2022

Coffee Morning – Drop-in session. Runs alternate Mondays from 10.30 – 12. All welcome. Games, a cuppa and a chat. Starts Jan 10th 2022.

Friends Day Wednesday – every Wednesday 2pm - 4pm, incorporating the memory café. Games, coffee, chat and a song or two! Starts 5th of Jan 2022.

Citizen Advice Bureau Video Booth – Wednesdays 10am -12noon. Speak to an adviser from South Hams Citizen Advice by video call, advice on any issue. Confidential.

All events held at The Old School Community Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent Volunteer Vacancies

Fundraising volunteer – Support to help us create and run fundraising activities locally and maybe even online.

Foot Care Volunteer – Training provided. To support our oversubscribed foot care clinics.

For more info on the above Tel: 01364 700282, or drop-in Tues – Fri 10-12 at The Old School Community Centre, or email info@sbadc.org.uk. Please like our Facebook page for regular updates.

Note: Sadly all Events and activities for December have been cancelled due to the heightened risk of Covid infections across Devon and the new variant. We are still offering help with Transport and the usual support with shopping and other activities. Please see our website for details www.sbadc.org.uk or call 01364 700282

St Patrocs Church and South Brent Singers Church Carols and Nativity, Pennywell Farm Thursday 16th December



With enormous thanks to Chris Murray and the team for allowing us to use Pennywell again this year.

This will be a joint production with the South Brent Singers—a wonderful community occasion. The proposed programme is as follows (timings may vary slightly):- Note start time 6pm

6-7pm Carol singing, readings and nativity

7-7.30pm Mince pies and coffee

7.30pm South Brent Singers

Everyone Welcome to come and support us. Important– Bring a friend(s)

It was a fantastic occasion last year and we hope it will be bigger and better this year. No need to book your place but please wear face coverings when in enclosed spaces and respect others wishes around social distancing.

www.stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk

Gathering Winter Fuel

Fancy chopping and chatting while helping nature?
SSB's Hedges and Woodland Group meet fortnightly over the winter on Sundays from 10-3pm. You are welcome to join us.

We do practical countryside work like coppicing, hedge laying and conserving woods to make them better for wildlife and for access for people. No experience needed, we all love to share our skills and learn new ones! In fact, we recently helped a neighbouring green group, Ugborough G-UP, get started on their first day of laying a hedge.

We work with the Woodland Trust, the owners of **Penstave Copse** (pictured right), and with their agreement, we make use of the logs we cut in our coppicing work as firewood.

We've nearly finished our new wood drying barn at the Marsh composting site. There's already lots of sacks of wood chunks drying out there, which we'll be selling when their moisture content is under 20%. We're also just about to process some larger felled timber, which will be seasoned and ready for winter fuel for next year.



Penstave Copse

If you'd like to be involved in our group, please contact: woodgroup@ssb.org.uk.

Money, money, money

No, we're not asking for any (although there is a new donation button on our website...) We're delighted to welcome Steve Willis as our new Treasurer, and to very warmly thank Rachel Rafiqi for her work as the outgoing postholder.

Want to keep up with the latest? If you haven't yet picked up your copy of SSB's latest newsletter (from various places, including the Toll House, Artworks and the Old School Centre), then you've been missing out! It's packed full of interesting stuff about what's happening in South Brent and it's really worth a flick through.

If you'd like a copy of our newsletters emailed to you, plus tips, links and loads of other useful information in our regular newsflashes, just contact Kitty and ask to be put on our mailing list: news@ssb.org.uk. We promise not to overload you with unwanted bumph!

We also regularly post on Facebook (@sustainablesouthbrent); Instagram (@sustainablesouthbrent) and Twitter (@SustainableSB). Follow us to get the latest news and views. And we've just refreshed our website, so now it's even easier to find out all about SSB, including information about upcoming events. Find us at: www.ssb.org.uk



What does an elf study in school?

The elfabet!



How much do you know about Christmas and SSB? Take our quiz to find out!

