

REPORT FOR JULY 2020 TO DATE FROM ROSEMARY ROWE

There have been many meetings held via Skype, Zoom and Team Viewer during the last few weeks and indeed since lock down started in Mid March.

At South Hams we have been having workshops sometimes two a day to consider the way forward after Lock Down .What we have been doing? & how we could have done things differently. This is all under the title of BUILD BACK BETTER. The results will be scrutinized and put together for assessment and to work on during September.

We held a Full Council meeting on Thursday 16th July when South Hams D.C. adopted The Plymouth, S.W. Devon and South Hams Council's Supplementary Planning Document (S.P.D.) This document will basically work along side of the J.L.P. and Town and Parish Neighbourhood Planning Documents when considering Planning Applications. The S.P.D. can be read online as there are 234 pages altogether!

Then we considered the Climate Change & Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The Council has appointed a Climate Change Officer to over view this work & workshops, consultations etc... Will be held during the next few weeks and months.

Here in the Dartmouth & East Dart Ward my fellow Ward Cllrs. and I have been working closely with Discover Dartmouth and others to find a way forward during the next few months to help businesses get back on their feet & allowing the use of The South Embankment to give a continental feel to visitors for food and drink. Dartmouth Town Council are arranging for the use of The Royal Avenue gardens to be used similarly.

The flowers & the gardens in Dartmouth are all planted up and doing well. There will always be some criticism & areas which get overlooked. But that is always so. There will always be something or somewhere that needs attention.

Here in Stoke Gabriel the Public loos are now open. There have been problems with dog Poo Bins which seems to have been improved in the last week or so. Please DONOT drop litter by the side of an already Full Bin as that is classed as fly tipping! A few residents have had problems with Bin Collections as well. Overgrown trees and hedges have also been mentioned and being addressed.

Let us hope we get Good Weather and people come visit our area and spend money locally.

Take care and try to stay safe.

Rosemary Rowe.