



WELCOME TO THE MARCH NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



March 2025

Welcome to the March 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 is rotated and advertised prior to the meeting on the agenda. 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

National government signalled in December 2024 its intent to end the current system of District and County Councils and smaller unitary Councils. Instead, these are to be replaced by unitary Councils covering much larger areas, with a guideline minimum population of 500,000 people. Plymouth City Council (PCC), South Hams District Council (SHDC) and Devon County Council (DCC) have submitted initial plans to Government. The initial plans can be found on the DCC, PCC and SHDC websites.

#### 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 May. 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](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk),

#### Parking on The Green

A small working group in collaboration with DCC Highways has produced a draft plan for parking on the Green. The plans will be available to view at the Community Room, St, Marys School on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00-9.00pm and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00-12.00

#### Speed Limits within Brixton

BPC is working in conjunction with our District Councillors and DCC County Councillor Hart to reduce the speed limit between 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 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. BPC has received detailed PDSs of the scheme plan, signposts, bollards and sign schedules for the proposed works. A temporary traffic order has been received, and these works will be completed during April.

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

### 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](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) The River Yealm Water Quality Group will launch a new website dedicated to the work of the group soon. Watch this space!

### 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. A Community Help Box located in the porch at St. Mary's Church contains cleaning, hygiene products and tinned food funded by BPC, Brixton Feoffee Trust and donations. These items are being regularly used. 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.

### Brixton Community Book Swop

The Brixton Community Book Swop is located in St Mary's Church and is available daily when the church is open from 10am - 4.30pm. There are books for all tastes including an election of children's books. If you don't have a book to swop, please just come and borrow one. There is no membership required or recording of book borrowing - just come along and swop your book. The library of books is expanding daily and well worth a visit.

### Community Emergency Plan

BPC are looking to update their Community Emergency Plan and would welcome volunteers who would be interested in working on this project. This would be looking at local needs and ensuring the community is resilient and prepared to face any emergency.

### 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 in November 2024, options for the next stage of Cofflete were discussed. This can be found on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) If you would like to get involved with the project, please contact [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet regularly. All are welcome to join the meeting, particularly if you are interested in the impact of climate change on our community and what we can do to help. Zoom details will be placed on the website nearer the time.

### Forthcoming events

A walk from Brixton to Sherford Country Park is planned for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Walks around Sherford. More details will be advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards. Watch this space!

### Bee Wild Group

The Bee Wild Group is clearing the area by the bus stop at the top of Winstone Lane for planting. A planter has been placed by the bus stop. If you are interested in helping to maintain the planting, please [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### St Mary's Churchyard

BPC have met with representatives from SHDC and St Mary's Church to formulate a plan for the cutting in 2025. The intention is to reach a satisfactory balance between having a churchyard which is accessible for families and improving its biodiversity.

### 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 meetings

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm - Brixton  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm - Sherford  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm - Brixton  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm - Sherford

Any changes will be conveyed on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

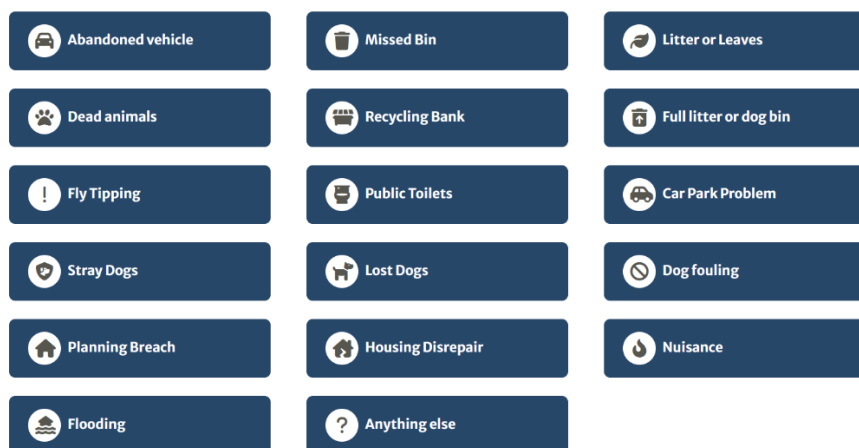
The details of all councillors and their emails can be found on the parish council website. The main change is that all councillor and clerk emails now end in **gov.uk** not org.uk

If you have any question or queries regarding the work of BPC, please do hesitate to contact [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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