1. The average UK adult usually spends how much on Xmas presents?
a) £260 b) £330 or c) £420
2. How much is spent, in total, on unwanted presents each year in the UK?
a) £300 b) £500 or c) £700 million
3. People in the UK will use how many miles of wrapping paper each year?
a) 50,000 miles b) 180 000 miles or c) 227,000 miles
4. How many UK adults say they have received gifts they don't want and will never use?
(Source: [WWF](#)) a) 20% b) 30% or c) 50%
5. Each year, how many extra sackfuls of waste are produced per household over Christmas?
(source [CarbonFootprint](#)) a) 1 b) 5 or c) 20
6. The number of Christmas dinners reported as wasted across the United Kingdom in 2014, was:
a) 1.7 million b) 3.3 million or c) 4.2 million. Source [The Independent](#)
7. For how many years does an artificial Christmas tree have to be used before it becomes 'better' environmentally than buying a living tree every year? (Source: [WWF](#)).
At least: a) 10 b) 15 c) 20 years
8. How many Christmas Cards were recycled by the Woodland Trust scheme in January 2008, was it:
a) 12.8 million b) 34.7 million c) 49.3 million d) 73.6 million
9. Since 2011, South Brents Community Energy Wind turbine has generated enough electricity to power:
a) 70 b) 140 and c) 280 homes.
10. How many bags of litter did the 'Talking Rubbish' group collect on their first litter pick:
a) 5 b) 10 or c) 20

Answers on page: 9



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Private waste collectors - Duty of Care



We are aware that there are independent companies coming forward to take garden waste away for people who may be unable to take to the Recycling centres themselves. These are not contracted through South Hams District Council and we strongly suggest checking that any company you use has a registered waste carriers licence before handing over your waste.

This is the householder's responsibility to check these details first.

You can check if they are registered by searching for their details on the Environment Agency's online here www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

Any bona fide waste carrier will show you a certificate or authorisation card proving they are a registered carrier. We recommend that you do not engage with anyone who comes knocking on your door for a cash deal to take away your waste. If you do, we advise that you to get a receipt and make a note of the registration number of the vehicle taking your waste.

Remember, if you transfer waste to an unauthorised waste carrier and the waste is then fly tipped, **you** may then be liable to prosecution.

Back to Scouting and more!



Scouting in South Brent got back to face to face meetings as soon as Covid restrictions allowed, and a whole lot more! As soon as government guidelines permitted a whole day of face to face activities was held at Piper's Field for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers – attending in separate time slots and making great use of the campfire area and the outdoor pizza oven that Explorer Scout Felix Cowper had built during lockdown.

In fact, getting back to using Piper's Field has been a regular occurrence for the Scouts (10.5 – 14 year old) who ran their complete summer

programme outdoors – a really great way to get back to what Scouting is all about.

Their sessions included lots of cooking and shelter building, something everyone enjoys, but was really focussed on getting back to normal. All the Scout troop worked on the Survival skills badge, as well as doing evening trips like wide games at Blackdown Rings, and a great session with Totnes Canoe Club, kayaking along the Dart.

For the Explorers (14 – 18 year old) it had been hoped that restrictions would have eased more to allow a summer camp away, but alas that was not to be, so the week's activities that should have been held around St Just in Cornwall, moved closer to South Brent.

A day's circular hike from Princetown, with the Explorers picking their own routes but finishing with a cream tea back at the Fox Tor café, started the 'Not the Summer Camp' activities. These then included Go Karting at Menheniot, Canoeing and Kayaking on the Dart from Totnes and a Group Curry dinner back in South Brent. First week back after the summer holidays, it was the Explorers turn for camping at Piper's Field, and then getting the last of the evening light, surfing at Bigbury saw 24 of us get very wet.

Another event that was able to resume post-Covid restrictions was the Cremyll Challenge in early October, where 16 explorers joined another 50 or so explorers from other groups around South Devon, for a two day hiking, camping and skills challenge over at Rame. That event starts on the final Cremyll ferry of the Friday night taking all they young people and a few intrepid leaders over to Cremyll where the first task in a night hike via manned checkpoints up to Maker Heights campsite. Having to pitch your tent in the dark was a great incentive to swiftly navigate the route from Cremyll.



