

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 2021 FROM ROSEMARY ROWE

This year has been particularly busy for The Council with all the additional work that The Covid 19 virus has brought upon us. Our staff had had lots of various grant Monies to administer apart from their normal day jobs. For The councillors, we are now able to go back to Follaton House without the plastic screens we had been operating with for a little while. We can meet in the Repton and Carey Rooms .We have to have the windows open etc.We have to try to get back to some kind of normality and do what we feel is safe for all of us. At present we are holding our Full Council Meetings at Killworthy House at Tavistock

There has been a lot going on within the council, much of which you will know about already.

Waste collections probably top most people's lists. Unfortunately the new system has not worked as hoped when it started at the beginning of the year. However it is a Nation Wide problem which has been widely publicised...Steps were taken on the 16th August to suspend the green waste collection in the brown bins for the time being. Waste matters which occur in almost every Parish and town are the never ending problems of rubbish, over flowing bins & skips, dog poor bins, over hanging trees, bushes and the general state of some areas.

Dartmouth, Totnes and Kingsbridge were awarded a share of up to £50,000 each in the Grant funding which was available to help town centres bounce back during the summer and winter. Salcombe and Ivy Bridge did not apply.

The council has been reviewing its Corporate Strategy, now headed "Better Lives for All." And it has now been placed on The Council's Website for Public Consultation.

The Council Constitution has also been reviewed and brought up to date to make it more user friendly.

Climate Change and Biodiversity. The Council passed a motion at the Full Council Meeting on The 15th July to support This Bill. The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill as and when it passes through Parliament.

S.H.D.C. Is appealing for Landlords to come forward to help meet the needs for homes for fleeing Afghan workers and local families.

There is allot of information about the items I have covered and many more on the Council's website. Please take a look at them when you are able to do so.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Dartmouth Royal Regatta on providing the splendid time which I am sure everyone who attended and took part had. And the weather could not have been better. Well done to all who worked so hard to achieve this.

We must all remember to be cautious and

Take care. Stay safe.

HANDS FACE SPACE.

Rosemary.