



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



December 2025

Welcome to the November bulletin from Brixton Parish Council (BPC).

The Parish Council meets monthly in either the Brixton Community Room (adjacent to St Mary's school) or Sherford Community Hub. The meeting location will be rotated and advertised prior to the meeting.

Councillors welcome the opportunity to meet parishioners in the other areas of the parish.

Please do come and say hello!

The location of our meetings is constantly reviewed as we are mindful of the safety of parishioners and councillors alike. All working group meetings are continuing via zoom.

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Local Government Reorganisation

In December 2024, Government set out its intention that all areas with two levels of local government (District and County Councils) were required to develop plans for a single level of Government.

Proposals need to be submitted to central government by Friday 28 November. Government will then look at all of the proposals it's received from authorities in Devon and decide which proposal(s) will go to statutory stakeholders for consultation during the first half of 2026. It's expected to make a final decision next summer.

Once Government has backed proposals, shadow elections would be held in May 2027 before the new authority takes on its new powers and responsibilities on 1 April 2028.

South Hams District Council (SHDC's)

preferred option for the future, known as the 1-4-5 plan, proposes:

- Retaining Plymouth unitary authority on its existing boundary.
- A unitary authority combining the South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon areas with Torbay.
- A unitary authority including East, Mid, North Devon, Torridge and Exeter.

Plymouth City Council's (PCC) proposal developed in collaboration with Exeter and Torbay, proposes the replacement of the existing two-tier system with four unitary councils:

- An Expanded Plymouth City Council
- An Expanded Exeter City Council
- An Expanded Torbay Council
- A new Devon Coast and Countryside Authority (covering the remaining area)

Devon County Council (DCC) is proposing that Devon County Council and the existing eight district councils are replaced with a single unitary authority, while retaining the existing authorities of Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council.

Brixton Parish Council has all the information regarding the Local Government Reorganisation and links to the DCC, PCC and SHDC plans and surveys on its website

http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/Local_Government_Reorganisation_49776.aspx

Highways

BPC Traffic Management Working Group continues to meet remotely with DCC Highways Officer on a quarterly basis and the next meeting will be held in January. If you would like to attend or have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting, please email clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Following the two public consultation events regarding Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill and The Green in May the Clerk collated the feedback into one document. A working group comprising of Clerk, Cllrs Hitchins, Carson and Wills, Community Road Warden, and parishioner met with Richard Jackson, DCC Principal Highways Development Management Officer and Nick Colton DCC Local Highways Officer to discuss the feedback.

Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

Following the feedback obtained, the indicative plan has been amended to include 'round profile humps' instead of 'build outs.' Richard Jackson has confirmed that this scheme will be designed by 'EDG and there are no planning related time constraints. BPC await the final design, there will then be a DCC consultation.

The Green

Feedback in general stated the proposed changes were too complicated and that there was too much change. The suggestion to use the land in Old Road owned by The Brixton Feoffee Trust for car parking was also raised in feedback from parishioners. BPC has contacted Clerk to The Feoffee Trust, and this will be raised at the next meeting of the trustees.

Following this feedback Nick Colton has produced a new indicative map with purely 'no parking restrictions' (double yellow lines) marked in a couple of places on The Green as well as along part of A379. This was approved at the November BPC meeting and DCC Highways Officer has added this plan to the Traffic Regulation Order request list. A further consultation will be undertaken by DCC in due course.

Speed Limits within Brixton

BPC is working in conjunction with DCC Cabinet Member for Highways, DCC County Councillor Carson and DCC Local Highways Officer to reduce the speed limits in Brixton, especially Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill to Sherford. BPC has also asked for a review of the speed limits within the village. BPC has contacted Yealmpton Parish Council (YPC) regarding a reduction in speed along A379 between Brixton and Yealmpton, YPC will be consulting the community.

Monkey Lane

DCC has issued a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Monkey Lane to be downgraded to a multi-use lane (Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders) with a prohibition of vehicles except for access. The signs prohibiting vehicles except for access are now in situ at both ends of Monkey Lane with bollards also now installed.

It has also been confirmed that there will be a path, running alongside the hedge into the Sherford Country Park from the Sherford end of Monkey Lane, this will join with PROW 18 to West Sherford.

Climate Change

Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the next meeting February 2026. All are welcome to join the meeting, and the Zoom details will be placed on the website nearer the time.

