

# Parish report from your District Councillors

## July 2024

### Support for Parish Councillors on action for Climate and Nature



Ruth Leonard-Williams, Project Manager at Sustainable South Hams, in collaboration with Cllr John McKay, Lead Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity at South Hams District Council, and Adam Williams, Principal Climate Change Officer, are offering support and advice for Parish Councillors on climate action. A significant number are keen to help enable more community action around climate and nature. We are planning to develop a support package for councillors to help with this - but want to make sure that it meets

councillors' needs and understand better what forms of support would be useful and the sort of content they would like it to contain.

1) **Save the Date! Fri 11th Oct, Follaton House.** We are coordinating a Symposium for South Hams parish, town and district councillors. The event will showcase a whole range of practical projects to inspire, connect and support action on climate and nature. More information to follow soon.

2) We would really welcome the opportunity to have **1:1 conversations** with some councillors. Do you have one (or more) councillors who would be available for a half hour conversation with me or one of my colleagues? The aim is to gain a better understanding of how councillors/councils could be better supported in enabling community climate and nature action. The conversations will be fully confidential with no names or places identified in any results. We are hoping to hold the **last of these by Wed 24th July.**

If they are willing to have a call with us please can they fill in their availability using the link sent to your Parish Clerk.

3) **Quick questionnaire.** For those who don't have time to have a conversation we would welcome input in the form of a quick questionnaire. **Those we have the conversations with will not need to complete this.** Again obtain the link from your Clerk. The results will be kept confidential and not published or shared.

## Dogs need ID too!

Over the last few weeks, our Localities Team have picked up several lost dogs across the South Hams who don't have an ID tag.

Because of this, reuniting a dog to its owner can take far longer, and can be a stressful time for both the furry friend and its family.

We are reminding residents to keep their dogs safe by making sure they wear an ID tag.

Under the Dog Act 1992, the legal requirements are:

- A dog must be licensed and microchipped.
- A dog must wear a collar with a name/ID tag (exemptions apply for some working dogs).

Please share this information with your residents and direct them to the [Blue Cross](#) website for information and tips on keeping dogs safe.

