

# Parish report from your District Councillors

## August 2024

### LGR engagement events reminder



**This is an opportunity for our residents to have their say on our local government reorganisation (LGR) proposals for Devon, ask any questions and give us their feedback. The team will be visiting South Brent and in the Village Shop from 10.00 to 12.30 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to hear residents' views.**

#### Messages for residents:

- We want your feedback so we can understand what matters the most to you and your community.
- The views of our residents, partners and other stakeholders will help us develop a more detailed business case for our final proposal – a plan which must meet the future needs of everyone in the South Hams and the rest of Devon.
- We're inviting you to attend any of the public engagement sessions in September and October to discuss our proposal and hear your views.
- You can find out more, book a place at an event and/or take part in our online survey at [www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation)

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### Election - Annual Canvass

**Our Election Team will this month be completing their annual Election Canvass. They will contact residents either by email or letter to ask them to confirm their details.** Once residents have confirmed their details on our website, it ensures they can vote in local and national elections.



#### Message to residents:

- Please confirm your information via our website
- If you can't respond online, you will have received an envelope to return to us
- You will be contacted by letter if we don't have your email address on file
- If we do have your email details, we will contact you electronically by email
- We will not ask for any personal data, you will be directed to a secure page on our website to confirm your information.
- Whichever method we contact residents by, if possible, please respond online. By completing this form online, we can quickly and efficiently **update** records with minimal cost. Envelopes are provided, with letters, for those who do not have online access.



## Licensing Policy Consultation

**South Hams District Council is now undertaking a consultation process to review its Statement of Licensing Policy. As such, we would like to hear your views.**

Under the Licensing Act 2003, we, as the licensing authority, are responsible for licensing premises within the district for:

- The sale of alcohol, for consumption both on and off the premises
- The provision of regulated entertainment
- The sale of hot food and hot (non-alcoholic) drink late at night

Premises such as pubs, clubs, restaurants, hotels and grocers/newsagents selling alcohol require a licence under this legislation, as do late night takeaways (selling hot food and drinks between 11pm and 5am). We are required to produce a Statement of Licensing Policy which sets out our approach to licensing in the district. The policy gives clear guidance of our policies and expectations to licence holders, applicants, and people who may comment on premises licence applications or seek reviews of licences. Legally, we are obliged to consider our Statement of Licensing Policy when deciding opposed licence applications or applications for review. If any of our decisions are appealed to a Magistrates Court, the court must also consider the policy when deciding whether the original decision was correct.

There are four Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003, which are:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm
- The Licensing Authority can only have regard to matters that relate to one or more of the Licensing Objectives listed above when determining its Statement of Licensing Policy.

How to respond: The consultation provides our existing policy and our draft policy showing our amendments along with an opportunity to give us your views. Please see the link <https://shlicensingpolicy.commonplace.is/>

Alternatively, you can e-mail your comments to [licensing@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@swdevon.gov.uk).

The consultation runs until Tuesday 30 September 2025.

We will consider all the responses and amend the proposed policy as appropriate. The updated policy will then be considered by the Licensing Committee and by full Council.