

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe
Monthly meeting Wednesday 5 November 2025

Item 16 Correspondence and contacts summary

To note:

- 20251003 Temporary Traffic Order - Lee Lane to Capton Cross, Dittisham (TTRO2565893) Cllrs are informed of a road closure in place between 8am – 6pm 18th – 23rd December 2025 to enable Airband's cabling, splicing and installation of new poles. Lee Lane To Capton Cross, Capton, carriageway & verge are affected. An alternative, signed route will be in place via Hemborough Post Cross.
- 20251006 Save the date - Annual General Meeting Cllrs are informed of the invitation to join the Devon Communities Together AGM between 1-4pm on 26/05//25. The AGM is preceded with a Rural Transport Poverty expert panel and Q&A.
- 20251006 Joint Local Plan - have you got land available? Cllrs are informed that the District Council is undertaking a call for sites as part of the preparation of a new South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan. The call is for sites suitable for future housing and/or economic development and Gypsy and Traveller sites. Sites must generally be at least 0.25 hectares or capable of supporting 5+ dwellings or 100+ sqm of employment floorspace. The deadline for submissions is 05/12/25.
- 20251010 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service- Community Conversations event Cllrs are informed that the next Community Conversations event Our next Community Conversations event will be on 7 November 2025 at 12:00pm and the topic will be focused on winter safety
- 20251014 IMPORTANT: Scribe - Price Increase for Dittisham Parish Council Cllrs are informed that annual subscription costs will rise by £8.20 per month to £372. Scribe calculates costs charged to Parish Councils based on its precept demand. Costs are adjusted according to a three year review cycle. The change will apply from the next renewal after 1st April 2026. Councils are informed now to enable budget planning.
- 20251015 Devon councils announce proposal for new local government structure for the county The Parish Council is informed by news release of the District Council's proposal in response to Local Government Reorganisation. The release outlines the 4-5-1 model, that includes: A unitary authority for West Devon, Teignbridge, South Hams and Torbay; A unitary authority for North Devon, Torridge, Mid Devon, East Devon and Exeter; Plymouth remaining a standalone unitary authority.
- 20251017 Remembrance Sunday service at St George's Church Cllrs are informed that the service will take place at 10:55 on Sunday November 9. It has been confirmed that the Chairman of the Parish Council will be in attendance, as is customary. A wreath has been purchased.
- 20251022 #46 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this ebulletin includes an invitation to one of DALC's regular free 'Connect' events for DALC members. The next event is at 11am on November 5 on Zoom: 'Connect Event: The Changing Roles of Town and Parish Councils Through LGR - Devolution and Partnership Working'. Cllrs can book a [free place here](#). Slides and a recording of the session will also be available via DALC's website after the event.
- 20251024 Libraries Unlimited - Annual Report 2024-25 The Parish Council has received a link to [Annual Report 2024-25 - Libraries Unlimited](#) also providing a link to how the charity can be supported: [Support Us - Libraries Unlimited](#).
- 20251024 Invitation Devon Local Government Reorganisation – Stakeholder Briefing & Feedback Session Cllrs are invited to a dedicated session for town & parish councils as part of Devon's Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process. The session will provide information of the actions taken to date and present the preferred 4-5-1 model, offer a Q&A session and gather feedback on proposals. The session will take place at 6pm on Thursday November 6. [Click here for the link to the meeting](#) (Teams Meeting ID: 318 033 968 752 7 Passcode: j37jf3pG). Cllrs are asked to confirm attendance by emailing communications@swdevon.gov.uk.

- 20251027 Advance notice - South Hams Community Awards 2026 The Parish Council is asked to consider potential nominations for the award. The Chairman of the District Council and a panel of judges are looking for nominations for people who make a difference in the community, in the following categories: Young Persons Award (for under 18s); Community Champion Award (for over 18s); Community Organisation Award; Climate and Biodiversity Champion Award (individual or group). A link to the online nomination form when nominations open and all nominations will need to be submitted by end of January 2026.
- 20251009 #47 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this ebulletin encourages responses to the draft Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) that sets out a shared vision for restoring Devon's wildlife and natural habitats. The Strategy identifies where and how we can work together to protect and enhance nature, from river catchments and woodlands to coastlines and urban green spaces. Public consultation runs until 05/11/25. www.naturerecoverydevon.org.uk The bulletin advertises the next Connect Event at 1pm on 11/11/25 called 'All Things Traffic' that provides an opportunity to understand the policy and processes which shape how we manage traffic on our highways and the associated infrastructure such as white lines and signs.

To consider

- 20251021 Opps! Your profile on aDoddle.org is now Turquoise - Action Needed The Parish Council has received notification that the Dittisham Parish Habitat Plan has not been reviewed or updated for 6 months on the aDoddle website, and has therefore been colour coded as potentially out of date.
- 20251022 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Precept Survey Local residents and businesses are asked to respond to a five-minute form asks how people feel about the service they receive, and will influence the amount the Service receives from council tax in 2026/27. The Parish Council is asked to help by sharing this information with communities through a poster provided, sharing @dsfireupdates social media posts and completing the [survey](#) before 3 December.
- 20251027 Skip on the Ham Car Park The Parish Council is asked to consider a request to put a skip in a space on The Ham car park for one day only to facilitate moving building waste from Binham Cottage. This is in response to the understanding that vehicular access across the Ham is generally not possible. Use of the car parking space by the skip will be paid for on receipt of an invoice. The Member of Public applying carries out joinery and building work in Dittisham and has Public Liability Insurance in place.