Saturday morning has an early start with an assessed cooked breakfast, then a day 'running' in some cases all over the Rame Peninsula to checkpoints where first aid, and knot tying could be checked, amongst other skills / team building exercises. A cooked dinner back at the Maker Heights Canteen and then mocktails in the Old Barracks building rounded off the day. Pleased to say one of the South Brent teams came first this year!

In the run up to Christmas a few of the leadership team will be reconnoitring Barra in the Outer Hebrides, where we hope the Summer 2022 expedition will be, although activities will still be being run in and around South Brent village hall by other leaders.

Scouting for all ages from Beavers (ages 6-8), Cubs (ages 8-10.5), Scouts and Explorers can only be done with the help of the volunteer leaders, but mainly with enthusiastic young people that come along each week.

We always need more helpers, even just an occasional evening or helping provide hot drinks (which were most welcome when we emerged somewhat damp from surfing), so if you'd like to find out more about Scouting in South Brent, do feel free to reach out to Tim Haley (Group Scout Leader) , Tim Harvey (Explorer Leader) or myself, Chris Haigh (Assistant Explorer Leader).

1st South Brent Scout Group

Dartside Explorer Scout Unit (South Brent)

Email: 1stsouthbrentscouts@gmail.com or contact Tim Haley 07984 760690



Recreation Association News



We are pleased that the facilities continue to be well used.

The Sunday Village market has been popular no matter what the weather has been like. It is hoped to make the markets a monthly event. Many thanks goes to Jo and Steve Plumbly for organising the markets.

Details of contacts and diary can be found on our website:

<https://southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/> or contact either Anne on 01364 72223 or email nichollsbenne2@gmail.com or Peter Kelly on 07836270576 or email peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk

Unfortunately we now find that we have to pay for rubbish removal. We therefore urge visitors to the Rec to take their rubbish home if possible and put dog poo in the appropriate bin.

We are one of the local projects which can be supported by members at the local Co-op. It would be great if you could choose us as the local cause. We are trying to raise money towards outdoor gym equipment at the Rec.

The link below will give you further information and how to vote

Many Thanks in advance for your support

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/59142>

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

Join our **MONTHLY LOTTERY** scheme £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

SSB Quiz Answers - also at www.ssb.org.uk/blog

1. **b)** But home-made and second-hand gifts can be just as good, if not better, and helps reduce carbon.
2. **c)** Why not give a charity subscription or donation on some-one's behalf? The gift that keeps giving...
3. **c)** The amount of wrapping paper thrown away in just the UK would reach the moon! Try reusable cloth wrapping or re-purpose old magazines instead.
4. **c)** See answer to qu.2. And donate any unwanted gifts to charity.
5. **b)** In the UK we produce around 3 million tonnes of additional waste at Christmas. How much can you cut your waste this
6. Christmas?
7. **c)** This figure is equivalent to 263,000 turkeys; 7.5 million mince pies; 740,000 slices of Christmas pudding; 17.2 million Brussels sprouts; 11.9 million carrots and 11.3 million roast potatoes. Source (source CarbonFootprint).
8. **a)** An artificial Christmas tree is used for an average of 5-6 years, so use them for 10 or buy a second hand one. Although it's still not biodegradable...
9. **d)** Recycling cards is far better than throwing them in the bin after Xmas.
10. **a)** This means we would need an additional 17 turbines of the same size to power the whole of South Brent, at current rates of consumption. But we could reduce our power needs, with energy-efficient homes, transport and appliances.
11. **c)** And that was just in one small area of South Brent! Make a New Year's Resolution to stop the drop, or help us clean-up on our litter-picks. See SSB's website for dates.



How much does Santa's sleigh cost?

Nothing! It was on the house!



Hello it is Ella here, I work as one of the Rangers for Dartmoor National Park Authority and cover the South Brent area with help from colleagues Ethan and Andrea, and Volunteer Wardens Tim, Jo and Janet. Ethan started with us at the beginning of the year as our Assistant Ranger and it has been brilliant to have him as a new member of our team.



