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**Town Council
secures
Wishing's Field for
Brixham!**



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Town Hall Regeneration Update

Welcome to 'The Town Hall'

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have made a giant step forward to achieving an external facelift on our beautiful Town Hall building. The removal of the disused Fire Escape will become the most noticeable change you will see first along side replacing a door to a window on the second floor. All of course in keeping with the buildings Grade II status. At the same time - under the scaffolding we are hoping to have all of the windows and doors refurbished, all of which will stop draughts and help keep our heating costs down.

Internally, we have redecorated the corridors and replaced the flooring on the ground floor creating a welcoming entrance to the Town Hall. In this financial year we have also updated our heating system and carried out a redecorating programme, some of which is still to be completed. All of this ensures that our Town Hall can function as a fresh and clean space for our staff, tenants, hirers and visitors.

Throughout these works our main focus is to protect your Town Hall building for future generations and ensure that it retains its position as the gateway building to our community. We are currently in consultation with our tenants as we begin to bring forward plans for the next phase of the refurbishment. As part of our plans, we will be investigating environmental options such as the installation of a rainwater harvesting system. The Council have also agreed that branding our building is hugely important part of this phase of the regeneration. We are therefore planning to replace all the old signage for new, to avoid the confusion on what the building is called. External lighting and electronic notice boards to keep you up to date with projects, events, meetings, community events and 'What's On' in Brixham Theatre are also part of our planned works.

Wishing Fields Update & Consultation

In May, Brixham Town Council announced the exciting news that we had secured Wishings Field (also known as Pathfields and Weststar). We have been delighted with the response so far and have been overwhelmed with the offers of help. Thank you.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act prevents us from carrying out much of the maintenance to the hedges and trees during the nesting season, including some of the grass cutting. But that won't stop us from planning. In the meantime, we will maintain the public footpath and, with a little help, observe the wildlife so we have a clearer picture of the types of habitats that are attracted to Wishings Field.

As we stated in our press release, the Village Green has an abundance of wildlife and we have considered how we could enhance the space into an accessible wildlife habitat that could include a garden of reflection, community orchard or sensory garden.

So, what does that mean in general? The Council believes that Wishings Field should be open and accessible for every member of our community. It is recognised that there are already play parks close by in either direction, so we are envisaging an open green space for quiet enjoyment. A place that welcomes wildlife, where you can meet friends and have a picnic, where the community can meet and where we all feel a sense of place.

Please write your comments below and return the completed form to;

Brixham Town Council, Town Hall, New Road, Brixham, TQ5 8TA

♦ Do you agree with this concept?

♦ Is there anything you would like to see?

♦ Do you want to get involved? If so, please provide us with your contact details

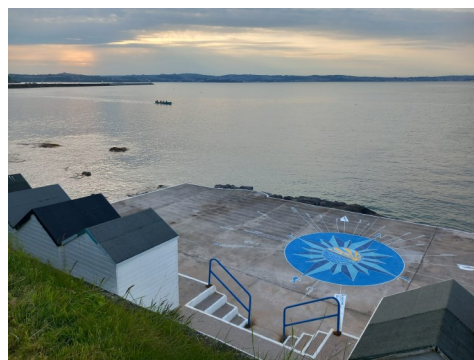
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Clear Direction for Shoalstone

Shoalstone Seawater Pool in Brixham is navigating its way towards a new season with the addition of a bright new Compass. Mark Bell, a local artist, and his wife Sarah wanted to support Shoalstone in a creative way and bring some colour to the deck. Mark says "This is such a stunning location and to paint here was a joy, despite being distracted by the dolphins! I was really pleased to be able to work on the compass and meet many of the Shoalstone volunteers all trying so hard to keep this gem of Brixham afloat. I hope everyone who loves Shoalstone will enjoy it this season".



Sadly, structural problems at the pool keep raising their heads. In addition to the compromised northwest buttress, the tides continue to create voids beneath the pool leading to cracks in the base and the deck where funneled water can spout through. This has caused issues with the water levels, as we struggle to control the correct depth for safe swimming, and meant we had to delay the opening of the pool in May. David Thomas, our Pool Operations Manager, has been working around the clock to try to capture dry moments to repair cracks and stop the flow. Lucky for us Dave is a man who relishes a challenge. Major structural works are crucial to save Shoalstone, and once they are underway these problems will become a thing of the past.

