



WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



July 2025

Welcome to the July 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.

In March 2025, a proposal setting out SHDC's initial thoughts on the future of local government in Devon was submitted on behalf of all the Devon District Councils, except Exeter. Now final proposals are being prepared and are due to be submitted to the Government in November.

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.

Everyone with a connection to the South Hams is being asked what matters to them to help shape the final proposals so they reflect the needs and aspirations of people living and working in the area.

The short survey can be found on the SHDC website, which also has more information on local government reorganisation, including FAQ's www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation

Over the next few months, a series of engagement events around South Hams will also be taking place with residents, towns and parish councils and other organisations. Details on how residents can get involved will be available soon.

Brixton Parish Council has all the information regarding the Local Government Reorganisation and links to the DCC, PCC and SHDC plans and surveys on their website http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/Local_Government_Reorganisation_49776.aspx

Climate Change

Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the next meeting in July. 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 soon. 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 look at improving 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 have a fantastic new website dedicated to the work of the group.

<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 the installation of the bird hide has commenced and clearing and planting will take place during the summer and autumn.

If you would like to get involved with the project, please contact

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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 September. 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

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 have also asked for a review of the speed limits within the village. This would be a good opportunity to review the whole parish as speeding is a concern, especially since the reopening of the road between Brixton and Sherford.

Monkey Lane

DCC has agreed to issue a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) request 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. DCC is consulting with the emergency services regarding the installation of bollards.

It has also been confirmed that there will be a path, running alongside the hedge into the Sherford Country Park, this will join with the existing PROW

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. Pop in for a chat.

Defibrillators

Brixton have 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

Wednesday 24th Sept at 7pm - Brixton
Wednesday 22nd Oct at 7pm - Sherford
Wednesday 26th Nov at 7pm - Brixton

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

Brixton Parish Council website

Please note that BPC has changed the details of the parish council website www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The details of all councillors and their emails can be found on the parish council website. The main change is that all councillor and clerk emails now end in gov.uk

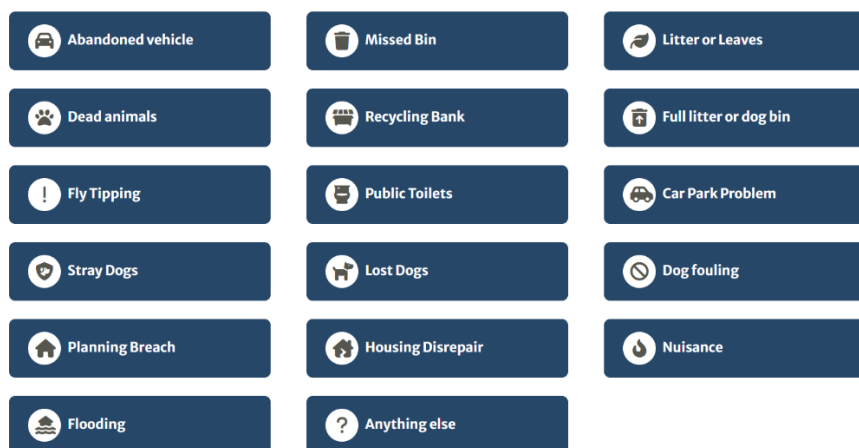
If you have any question or queries regarding the work of BPC, please do not hesitate to contact Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk via email -

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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



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

