

REPORT FOR MARCH TO DATE FROM ROSEMARY ROWE.

We are now moving into the next phase of Lifting Lock down .and on April 12<sup>th</sup> we will see our Leisure Centres reopening along with non essential shops and Food and drink establishments will be able to trade outside.

The vaccination programme is on target with more centres becoming available nearer to home; Follaton House became a vaccination Centre on Wednesday April 7th. The case figures are moving in the right direction so that is good.

Most of what I have been reporting month on month is still applicable, various grants are available via the Council to help Businesses get started again. There is alot of information on The South Hams Council`s website. You will have received your Council Tax bills by now and please take a note of the various amounts payable to each authority. Anyone who struggles to pay their Council Tax may be able to get assistance from The Council for reduced payments i.e. if they maybe already on another benefit. The council is able to support businesses opening up and coming out of lockdown by removing as much bureaucracy and red tape as possible. Especially with support to Alfresco Dining, Takeaways Use of Land for outside events, Markets etc. Without the need for Planning Permission. We want to give as much assistance to all those businesses and help visitors gets the best experience which our beautiful area has to offer.

The New super recycling service is coming on stream and will be gradually phased in over the next few weeks. When you receive your boxes etc. You can start to use them straight away. They come with full instructions, labels etc. So should be easy to use alongside the brown and grey bins. Remember NO food waste in the Brown Bin; it will be for Garden waste only. Food waste caddies are issued with the green boxes.9,000 households are now officially on the new service and are able to recycle more at the Kerbside including glass and plastics ( no black plastic )The new depot at Ivybridge is up and running as expected. The new vehicles are working and the first load of glass was collected from the depot last week. The next phase of boxes etc. Deliveries started on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Each phase will be weekly after that. So those of us who have not yet received our new boxes etc. Look forward to receiving them and being able to recycle more at home. This will help to increase the council`s recycling rate.

The New Localities team started work on 1<sup>st</sup> April and will be working daily where ever needed across The District until the end of September. Among their duties will be Car parking, clearing litter & bins ,Dog offences, Fly tipping, Play areas and Covid compliance related areas of concern. Dealing with those kind of issues reported to the Council via email [localities@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:localities@swdevon.gov.uk)

There is alot of detailed information on all these and more interesting items on the council`s website, please do take a look at it and use it.

These are some of the main items which we have been focusing on recently.

Please have your Covid vaccination if you have not already done so as soon as is possible.

HANDS FACE SPACE.

Remember the Code

Rosemary Rowe.

