

# Brixton Parish Council Annual Newsletter



For 2018-2019



## **The annual newsletter from the Parish Council to all Residents in Brixton Parish**

This newsletter is part of continuing to improve communication from the Parish Council to parishioners.  
Let us know what you think.

### **Sherford**

Planning and development of Sherford New Town continue to be a major feature on the monthly Parish Council agenda. Parish Council representatives attend regular Sherford Liaison Meetings with Plymouth City Councillors, South Hams District Councillors and the Sherford Consortium to update on progress in the new town. South Hams District Council (SHDC). As houses are now being planned in Brixton Parish / South Hams the Parish Council has started to actively engage with people in the community at Sherford and has set up quarterly meetings with the Reverend Tom Brassil and other residents. Plans are in place for a Parish Council notice board to be located near the school and for at least one meeting of Brixton Parish Council to be held at Sherford this year. Cllr Helen Williams is the nominated representative of Brixton Parish Council to the Sherford Community Land Trust.

### **Planning**

Throughout 2018 the Parish Council was consulted by SHDC on approximately 40 planning applications, most of which required a site visit of a minimum of three councillors. The Parish Council objected to the reserved matters application for Phase 3 of Canes Orchard for 29 houses expressing serious concerns about the design layout, the public open space and suitability of play space for the whole of Canes Orchard. The Parish Council has revised its policy and procedure for the management of the consultation for planning applications

### **Brixton Neighbourhood Plan**

Planning remains a critical issue for the parish on the urban fringe of Plymouth. The Parish Council set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group in 2015 and has met regularly throughout the year to progress the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan is now completed and in the final stages; a referendum to adopt the plan during will be held towards the end of the summer. The plan, when adopted will protect Brixton village, in particular from further development in the countryside.

### **Traffic Management**

The Traffic Management Group representing local people and Parish Councillors continues to meet quarterly with Nick Colton, Local Devon County Highways Manager, and Andy Potter PCSO. The group identifies issues of road safety and environmental matters relating to traffic and informs the Parish Council meetings for decisions. There is now a VAS system to monitor the speed of vehicles through the village, a group of residents have been trained though Speedwatch and a resident has been Chapter 8 trained. If you have concerns about road safety please let the Clerk, Kirstie Aldridge know - email: [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or if you need to report a problem on the Highways <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem>

### **Footpaths**

The network of footpaths across the parish is walked by parishioners quarterly who give feedback on their condition to the P3 group (Parish Paths Partnership) ensuring that the paths remain safe and accessible. Please let Councillor Wakeham or Councillor Huxtable or the Clerk have any information on the state of the footpaths.

### **Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm**

Brixton Parish Council is part of Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm project which works across the parishes of Brixton, Wembury, Yealmpton, Newton & Noss and Holbeton. It aims to support people with dementia and their families in these parishes to remain active and involved in the community. If you would like to know more please contact Maxine on 07450206312.

### **Community Emergency Planning**

The Parish has a Community Emergency Plan and Community Emergency Team of councillors and local people. A copy of this plan is on the Parish Council website.

## **Communication**

All documents relating to the work of the Parish Council including the 'Welcome Pack', are available to view on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) A Brixton Parish Council App is accessible via the 'app store'. Parish Council notices are posted on the '*I love Brixton*' Devon Face Book page and on the Parish Council notice boards in the village and at Carroll Island. A Parish Council email correspondence list is used by the Clerk to send out any important information relating to the parish directly to residents. To join this list please email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk). The Brixton village website, [www.brixton-village.co.uk](http://www.brixton-village.co.uk) funded by the Parish Council and the Feoffee Trust, is an excellent resource and source of information about what is happening in the Parish, this is due to be updated soon.

## **Village Improvements**

Volunteers continue to meet on the first Saturday of month – 9.00am on The Green (except January and August) to sweep through the village which is looking much improved and receiving positive feedback.

## **Commendations**

Brixton Parish Council achieved the Quality Award of the Local Council Award Scheme in 2018. This award demonstrates that the Council, through the Clerk, Kirstie Aldridge, has all the documentation and information in place to operate lawfully and to the required standard practice for parish councils.

## **Projects completed in 2018 include:**

South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) signs were erected at either end of the village on A379.

A successful exhibition to commemorate the 13 men who died in WW1 was held last November. Work is now being undertaken to obtain the stories of the 96 men and women named on the role of honour.

Bee Friendly Parish through a wild flower planting project at Chittleburn Hill.

The two Telephone kiosks on The Green and at Fordbrook, have been purchased by the Parish Council and now both house defibrillators.

Brixstix play space off Elliot's Hill in Brixton has been refurbished

## **Projects for 2019 include:**

Working towards the parish becoming Plastic Free following a successful event in April to raise awareness, a further event is being planned for later in the year.

Brixton Sport and Recreation Plan was agreed by the Parish Council and 3 projects plans have been developed. Improvements to Footpath 26, Changing Monkey Lane in to a pedestrian/ cycle, bridle way access to Sherford Community Park and an outdoor gym at Elliot's Hill.

Brixton Parish Council is working towards becoming a Gold Council.

Brixton Parish Council are investigating the possibility of purchasing the Land at Cofflete Creek, formerly the Old Mill from SHDC

## **BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Brixton Parish Council usually meets on the last Wednesday in the month at 7.00 p.m. usually in the Community Room, St. Mary's School, Brixton (except in August when there is no meeting). Parish Council meetings are held in public and you are welcome to attend and raise any local issues you have during the open forum at the start of the meeting. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk or one of your parish councillors, details overleaf.

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