

# Parish report from your District Councillors

## 09 March

### South Hams Community Awards

Do you know people doing great things for the community?

If the answer is yes, then you can showcase their hard work, by nominating them for a South Hams Community Award.

The awards will recognise the individuals, groups and organisations who go above and beyond to support their local towns and parishes.

Read [more about the awards](#) and watch the [recent video from Cllr Pannell](#).

The Chairman, Cllr Guy Pannell and his panel of judges are looking for nominations in three categories.

- The Young Persons Award (for under 18s)
- The Community Champion Award (for over 18s)
- The Community Organisation Award

Help us shine a spotlight on the people, groups and organisations who support our wonderful community by:

- Watching and [sharing our video](#) message from the Chairman
- Sharing our [social media posts](#)
- Directing your communities to our [online nomination form](#)

Nominations close on Sunday 31 March 2024.

### Small grants for village halls

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) grant scheme for those managing rural community buildings has now reopened with lower thresholds for smaller projects such as disability access, toilet upgrades and new kitchens.

Grants of between £2,000 and £5,000, and up to 20 per cent of eligible project costs, are on offer to new applicants.

Please share this information with your local communities.

[Find out more.](#)



## Consultation on designated bathing waters

The Government have proposed 27 new bathing sites across the UK, including five locations across the South Hams. They are:

- Coastguards Beach, River Erme
- River Dart at Dittisham
- River Dart at Steamer Quay, Totnes
- River Dart at Stoke Gabriel
- River Dart at Warfleet, Dartmouth



Designation would mean water quality tests throughout the summer.

You can have your say on the government's proposals [online](#)

Please encourage your communities to share their views.