The **Save Shoalstone from the Waves** Fundraising campaign was launched back in March. While trying to save the pool this summer, please take a moment to come down and just enjoy it – and admire the new artwork on the Compass Deck. Keep up to date with upcoming events on www.shoalstonepool.com, with the Twilight Swim on August 9th and the grand fundraising gala, our Polynesian Night, on 15th September at the Berry Head Hotel.



Town Hall Facilities For Hire

Brixham Town Hall has a variety of offices, meeting rooms, function rooms and the Scala available to hire. Set in an enviable location the Town Hall is just a short walk from Fore Street, Market Street, the central car park, bus station, the harbour and quay. Most of the facilities can be hired at an hourly rate and reductions are given to Charities, Community Groups and Youth Groups. In 2023 the Town Hall has seen a variety of hirers book and use our facilities for;

* Art Exhibitions * Horticultural Shows * Children's Birthday Parties * Coronation Celebrations * Pirate Festival * Live Music * Record Fair * Tai-Chi * Dance Lessons * Keep Fit Classes * Indoor Markets * Public Meetings * Cycle Training and many more.

Current availability includes;

Hot-desking at **£10.00** per day, **Private Offices** from **£199.38** per month inclusive

Conference Room hire from **£15.00** per hour

Function Room hire from **£20.00** per hour

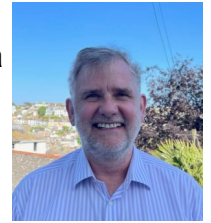
Scala Hall hire from **£20.00** per hour (Youth Groups **£10.00** per hour)

If you would like more information on the current availability of facilities at the Town Hall, or to arrange a visit to view the offices and rooms to check on their suitability, please call 01803 859678 or email: info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Your Brixham Town Councillors

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL ROSEVEARE - CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL

I joined Brixham Town Council via co-option and am now starting my second term in office having been elected unopposed in the May election. Previous employment as a tree officer for Cambridge City Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council gave me useful experience in managing the protected tree legislation and acting as the councils expert on trees as part of the planning process and in managing trees in streets and council owned public spaces. I was a Parish Councillor in Suffolk for 15 years, before moving to Brixham full time in 2022, acting as vice chair and chairing the planning committee and have also been a governor at the primary schools my children attended. I am keen to see Brixham prosper and improve and will fight hard to ensure that as part of Torbay it gets its fair share of attention and investment.



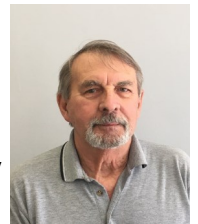
COUNCILLOR STEVE LEECH - VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL

I am a proud Brixham resident with a passion to see our community thrive and to ensure that Brixham is a safe place for cyclists. I am a husband and Grandfather originally from Staffordshire where I served for 30 years with the Fire & Rescue Service. I currently work in the community supporting young people and families. I have been involved in community facing roles since the mid 90's and I continue to strive to ensure that young people maximise their opportunity. As well as being a Councillor, I also volunteer for Cycle Torbay CIC to improve cycling opportunities in Brixham. I now look forward to seeing our village green, Wishing Fields develop over the coming years for the benefit of our future generations.



COUNCILLOR PAUL ADDISON

I have been a Town Councillor for the Furzeham with Summercombe Ward since the start 16 years ago. I have run my own businesses since 1968 and moved to Brixham in 1987, now running my own hardware store since then. I am a member of the Royal British Legion and am currently President of the Brixham branch. I have been involved in many organisations over the years from being a member of the Brixham Community Partnership (currently Chairperson of the steering group), the Town plan, Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum, Brixham Future, Town Emergency Plan as well as being a trustee who helped keep Shoalstone pool open when Torbay Council withdrew support, and was involved in bringing the Banking Hub to Brixham. I am keen to keep Brixham heritage alive and to make the Town a clean and safe place to live, work and visit.



