

Report to Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council – 6th Sep 2022

August is always a relatively quiet month, so most of my report relates to information that has come to us as members that the Parish Council may find interesting to take part in and/or pass on to their residents. I haven't included anything about the WDBC consultation "My Place, My Views" as it is already on your agenda.

Development Management & Licensing

To improve the DM&L function, there will be two officers responsible for Head of Planning, one for South Hams and one for WD. Pat Whymer, who has been covering both areas will focus on South Hams and Jacqueline Houslander, an experienced and suitably qualified officer, has been appointed as the Lead Officer for West Devon.

Farming Crime Survey from the Rural Affairs Policing Team

Devon and Cornwall Police, in association with the University of Plymouth and the University of Winchester are conducting a survey of farmers and landowners to examine their experience of crime and policing. The work, which is funded by the Seale Hayne Educational Trust, will be used to inform and shape future approaches by Devon and Cornwall Police to engage with and police rural communities. The link to the survey can be found here:

<https://plymouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/rural-crime-survey-final>

Read Easy - 1:1 coaching to help adults learn to read

A new group is being set up in Okehampton to help adults that cannot or struggle to read with free, 1-to-1 and confidential coaching. [Devon Connect](#) and [Read Easy Exeter](#) will match the reader with a coach and hold usually two half-hour sessions a week in a mutually convenient location.

If you know anyone who wants to improve their reading, then please pass the organisers' contact details on. Either Tel 07942 367367 or visit <https://devonconnect.org/activity/read-easy-provides-free-1>

The South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership have been running Let's Talk Teenagers Sessions for a few months to raise awareness for parents or carers of Teens about the challenges they face and offering tips and guidance on how to support. The CSP asked for feedback at those sessions and those attending asked them to provide more in-depth sessions on specific challenges facing young people. These new sessions build on what has already been delivered and gives parents/carers the opportunity to hear more detail about five different topics affecting teenagers. These courses are free and held online. The programme is as follows and places can be booked by following the link here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-teens-focussed-sessions-tickets-402336397997>

13th September 7-8pm - Exploring Teenage Relationships

- Difficulties and challenges
- Gender stereotypes
- Domestic abuse
- Safety Planning
- What families can do
- Additional supports

20th September 7-8pm - Mental Health and emotional well being

- Difficulties and challenges
- Self-harm
- Substance misuse
- Safety planning
- What families can do
- Additional supports

27th September 7-8pm - Anger and challenging behaviour

- Difficulties and challenges
- Child to parent abuse
- Safety planning
- What families can do
- Additional support

4th October 7-8pm - Bullying

- Difficulties and challenges

- Schools
- Community and online
- Safety planning
- What families can do
- Additional support

5th October 7-8pm - Online Challenges

- Difficulties and challenges
- Social media
- Revenge porn
- Safety planning
- What families can do
- Additional support

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