

COUNCIL - 20th SEPTEMBER 2021

UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Councillor updates, conferences and events

Cllr T Rea attended the Beacon Medical Group Patient Participation Group.

Cllr Spencer and the Town Clerk attended the SHDC Mayors and Clerks meeting on 3rd September 2021.

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.

Forthcoming training/conferences/representation

DALC AGM 6th October 2021

General Information

Skatepark Relocation

A meeting was held on 13th September 2021 to discuss the relocation of the skatepark with the Bridge Board Riders group and South Hams District Council. It was agreed that consultation with the wider community on the use and location of this facility would be progressed now that, in addition to the money from the 'Regeneration' project, some sources of additional funding had been identified and so time was of the essence.

Better Lives for All, Placemaking and Economic Development

A very positive meeting was held with the Town Clerk and SHDC Head of Placemaking and Economic & Climate Change specialists to discuss the opportunities that could be forthcoming for the Council to consider. The SHDC officers are keen to work with the Council over the coming years to take advantage of economic and placemaking opportunities including the Regeneration project, tourism and climate change and biodiversity projects.

Tour of Britain

This really showed Ivybridge at its best and the Devon and national Race organisers were really pleased with Ivybridge and described it as a highlight of the day. We were the main race Facebook page profile image for a while, and the TV coverage was glowing. This message from the DCC Race Coordinator:

This message is to say a huge personal thank you to you and your team for making the Ivybridge such a highlight of the Tour of Britain Devon stage. I watched the live footage yesterday and it still gives me goosebumps with how many people lined the entire route through the town.

The commentators were glowing and even gave the town a mention as a great place to stay before venturing onto Dartmoor

I also saw a DCC cabinet meeting where Cllr Croad said he'd never seen so many people in the town!

Organising the event is a real challenge and when you get a response from communities such as Ivybridge it really does motivate us so thank you.

I hope everyone is still buzzing in the town and will remember Monday afternoon for years to come.

This wouldn't have been possible without community support – the town businesses really got behind it and a team of around 35 volunteers stepped up to facilitate the activity around the race itself. Councillor Roger Croad, The Community Connector, So Social, The Rotary Club, Sustrans, Cluna Donnelly, and many others who offered their support and made it a day to remember.

Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Wilson has reviewed the official guidance for community celebrations and discussing with other relevant organisations to see if we can partner with them to deliver excellent celebrations in June 2022.

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk