

# Diptford Parish Council January Meeting App. 1

## South Hams District Council Report January 2022

### Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

In December, the government announced a one-off grant payment for hospitality and leisure businesses including restaurants and pubs. It is worth up to £6,000 and is designed to help those who have struggled in what should have been the most profitable time of the year.



We are administering the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant; the Council has now directly contacted local businesses by email, which, based on previous grant applications, might be eligible for this financial help.

The Council is urging local hospitality and leisure businesses that meet the criteria to check their email and junk mail folders and follow the instructions to claim the government grant.

The Council is also urging businesses to contact them via their website - <https://southhams.gov.uk/businesscovid19> - if they think their business is eligible.

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### Christmas Tree Collection - Misinformation

We have been made aware that all local papers between Christmas and New Year have published the information regarding the recycling of Christmas Trees.

This information wasn't provided by the authority and our website has been clear since the suspension of the garden waste service that reluctantly, we would not be able to provide a Christmas tree collection this year.

The journalist responsible had copied information from the Recycle Devon website, which was information from last year. The editor has apologised profusely and has put a message on the websites correcting the information and directing residents to the recycling centres.

Residents can take their trees to the recycling centres at Totnes or Ivybridge, or there are various commercial garden waste contractors who will collect them for a fee. If you do use such a contractor please ensure they are properly licensed. Rattery and South Brent residents can take their trees to the Marsh composting site at Brent on Sunday mornings. Please cut the branches from the stem as they will be used differently.