

## 11 - 24 Sherford Community Trust Board Member Report for Brixton Parish Council – November 2024

Sherford Community Trust Board Meeting 08/11/2024

Meeting was Quorate.

### SCT News

#### November

- Plymouth director / Alternate director attendance was discussed and to be further discussed with Plymouth Council.
- Sherford Newsletter going out late November
- South Hams Survey now live.
- RIO - Business draft plan issued for long term planning for comment. Separate meeting required as a platform of decisions needed. Will be held in early January 2025.
- Conversations on VAT and possible registering as a Charity are being further reviewed.
- Townscapes: Social infrastructure and the development of new towns – learning from history - This report examines lessons from Britain's post-war New Towns programme to inform effective delivery and long-term management of social infrastructure in new developments. It outlines key recommendations for central and local government, drawing on historical successes and challenges, to deliver the next generation of new towns. Sherford has been used as an example.
- Skills centre update – A budget and risk analysis has been produced and has been discussed. It was viewed that there is a considerable risk to this, and the directors did not feel that the risk was acceptable to the SCT based on the current terms.
- Discussions were held on the business SCT fee level and are continuing. Directors thought banding by meterage area was deemed best way forward.
- The midwife team with the end of January as the target date for leaving. This is an NHS decision.
- Working-group meetings are now ongoing and community panel meetings are continuing monthly.
- Legal advice to review the SCT fee arrangements under the S106 agreement is in progress. Awaiting the first comments. Once legal advice has been received First port will be instructed to collect the future fees.

### Events / Future Events

- Christmas Tree Arrives Monday 2nd December courtesy of the consortium
- The Community Heritage Evening is taking place on Wednesday 4th December, 6-8pm, in the hall at Sherford Vale Primary School (PL9 8FA).
- Christmas market 14th December 11am - 3pm
- Santa visits Sherford Sunday 15th December from 3pm
- Festive Evening of Wreath Making 7 December, 5:30pm

There is also a series of Creative Club events and workshops, catering for all the family and open to anyone to attend.

- 13 November, 6.30-9pm Paint & Create: a wooden bird house with artist Jayne Ashenbury
- 23 November, 10am-1pm Print your own Christmas cards, gift wrap, bags & tags with Debby Mason
- 24 November, 3-5pm Christmas calligraphy guided session with Wild Sea Calligraphy
- 30 November, 2-3.30pm Candle making class with local Sherford business, Candles of Sherford
- 5 December, 7-9pm Handmade watercolour bookmarks & Christmas tags with Jayne Ashenbury
- 7 December, 10am-2pm Christmas Craft
- 15 February, 10am–12.30pm Create a fused glass sun-catcher with Sheena of Papercutz glass designs
- 15 March, 10am-2pm Spring Crafts

For more information, future event listings, and booking links, follow [@DestinationSherford](#) on Facebook.

### Brookbanks Update

- Work continues on the sale agreement for the local centre adjacent to Sherford Vale Primary School Land. Subject to finalising the legal agreements, these are hoped to result in submission of a planning application in Q4 2024 or Q1 2025 with construction commencing as soon as planning permission is received.
- The temporary shop is now open, although is receiving very few customers. This will be monitored by the operator over the coming months, but if not financially viable will not be sustainable as a longer-term venture.
- The legal agreements for the Sherford Road traffic calming works are out for signing. A road space booking has been applied for. It is anticipated that works on the highway will commence early in 2025. Work on the footpath behind the stone wall will start earlier than work on the carriageway.
- The Argyll Community Trust successfully ran their open day during the October half-term week. The level of interest in use of the pitches remains very high, with many local sports clubs registering interest in use of the facility.
- Unfortunately, there have been several cases of vandalism already, with members of the public climbing the fences outside of operating hours, breaking into the Argyll Trust office and breaking the toilets. The Consortium is liaising with the Local Authorities and the police to try to address these issues.

### Resident engagement meetings with the management companies

Sherford Consortium has instructed FirstPort to manage the completed communal estate areas now - and additional sections will be handed over as and when they are completed.

Drop-in surgeries have been set up by FirstPort throughout November, for residents to meet the management team and discuss any matters relating to the management of Sherford.

### Grant Applications

Grant for PTA for shed approved

Sherford Web Site

New website set up [www.sherford.uk](http://www.sherford.uk).

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