Left to right- Ethan, VW Ian, Mervyn and Ella working earlier in the year on Brent Island

We are lucky that most of our work is practical – out on the ground on Dartmoor. We have had a busy year mostly taken up by offering information and advice to visitors, together with looking after the Public Rights of Way network in-between additional jobs like posting more signage through the COVID pandemic over busy moorland sites. Locally we have also spent many days throughout the Summer and Autumn helping our invasive Species Officer Mervyn with clearing Himalayan Balsam and American Skunk Cabbage! Thank you to everyone including Sustainable South Brent for your help with this. We were really pleased to be able to clear so much Himalayan Balsam and it is encouraging to

see that it really gets knocked back hard with not too much re-growth the following season. This project was funded by the Otter Arts trail (you may well have seen those otters around?!) and we are hoping we will be able to continue with it next year.

We have also been out with our Youth Rangers who have spent some time at Shipley, clearing gorse off the old China Clay workings and doing litter-picks up to the reservoir and back. They have also been out repairing boardwalks and replacing a ladder stile in nearby Longtimber Woods, Ivybridge and helping with vegetation clearance on Diamond Lane.

Our Youth Rangers Officer Emily is always looking for new recruits and please do contact her on ecannon@dartmoor.gov.uk or 07912470778 if you know any 12-19 year olds who may like to come along and help?

From a wider National Park perspective, Rangers have also been promoting a new programme providing financial support to farmers and other land managers / owners ('FIPL') – funding for one-off projects that support nature recovery, tackling the impacts of climate change, cultural heritage and more. For further details and application forms visit www.dartmoor.gov.uk. Do take a look at this programme as it supports a wide range of initiatives based on Climate, Nature, People and Place e.g. Naturalising a straightened watercourse for biodiversity and natural flood management benefits or promoting connectivity between habitats or replacing stiles with gates on public footpaths to promote easier access.

Give us a wave if you see us out and about and do let us know if you come across any footpath or bridleway issues – I know off the top of my head we have a few repairs to do locally on stiles and signage! We also will be looking for more help with tasks like vegetation clearance, drainage, litter-picks and potentially more invasive species work – if you are able to help out then look out for work party dates in 'What's On – South Brent' and also we do have our own Face Book pages – Dartmoor Rangers and the Dartmoor National Park Website.

Thank you,

Ella Briens
Dartmoor National Park Ranger
ebriens@dartmoor.gov.uk



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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Tell us what you think

As your fire and rescue service we are here to help keep you safe.

We've developed a plan for the next five years outlining the risks in our area and how we plan to manage them. Help us by sharing your feedback on our draft plan.

View the plan and complete a short survey by visiting
www.dsfire.gov.uk/community-risk-plan
or by scanning this QR code



Want to know more? Join one of our online events. Use the details above for more information.

This consultation closes on **14 January 2022**.

Need information in a different format? Please call us on **01392 261287** or email **CRMP@dsfire.gov.uk**



Community Risk Management Plan 2022 - 2027



Worried about increasing energy bills?

We are here to help

South Dartmoor Community Energy is a local not-for-profit organisation set up to help people in our community make their homes more energy efficient so we can all afford to keep warm and healthy at home.

Since 2016 our qualified and friendly advisors have helped thousands of people in the South Hams to save money and use less energy at home.

We can provide advice over the phone or we can visit you at home. We will help with:

- High energy bills
- Cold at home
- Damp or mould problems
- Confusing heating controls
- Complicated bills
- Fuel debt or problems with suppliers
- Switching tariffs
- Insulation or heating grants
- Energy bills becoming unaffordable
- Extra support you may be entitled to



All our advice is completely FREE and impartial, we receive grant funding so we can help home owners and people who are renting privately or from a housing association. If you'd like to book a visit, or just chat to an advisor, please get in touch.



0800 112 3044
advice@sdce.org.uk

www.sdce.org.uk/energy-advice



How do you know when Santa's around?

You can sense his presents!

