

FULL COUNCIL

7th March 2022

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Councillor updates, conferences and events

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership – Mayor and Town Clerk – 23rd March 2022

Let's Talk About Dementia – Mayor – 25th March 2022

Thriving Ivybridge – Meet Your Councillors – Mayor and Cllrs Abbott, Dredge, Spencer, Wilson & Town Clerk - 2nd April 2022

VOYC Youth Work in Ivybridge – Mayor & Town Clerk – 4th April 2022

If any Councillors wish to update Council on activities that they have undertaken on behalf of the Town Council, then these please submit these in advance of the next agenda being issued.

Forthcoming training/conferences/representation

DALC Larger Councils Committee Meeting – Cllr Dredge – 12th May 2022

General Information

#MyPlace Campaign

This is progressing with the planter wraps in place, and painting completed by the Parks team. Bunting should be up by the first May Bank Holiday Weekend. The Bloomers are preparing to plant up as soon as the weather and plants allow.

Community Connector

This position is now being advertised and members are asked to share the advert with their networks via social media. More details on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/SHamsCVS or by emailing cvs@southhamscvs.org.uk

Thriving Ivybridge

The community led event 'Thriving Ivybridge' took place on the 1st and 2nd April 2022. There was a buzz about the town as various organisations – commercial, voluntary and not for profit – opened their doors to promote all that is positive about Ivybridge. The event is still being analysed but huge credit to Liz Scott, Jessica Shipp and all the enthusiastic volunteer coordinators and contributing organisations for making it happen with no budget and in a very short space of time.

The Queen's Jubilee

Plans are progressing for the Saturday celebrations in Fore Street. Road closure plans are now submitted, and officers are working with Miss Ivy Events to deliver a range of traditional entertainment for the whole family, food and drink, communal tables and benches as well as encouraging the town centre businesses to take part. The Souvenir Programme is being developed, and pin badges and commemorative mugs to purchase are being sourced. We still need more volunteers to help out on the day though.

Youth Projects

The project inspired by collaborative meetings with VOYC (Voice of Young People and Children), youth work organisations, the police, college and council officers has produced a plan to initially deliver some more detached youth work on the street to support young people not interested in the Bridge Project or Youth Leisure Nights. This will be a year of youth work on a Friday evening funded by the Council delivered through a partner youth work organisation. It is hoped to award the contract in May 2022.

South West Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

The CSP meeting highlighted that Ivybridge was not alone with the recent increase in ASB and although things have improved a little recently it was noted that other parts of the CSP area, particularly Newton Abbot, and also Kingsbridge and Dartmouth, were experiencing problems more challenging than Ivybridge. There were some good examples of interventions being used successfully in schools and other settings and if things deteriorate again, we have some good contacts of programmes that could be funded to help.

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Town Clerk