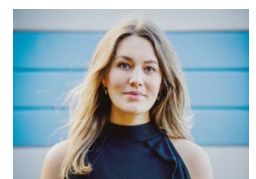
COUNCILLOR SALLY-ANN PAVELY

Hi, my name is Sally Pavely. Many will know me from Brixham Maid the cheese and preserve shop in Middle Street. I first lived in Brixham as a young 20 year old, subsequently moved away for a while but always returned for holidays and eventually moved back with my family about 12 years ago. Over the years I've seen many changes to Brixham, from a business, resident and visitor perspective. I'm not political just a passionate advocate for the Town, I love it! Its unique, beautiful and historical and at the heart of it is the community – I look forward to supporting Brixham



COUNCILLOR CHLOE PAVELY

Brixham Born - not quite bred. I grew up in a small village in the valleys of North Wales although quite the opposite in location, it was very similar when it came to community spirit. Community is important to me, and I see it embedded in Brixham which is part of why I love living here. I hope to bring this to my role on the Council. I spend my spare time going on adventures, chasing sunsets & exploring new places, music, cultures and food.



Councillors contact details can be found on page 11

Schedule of forthcoming Brixham Council Meetings

FULL COUNCIL	PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
6th September	10th July	17th July	24th July
1st November	11th September	18th September	25th September

All meetings are held in the Town Hall Function Room (unless advertised differently) on the ground floor at New Road, Brixham, TQ5 8TA. The doors will be open to the public from 5:45pm.

All agendas, minutes, reports and relating documents can be viewed via the Town Council's website. Agendas are also published and displayed in the Town Hall notice board prior to each meeting.

The public are able to attend in person. If you would like to attend any of the Council meetings then please call 01803 859678 beforehand. Meetings can be subject to change/cancellation.

Indoor Market - Scala Hall

The very popular indoor markets, which are held in the Scala at Brixham Town Hall will be returning in the Autumn. The first is to be held on Saturday 30th September. Keep checking the Council website, notice boards and social media pages for up to date information.

The stalls cost **£10 per table** (£5 concessions) with a maximum of 2 tables per seller. Tables are provided and set up for the event.



Brixham Town Council

INDOOR TABLE TOP Market

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

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Our very popular Christmas Market will again coincide with the Lanterns, Lights & 'Luminations event as it did in 2022. Last years Christmas market was our busiest of the year with queues of visitors standing in the rain to get inside and see the stalls. Also we will have entertainment and music for customers and our stall holders to enjoy!

The Christmas Market will be held on the **24th & 25th November** (times to be confirmed), tables cost £25 each per day with a maximum of 2 per seller. If you would like to hire a stall for any of the forthcoming markets please call **01803 859678** or email: info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk.



Meet Your New Torbay Ward Councillors for Brixham

Councillor Steve Bryant - Ward Councillor - St Peters with St Marys

My name is Steve Bryant. I want to tell you a little about myself and I think, firstly and most importantly I am certainly no polished politician, but I am absolutely a man who is committed to serve and help the people who live in this area of Brixham, an area where I have lived for the past 40 years or more. I married Julie, 36 years ago, Julie's family were originally fishermen in Brixham, a little later her family took over the 'Crown and Anchor pub at the Harbour in Brixham which we ran for more than 20 years as a family business. I worked alongside my family as well as working during the day for the local authority in the refuse team, helping to keep the streets of Brixham clean and tidy.



Councillor Hannah Stevens - Ward Councillor - Furzeham with Summercombe



I have lived in Brixham all my life. I have grown up, gone to school in the town, and worked in it for many years. My family still live in the town, my parents Julie and Steve Bryant have been residents here all their lives. My husband and children live in the town with me, and both my children attend local schools, again another reason why I would like to help make Brixham better for them and the generations to come. I am a local estate agent, as well as looking after the Ward to which I was elected. I was also recently elected Deputy Mayor of Torbay and would like to think I can help promote Brixham and attend events in town to help promote our wonderful town.

Councillor Anna Tolchard - Ward Councillor - St Peter's with St Mary's

I was born in Paignton and attended Churston Grammar School, followed by what was then 'Torquay Tech'. I moved away when I married and worked in local government prior to having four children, now followed by six grandchildren. When I was looking to return to work I was offered a job by the MP for Rugby, which was where we were living at the time. That was my introduction to serious politics and for over thirty years I worked for Members of Parliament at Westminster. I am delighted to have been elected as Councillor in the Ward in which I live and, along with my fellow Councillors on both sides of Brixham, look forward to working as a team with the Town Council, the Community Partnership and other organisations for the benefit of those of us who live and work here as well as our visitors.



Councillor Jason Hutchings - Ward Councillor - Furzeham with Summercombe



Hi I'm Jason Hutchings your conservative Torbay Councillor for Furzeham and Summercombe ward in Brixham. I am the new tenant farmer at Churston farm after the tenancy was offered to me after I had worked at Churston farm for the previous nine years. I have cattle and sheep on the farm which are sold locally and also grow crops for local farmers. I have a wife and 2 daughters and 3 collie dogs and you normally hear me before you see me. I help out at Torbay steam rally and I helped get boulders down to Broadsands car park to help secure the car park. I'm always keen to help where I can so any issues please do get in touch.

Councillor Andrew Strang - Ward Councillor - Furzeham with Summercombe

I have lived in Brixham since 2007 and have been part of the family business 'The Hessian Company', taking over when my in-laws retired. As a result, I am extremely well known across the bay. I am a family man whose children are being educated in Brixham schools. I am also involved in the thriving Marine trade across the three harbours and very much enjoy life living in the bay. In recent months I became very interested in politics due to my work campaigning against the closure of the Brixham Road and as such decided to stand as one of the 3 candidates for Furzeham with Summercombe. I, along with the others aims to improve relations between Torbay and the Town council and ensure residents are kept more informed than they ever have been. I have also been appointed chairman of the Harbour Authority which is a very exciting role for me.



Contact details for Ward Councillors can be found on Page 8

Helpful Contact Numbers

Emergency Services 999	
Action Fraud	0300 1232040
Anti Terrorist Hotline	0800 789321
Crime Stoppers	0800 555111
Devon and Cornwall Police	101
Victim Support	0845 3030900
Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (<u>not</u> 24/7)	01392 872200
Healthcare	
MIU (Newton Abbot)	01626 324500
Compass House Med Centre	01803 855897
Brixham Community Hospital	01803 881399
Mayfield Medical Centre	01803 495400
Dentist (Emergency Out of Hrs)	0333 063300
Community Dental Service	01803 217777
Brixham Dental Practice	01803 853980
Smiles Ahead	01803 857606
BUPA Dental Care	01803 858392
Support	
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177650
Citizen Advice	03444 111444
Samaritans	116 123
NSPCC	0808 8005000
RSPCA	0300 1234999
Torbay Council	
General	01803 201201
Connections	01803 207201
Dog Warden	01803 208091
Brixham Harbour Office	01803 853321
Highways	01803 207740
Housing	01803 208723
SWISCo	01803 701310
Emergency Out of Hours	01803 550405
Utilities (Emergency)	
Floodline	0345 9881188
British Gas	0800 111 999
South West Water	0344 3462020
Western Power	0800 6783 105

Other	
Banking Hub - 62 Fore Street Brixham TQ5 8EG	0345 722 3344
Brixham Chamber chair@brixhamchamber.co.uk	
Brixham Rotary Club: rotarybrixham@gmail.com	07776 365442
English Riviera Tourist Company	01803 211211
Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust	01803 520022
Members of Parliament	
<u>Totnes Constituency</u> Anthony Mangnall MP Constituency Office Conservative Club, Station Road, Totnes TQ9 5HW anthony.mangnall.mp@parliament.uk	01803 868378
<u>Torbay Constituency</u> Kevin Foster MP Constituency Office 5-7 East Street Torquay TQ2 5SD kevin.foster.mp@parliament.uk	01803 214989
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<u>Furzeham with Summercombe Ward</u>	
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<u>St.Peters with St Marys Ward</u>	
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Cllr Anna Tolchard C/o Town Hall, Castle Circus Torquay TQ1 3DR Anna.tolchard@torbay.gov.uk	07775 773970

What's On in Brixham

Organisation	Location	Time	Contact	Details
Monday				
Brixham Town Band	Brixham College Music Dept.	7.45pm	01803 853539	Practice Session Mon & Thurs Online
Freemasonry	Church Hill West		trueloveandunity248@gmail.com	3rd Monday of the month excl. Jul & Aug
Drum Circle	The Edge	12noon - 2pm	01803 851414	Any age/ability
Visual Eyes Torbay	United Reformed Church	2pm - 4pm	07951 659514	1st Monday of month
Brixham Table Tennis Club	Brixham Sports Centre TQ5 9SN	7pm-9pm	Alan Maynard 07909 853047	All ages, all abilities, coaching available
Tai Chi	Brixham Town Hall	10am-11am	Lisa Kay 07943 275585	Scala, Brixham Town Hall
Tai Chi	Catholic Church Hall	11am-12noon 7pm-8pm	Rita 01803 858521	
Tuesday				
Sew Crafty Brixham	Brixham Rugby Club	2pm - 5pm	Alison 07495 068888	Entry £3 including refreshments
West Country Embroiderers Torbay	Galmpton Barn Chapel Hall	10am - 12noon	Eunice 01803 853118	2nd Tuesday of each month
Computer Club	The Edge	11am-12noon		Free IT Support
Cycle Torbay	Fore Street	10am-12noon	FREE Bicycle repairs	info@cycletorbay.co.uk
Yoga	Brixham Town Hall	10am -11am	Nikki 07525 735500	Scala Hall
Brixham Art Society	Please refer to the website	www.brixhamartsociety.co.uk	For details of demonstrations	brixhamartsoc@gmail.com
Brixham Harriers Running Club	Meet: Admiral Swimming Centre	6.45pm	01803 850566	
Brixham Harmony	Catholic Church Hall	1.30pm - 3.30pm	01803 862246	
Brixham Ladies Forum	Catholic Church Hall	10am	01803 854928	Alternative Tuesdays
Brixham Rotary Club	Brixham Cricket Club	6.45pm	07776365442	2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesday of month
Brixham Stroke Association	United Reformed Church	2pm	01803 882269	Alternative Tuesdays
Live Music 50/60/70s	The Edge	2pm-4pm	01803 851414	2nd Tuesday
Mensheds	Edge, Fore Street	11am - 4pm	01803 883794	Tuesday & Thursday
Quay Harmony Ladies Choir	Brixham Rugby Club	7pm - 9pm	Kim Wilson 01803 858181	07532 762580
Royal Naval Association	Brixham Rugby Club	8pm	01803 859298	1st Tuesday of month
Serentys Garden Development Circles	Community Centre	7.30pm - 9.30pm	01803 857870	
Veteran Seafarers Association	United Reformed Church	2pm	Alan 01803 854990	
Slimming World	Catholic Church	4:30-7:30pm	Kerrie	07505 119326

