

## S.H.D.C. REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

We have reached the end of 3 months of Lock Down and indeed it is 15 weeks since it first began.

We are holding all our meetings via Skype and Zoom. I have also recently started using Team Viewer .We keep in touch with regular meetings on a Monday and various meetings throughout the week.

We have been continuing with enabling businesses to access various grants which are available and can be viewed on the Council`s website.

The Council`s finances are badly affected as are all councils .At present we are £2.588mil. Over budget. The new waste & Recycling Service will now not come into service until February 2021.the delay will cost The Council £65,000. Per month. The income from the Employment estates is down by 25%.

All The Councils across Devon are working together under the banner of Team Devon to exchange ideas & working practises .Lobbying M.P. `s, Central Government & other bodies where finance may be available. Fortunately due to prudent financial management in years gone by South Hams is in a good financial position with reserves which may have to be tapped into to help out at this unprecedented time.

Car Parks have now reopened and charging so income will start to trickle in from them .The Lr.Ferry will hopefully see more use as Tourists will start to visit and use it. So that will help. Most Public Toilets have now reopened too.

Jonathan, Hilary and I have been working closely with Dartmouth to assist businesses fronting The South Embankment .Enabling them to use this area for setting up tables & seating arrangements for Food & Drink at social distancing from 4/7 th .Dartmouth Town Council are planning to do the same in the Royal Avenue Gardens .

We are working on a recovery plan under the Title of Build Back Better & having workshops during July .We will be considering new ways of working built on lessons we have learnt from the way the council has functioned during the last few months during lock down.

Personally my work load locally has been involved with car parking, toilets, S 106 Agreements, 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners staying overnight in their properties, Non collection of Bins & endless emails apart from every day Council business.

Take care ,stay safe and stay local.

Rosemary.