Forthcoming events

Walks around Sherford, the Country Park and Brixton area are planned for next year. These walks will be advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards. Watch this space!

River Yealm Water Quality Group

This working group with the 7 Riparian Parish Councils in the River Yealm Catchment area together with other interested parties continues to meet to work with Environment Agency and South West Water to monitor the quality of water in the River Yealm particularly relating to the discharge of sewage into the river at times of heavy rainfall. For

more information email

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The River Yealm Water Quality Group has a fantastic website dedicated to the work of the group where the findings from the latest River Yealm Water Quality Westcountry Rivers Trust Citizen Science Investigation are published. <https://www.rywqg.com/>

Land at Cofflete Creek

BPC owns the parcel of land at the head of Cofflete Creek on the site of the former Cofflete Mill. Following consultation with parishioners, the aim is to create a community amenity space for the residents of Brixton Parish, through careful consideration of the significant historic and environmental value of this piece of land to the community. Following a successful public consultation a bird hide has been installed, clearing undertaken and planting taken place. If you would like to get involved with the project, please contact

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cost Of Living Crisis

BPC is mindful of the 'Cost of Living' Crisis and a small working group of representatives from the community meets regularly to discuss this.

The warm hub in The Foxhound is popular on Thursday afternoons and will continue as a regular community event to help reduce isolation and loneliness. So please do pop in for a chat as the weather starts to get colder.

Defibrillators

Brixton has SIX defibrillators at different locations in the parish.

The sites are as follows:

- Outside Venn Court
- Outside the main entrance door to Brixton St Mary's Primary School
- In the former phone box on The Green
- In the former phone box at Fordbrook
- Plymstock Albion Oaks, Horsham sports field
- Entrance to Chittleburn Business Park

Forthcoming Parish Council meetings

January	Sherford	28th Jan
February	Brixton	25th Feb
March	Sherford	25th March
April	Brixton	29th April
May	Sherford	20th May
June	Brixton	24th June
July	Sherford	22nd July
August	No meeting	
September	Brixton	30th Sept
October	Sherford	21st Oct
November	Brixton	25th Nov
December	No meeting	

Any changes will be conveyed on www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk, noticeboards and the Facebook pages.

There is a calendar of events available on the BPC website.

To keep up to date with the parish council please visit our website, www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or by following the Facebook Community pages:

LOVEBrixtonDevon
Brixton Village

If you have any question or queries regarding the work of BPC, please do not hesitate to contact Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk via email -

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Brixton Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Useful Contacts and Links

Report a Problem

South Hams District Council

















South Hams District Council should be contacted via the [Report It | South Hams District Council](#) page - here you can report full litter bins, planning breaches, missed recycling collections and nuisances such as smoke and bonfires amongst the others listed below

Abandoned vehicle	Missed Bin	Litter or Leaves
Dead animals	Recycling Bank	Full litter or dog bin
Fly Tipping	Public Toilets	Car Park Problem
Stray Dogs	Lost Dogs	Dog fouling
Planning Breach	Housing Disrepair	Nuisance
Flooding	Anything else	

Report a Problem

Devon County Council

Devon County Council are responsible for our roads and any issues should be reported via the [Report a problem - Roads and transport](#) page. Here you can report any of the issues listed below

 Pothole Large 40 mm vertical-edge hole that is also greater than 300 mm wide	 Parking Request enforcement in residents' parking and on-street parking zones	 Overgrown vegetation Pedestrians forced into road, cars over central line, reduced visibility	 Broken inspection cover Broken, missing or rocking inspection cover	 Grit bin Empty bin, damaged bin or a bin with contents that are unusable	 Bridges and retaining walls Structural damage or significant obstructions restricting water flow
 Public rights of way For example, blocked access or broken stiles	 Hazardous or fallen tree/branch Fallen tree or branch, or trees that are leaning, unstable, diseased or dying	 Debris or obstruction Thick mud, soil, stones, embankment slips	 Fences and barriers Damaged or missing roadside fences or barriers	 Ice Ice or snow on the road	 Street lights, lit signs, lit bollards Faulty street light, zebra crossing, bollard, lit sign
 Defective road markings or signs White and yellow, stop or give way lines or warning signs	 Trip hazard Hole or significant difference in level on pavement or cycleway	 Traffic lights Damage or fault to traffic lights or signals or school crossing patrol light	 Flooding and blocked drains Standing water, blocked drain, flooded property, impassable road		