What's On in Brixham

Organisation	Location	Time	Contact	Details
Wednesday				
Brixham Battery Heritage Group	Battery Gardens	2pm-4pm	07933 793683	Open: Wed, Fri & Sunday
Tripudio Flow	Catholic Church Hall	11am - 12noon	Nicola 07783 787369	
Yoga	Brixham Town Hall	6pm -7pm	Nikki 07525 735500	Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall
Brixham Horticultural Society	Catholic Church Hall	2pm	01803 853539	1st Wednesday of month. Not January
Riviera Singers Ladies Choir	Catholic Church Hall	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Chris 01803 883886	
Torbay Owls and Company	Galmpton Village Institute	7pm	01803 853453	Last Wednesday of month
Young Volunteers	The Edge	6pm - 8pm	01803 851414	14-25 years
Brixham Women's Institute	Brixham Cricket Club	2.15pm	Tina 01803 854486	3rd Wednesday of month (except Aug)
Thursday				
Bell Ringing	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm - 9pm	Guy 07764 344694	
Yoga	Brixham Town Hall	7pm - 8pm	Nikki 07525 735500	Scala Hall
Brixham Harriers Running Club	Admiral Swimming Centre	6.45pm	01803 850566	
Brixham Orpheus Male Voice Choir	Christian Community Centre	7.15pm - 9.00pm	John Pither 07878 836559	
Music Jam	The Edge	3pm - 5pm 6pm - 9pm	All Ages 16-25 years	
Brixham Probus Club	Catholic Church Hall	9.45am doors 10.30am start	Steve Tucker 07585 717525	
Meet Cook Eat	The Edge	10.30am - Lunch		
Royal British Legion Brixham Branch	Brixham Rugby Club	8pm	2nd Thursday of the month	
Soroptimists	Brixham Rugby Club	7.30pm		1st & 3rd Thursday of month (except Aug)
Friday				
Bereavement Group	The Edge	1pm - 3pm		
Geriatricks 50+ Walking Football	Brixham College	7pm - 8pm	Joe 07866 574263	Alternate Fridays
Saturday				
Brixham Rugby Cubs	Brixham C of E School Hall	10am (3-4yrs) 11am (5-6yrs)	bryanpitman33@btinternet.com	

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Furzeham with Summercombe Ward

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St. Peter's with St. Mary's Ward

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Unaudited Accounts: Annual Governance Accounting Statement

At the Full Council meeting held on the 5th June, Brixham Town Council resolved to accept the Account Governance Accounting Statement for the year 2022/23. The Statement, which has now been submitted to the Council's external auditors, can be seen below.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	
1. Balances brought forward	491,840	540,373	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	355,218	379,600	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	95,387	90,062	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	185,465	204,988	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	216,607	251,751	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	540,373	553,296	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	563,659	560,895	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	443,263	477,659	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

Grants for the Financial Year 2022-23

The following grants were awarded between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023:

Brixham Future CIC	£3,500.00	Queens Jubilee Event
Northview Platinum Jubilee Gardens	£300.00	Queens Jubilee Planting
Friends of The Vigilance	£5,000.00	Restoration works
WWII Historian	£300.00	Information leaflets
Cycle Torbay	£2,000.00	Brixham Bike Hub pop up workshops*
South West Coast Path Association	£1,000.00	Improvements to the Coast Path
Girl Guides	£750.00	To attend Unity 2022 event
Brixham in Bloom	£90.00	Refreshments for judging day *
Edible Earth	£3,400.00	Shared community allotment
All Saints Church	£250.00	Town Clock maintenance
St. Mary's Bowling Club	£1,000.00	CCTV
Brixham Pirate Festival	£4,500.00	Event *

* In addition to these grants, Brixham Town Council also provided additional support including administration and free hire of rooms / facilities at the Town Hall and Fore Street

Town Clerk Report - Mrs Tracy Hallett



What a difference an election makes!

Election year is always interesting and this year was no different! We were lucky to secure six elected Councillors, but that did leave us with six vacant seats. Whilst, we were in the position to carry on with business as usual, it is also important that the Town Council actively filled the remaining seats. The Town Council received 12 very strong co-option applications, all of whom had a wealth of skills and experience that would benefit the Council and the Community. On 5th June, the Town Council interviewed candidates and following deliberation, they made their decision. So within a month of the elections, we have a full team of Councillors and the Council now has a good mix of both re-elected and new Councillors. A brief introduction to the Councillors can be found on page 5. Due to publishing deadlines we did not have time to include the 6 co-opted Councillors and they will be included in the next issue of the Signal.

Of course, it wouldn't have gone unnoticed that there was a lot of built up frustration between the old Town Council and Torbay Council administration. This resulted in 11 electors demanding a Parish Poll at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. There was a lot of mixed messages at the time, but just for clarity, Brixham Town Council did not demand the parish poll. The Town Council has a legal obligation to hold the annual meeting of the Parish, which is not a Council meeting, and if more than 10 electors demand a Parish Poll at the meeting, the Town Council has a legal obligation to pay for the poll. Unfortunately that same legislation dictates the small window of when the poll has to be held once it has been demanded. So there is little time to get the information out as widely as possible. Both Councils issued press releases, social media statements and the Community Partnership held a public meeting during this time.

