

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2020 FROM ROSEMARY ROWE

It seems like a long time ago since we had Christmas ,indeed it was so very different .We are living in such uncertain times and apart from The vaccine it seems like we will never get out of the situation we find ourselves in.

Cllr Bastone has forwarded the Town/Parish Council all the information of what has been taking place at Meetings within The Council so I don't want to report and state what he has already sent you.

We continue to work from home and have meetings via Zoom and have now moved on to Teams which was something else to learn how to operate?!

We are supporting our staff during these latest lock down restrictions and school closures as many of our team have to balance work and child care.

Vaccine Roll out is taking place and we do hope that more centres nearer Home will come on stream soon.

Business grant Updates. A further round of support has been announced and our staff will be dealing with this apart from their usual day to day work. We have 3 Covid Compliance Officers who are working with The Environmental Health team to ensure that shops etc. Have the correct measures in place if they are in the essential bracket to be open. Checking on Holiday/2nd homes etc.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. These are people who have been shielding possible since March. To assist them so that they are able to access help to receive priority food delivery slots and get their medication as necessary.

Hardship funding. If anyone is enduring hardship, the council is able to help with Rent, Council Tax and prevent homelessness. There is help for internet access and tablets for Home Schooling .This is accessible via the school and not The Council .The citizens Advise can assist with energy costs.

The Lower Ferry has announced a new time table during lock down and note that the higher ferry is out of use from 12th / to 15th January.

There is more information of all these items and much more available on The South Hams Council Website.

Let`s hope that we can get out of situation that we are in at present .It is down to each and everyone of us to abide by the rules.

Please Take Care,

Rosemary Rowe.