Recycling & Waste Collections



Collection day	New collection day
Mon 27 Dec	Wed 29 Dec
Tues 28 Dec	Thur 30 Dec
Wed 29 Dec	Fri 31 Dec
Thur 30 Dec	Tue 4 Jan
Fri 31 Dec	Wed 5 Jan
Mon 3 Jan	Thur 6 Jan
Tues 4 Jan	Fri 7 Jan
Wed 5 Jan	Sat 8 Jan
Thur 6 Jan	Mon 10 Jan
Fri 7 Jan	Tues 11 Jan
10 - 13 Jan	Two days late
Fri 14 Jan	Mon 17 Jan
17 - 21 Jan	One day late
24 Jan onwards	No change

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Parish Report from your District Councillors, Guy Pannell and Peter Smerdon

Covid 19 rates rising again

Cases of the virus are rising again across our local area, and we would ask all residents to take care. Booster doses are available, and we would urge all those eligible to take these up, and any residents still not vaccinated for the first or second time to seriously consider doing so.

Waste Collection

The situation continues to be challenging. The current difficulties faced by many Councils across the country around staffing levels, particularly drivers, continue to impact on FCCs ability to collect our waste and recycling. **Please continue to register missed collections** through the system **online or by phone**, as this will assist in holding our contractors to account.

The brown bin service remains suspended and In the light of FCC's ongoing staffing issues the Executive has taken the decision that it will not resume until the Spring. **Sustainable South Brent** is happy to accept garden waste at their composting centre at The Marsh on Sunday mornings. It can also be taken to Devon County Council recycling centres.

Several SHDC councillors have been on a tour of Chelson Meadow Materials Recovery Facility (MURF) at Plymouth, where residents' co-mingled (mixed together) recycling is taken to be sorted and recycled. This gave a wider insight and understanding of these materials' journey from the kerbside, the sorting process and showed the high quality materials that our residents are involved in producing. We can reassure residents that everything is properly and efficiently recycled, and the sorted and baled waste is sold on for further reprocessing. None goes to landfill.

Rough Sleepers



South Hams District Council will be operating the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol from now until 1 March 2022. During this time, we would be grateful if you could let us know of anyone sleeping rough and advise them to contact a member of the Housing Team (on 01803 861234 for South Hams during office hours or 01803 867034 outside office hours regarding the provision of accommodation over this period. The Housing Team will arrange for an outreach worker to make contact with them. This is particularly important during periods

of severe weather.

The definition of a rough sleeper, for the purpose of the Government's estimate is as follows: *People sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on/in or standing next to their bedding) or actually bedded down in the open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments). People in buildings or other places not designed for habitation (such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats, stations, or "bashes").*

The information we gather through this process helps us ensure we get the most accurate figure possible to report back to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and helps us to design future services

Budget/Spending review

Multi-Year Spending Review

For Local Government there will be an average real-terms increase of 3% in core spending Power. (However core spending power includes Council Tax and New Homes Bonus funding so we will need to see the detail of this with the Finance Settlement announced later).

Business Rates

The Chancellor's speech highlighted that the Government does not intend to abolish business rates, though the review states that the Government will launch a consultation on an Online Sales Tax (OST) to consider the benefits and drawbacks of an OST. There will be a further freeze of the business rates multiplier in 2022-23 (the pence in the £ that is applied to business rates bills). This was due to increase by 3.1% in line with September Consumer Price Index (CPI). After the next revaluation in 2023, business rates revaluations will take place every three years.

Business Rates loophole

There is no announcement about closing the business rates loophole for second homeowners who let out their property for at least 140 days.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Buckingham Palace has announced a weekend of celebrations on 2 – 5 June 2022 across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The Platinum Jubilee celebrates the Queen's historic reign and 70 years of service.

www.platinumjubilee.gov.uk

The Platinum Jubilee is a great way to bring our communities together and get involved in the celebrations! We will be offering support by coordinating events across our region and promoting activities via advertising and through our social media platforms. We will be sending information out to our communities and asking them to tell us what events they are planning and explaining how they can get involved. This will help us to identify what plans are in place and where we can offer support. Event organisers can tell us about their events by filling in a short survey.



Mobile Boost Scheme

Connecting Devon and Somerset has announced the expansion of its Mobile Boost Programme, which aims to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in "not-spot" areas.



Businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of one of a number of mobile signal booster options from a registered supplier.