Since then, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have announced that they intend to lobby Government for a review of the parish poll legislation and our recent experiences have been submitted to NALC to support their campaign.

We have also seen a change in administration for both Councils who are working hard to build a strong and collaborative working relationship. We have seen, not only Brixham Ward Councillors attend our first couple of Council meetings, but also a Ward Councillor from the Broadsands, Churston and Galmpton Ward. We will, of course, continue to welcome them to our meetings.

Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for the public to address the Council prior to the start of the meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for you to come along and raise your concerns to any of the Councillors. They may not always be able to deal with it at the meeting, but they can take your details and get back to you. Future meeting dates can be found on page 6. We would like to thank all the retiring Ward and Town Councillors and wish them well for their future plans.

What a difference a year makes!

This time last year my report was about Wishings Field (aka Pathfields and Weststar) and how the Town Council had listened to concerns from a local resident about the poor upkeep of this protected Village Green. A year later and here we are, proud owners of Wishings Field!

There is no doubt that there is a lot of work to do, but we have started to make small changes. The vegetation encroaching the footpath has been cut back and the broken fence panels have been removed. More fencing will be removed at a later stage, once we can start clearing some of the brambles. Signage will be erected at either entrance reminding everyone that it is a Village Green. Our consultation is on page 3 so please do take the time to respond.

The Village Green is there for the community to enjoy so we need to hear from you all.

Torbay Community Development Trust - Brixham Community Builder

Hello, I am Helen Ambler, the new Community Builder for Brixham. There are 16 of us bringing people together around the Bay from Torbay Community Development Trust.

We are here to help encourage people of all ages to get involved in their neighbourhood. I can help connect you or people you know, with like-minded people, groups or organisations in Brixham. I can work with you to explore your strengths, skills and interests, plan how these can be shared, help you work out how to take positive action on things you would like to change in your area, and help to harness what is strong in your community and promote this.

We see lives transformed and positive changes happen, when people of all ages work together. We love seeing new friendships forming, activities happening and neighbours helping each other out with simple tasks on a day-to-day basis.

The power of personal connection is proven to reduce isolation and transform the quality of life for many people.

I have been in the role for one month now. I have introduced myself to lots of people and businesses already and look forward to meeting many more of you very soon.

If you have a good idea, that will enhance your local neighbourhood or have some time to give to your community or know anyone needing any help to get out and about and make new friends, then please feel free to call me on **07469660873** or email me on **helenambler@torbaycdt.org.uk**



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Bringing people together

Brixham Food Bank

Numbers of local families using Brixham foodbank have reached their highest ever and, as with other foodbanks across the country, this increase in demand has come at a time when donations of food and funds have reduced because of the cost-of-living effects across the whole community. This has meant the Foodbank Trustees have had to draw down some of their small emergency reserve funds to meet demand.

That said, the support from the Brixham Community is as strong as anywhere locally and the Foodbank is grateful to local Churches, the Brixham Chamber of Commerce, the Soroptimists, Torbay Council and a wide range of individuals and small organisations for their continuing help.

By way of example, in March this year the Foodbank provided over 420 food hampers to local people. This compares with 180 hampers in March 2021 and 240 in March 2022. As a result of this increase, it has been decided to continue to open three afternoons each week, which started as a trial around Christmas. An increasing percentage of clients are elderly or young working families.

As ever all clients are referred to the Foodbank by Statutory Organisations. The Foodbank is currently buying around £800 of food each month in addition to the food donations received. Every penny donated is spent buying food for clients. The Foodbank is run entirely by volunteers. As a Charity the Foodbank can claim an extra 25 pence for every one pound donated by taxpayers.

The Foodbank is open at our Brewery Lane premises every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2pm to 4pm to distribute food and receive donations.



Brixham Town AFC

Brixham AFC was founded in 2012 when two Brixham sides, Villa and United became one, since then, the growth of the club has been exponential.