The value of the voucher will be dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises. Suppliers will be able to advise on the most appropriate option. Businesses and residents will be required to make a contribution to cover the cost of installation. Information on the scheme has been passed on to residents and TAPs via an e-bulletin and social media.

For more information and to apply visit

www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/the-cds-mobile-booster-voucher-scheme-guide

South Hams District Councillor Guy Pannell and Peter Smerdon



South Brent Parish Council Media Committee

Wanted: Your Favourite Photos

New Parish Council Website for the Parish

The Media Committee of the Parish Council have accepted a quotation to rebuild and host the Parish Council website which is now old and tired. Fresh and exciting photos of the village and surrounding area are needed for the banner and as a photo showcase for the new site.

Please send in a max of 2 of your best photographs to lisette.granados@southbrent.gov.uk or katharine.johnston@southbrent.gov.uk, who are leading the development of the new website, for consideration by the Media Committee and play your part in the rebuilding of the website.

Spring Newsletter 2022

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **March 2022** Local organisations wishing to submit articles up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise) for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by **Sunday 13th February 2022** 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, **are held at the Pavilion in Palstone Park**, and are usually on the **4th 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 24th January 2022**. Please visit the parish council website for an agenda and associated supporting documents.

Planning Committee Meetings are usually held on the **1st 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) and website for full details of all forthcoming meetings.

www.southbrent.gov.uk

South Brent Parish Council

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Cllr. Lisette Granados

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County Councillor

Cllr. Daniel Thomas	Daniel.Thomas@devon.gov.uk
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Clerk Address: Mrs Lucy Bruckner, P.O. Box 559, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 9LR

Events and Activities

Thursday 16th December Church Carols & Nativity 6pm at Pennywell Farm St Patrocs Church and South Brent Singers. Everyone welcome. Further details page

Sunday 19 December 6.30pm Traditional Carol Service St Petroc's Church

Friday 24 December 4pm Christingle Family Service St Petroc's

Friday 24 December 11pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight St Petroc's Church

Saturday 25 December 11am Family Communion St Petroc's Church

Sunday 26 December 9.30am Carols around the Crib St Petroc's Church

Tuesday 28th December 11am-3pm Seasonal Spectacular. Free activities and food for children with Soundart Radio South Brent Old School Community Centre

Covid 19

Please check latest news, websites, social media and village noticeboards for any new restrictions in place that may affect events and activities in this winter edition.

SOUTH BRENT

POST OFFICE:

Old School Community Centre.

Open: opening times

Mondays 9am-12noon

Wednesdays 9am-12noon

Friday 9am-12noon



LLOYDS BANK:

in the Old School Community Centre Car Park:



Mondays

9.45-11.15am

Every 2 weeks

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2022

All meetings will take place in The Pavilion at Palstone Park until further notice

All full Council meetings start at 7.30pm

Back to back meetings Planning 7.30pm & 8.15pm or 7.30pm if Planning Committee is cancelled

10th January	Planning Committee & Finance and HR Committee
24th January	Full Council Meeting
7th February	Planning Committee & Media Committee
28th February	Full Council Meeting
7th March	Planning Committee & Land and Estates Committee
28th March	Full Council Meeting
4th April	Planning Committee & Finance and HR Committee
25th April	Full Council Meeting
9th May	Planning Committee & Land and Estates Committee
23rd May	Full Council Meeting
6th June	Planning Committee & Media Committee
27th June	Full Council Meeting
15th August	Full Council Meeting (if required)
5th September	Planning Committee & Finance and HR Committee
26th September	Full Council Meeting
3rd October	Planning Committee & Land and Estates Committee
17th October	Full Council Meeting
7th November	Planning Committee & Finance and HR Committee
28th November	Full Council Meeting
5th December	Planning Committee & Media Committee
12th December	Full Council Meeting

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and there is time allocated before the council meeting starts for members of the public to speak. The agenda and minutes can be found on the parish noticeboards in South Brent and Parish Council Website. For any last minute changes please visit the councils facebook page.

We wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Website: www.southbrent.gov.uk **Facebook:** South Brent Parish Council