After a meteoric rise Brixham AFC has elevated itself to the highest placed club other than Torquay United in the Torbay area and next season will be playing at a level just three divisions below the Gulls.



Last season was the club's most successful ever. Winning the **South West Peninsula League East**, the club also won the **Champions Bowl** against St Blazey, the champions of the West division; club captain **Kieran Parkin won the Golden Boot for the East division** and the club reached the last 16 nationally of the FA Vase.

They also conceded the fewest goals during a season both in the Peninsula League and nationally. At home the club won all bar one of their League fixtures, conceding just four goals in the process while scoring 68, and they also went 24 League games unbeaten at the end of the season, including 18 consecutive League victories.

Next season the club will be playing in the **Western League Premier Division**, the highest level they have ever reached, competing against clubs across the West Country.

We are looking to expand our team of matchday volunteers. Chairman Phil Thomas will find a role for you and can be contacted on **07725 056504**.

Alongside this they have a flourishing youth set up with six youth teams offering football to over 100 children every Sunday.

The Fishermen's Mission

The Fishermen's Mission based in Brixham has two events this summer which are important to our fishing community. The first is on Sunday 6th August 2023 and will be 'National Fishing Memorial Day'. A memorial service will be held at 11am on the quayside through the gate to the right of Rockfish. The 'Fishermen's Memorial Service' is an annual event for the community to remember fishermen who have been lost to the sea in the dangerous pursuit of fish from the quayside to the ocean wave.

This year Helen Lovell-Smith MAO Devon has reached out to relevant maritime organisations and those with local knowledge to compile a log of the names of fishermen sadly lost fishing around the waters of Devon, those from Devon who were lost whilst fishing away from home and those fatal incidents she has personally been involved in with supporting family in the aftermath.

During the service there will be a roll call of the names of those fishermen beginning from the Great Gale in 1866. She would ask that if you have information about a lost fisherman that you wish to share, please feel free to contact her as this poignant part in the service is meant to remember the sacrifice they made, and it is going to be an inclusive rather than exclusive log of names. Floral tributes will be scattered at sea by the Torbay Lifeboat, and it is kindly asked that all plastic is removed.

The future plan for the fishermen's names is that they will be written in a memorial book which will be displayed in All Saints Church, Brixham.

The next event on Thursday 31st August 2023 is shared between the Fishermen's Mission and the Shipwrecked Mariners Society (SMS) who wish to meet their regular grant beneficiaries and reach out to retired fishermen and fishermen's widows to share information about how they may be able to offer support in retirement. A totally free coffee morning from 10.30am -12noon will be held in the Danny Irvine lounge at Brixham Rugby Club (TQ5 9ED). All retired fishermen and fishermen's widows are welcome.

All Saints Flower Show With A Difference

“ON THE FARM” it’s all happening at All Saints Church
We will be dressed as farmers and wenches during the flower show
Thursday 10th August 10am - 4pm, Friday 11th August 10am - 4pm
Saturday 12th August 10am - 4pm



This is the second year we are organising a flower show, but this time a flower show with a difference. We have nature and the environment in mind mixed with our wild flower arrangements. There will be wool spinning sessions, a bee hive, a scare crow, a memorial to the fishermen lost at sea, Mission stall, crazy flower arrangements, an owl tower, the National Trust will be involved, there will be a wormery for the kids, Erik the Fisherman will be on display again, clock tower visits, a book and plant sale!

Entrance is free. Coffee and tea will be donations only, children will have free drinks and biscuits. Ham off the bone, cheese, ploughman style, quiche, soup and bread, pancakes and we will have All Saints famous war time cake again this year, all supplied by our excellent catering team. Food available between 12noon - 2.00pm. We will be selling jam and chutney. Garden and veg books, Lytes Fingers with handy craft goods. Plants and hopefully some vegetables, and other items. The money raised will be ring fenced for new carpets at the main altar and in the Lyte Chapel. This space will be converted to a private prayer space for the relatives and friends of Fishermen lost at sea, and an area for any children joining us on the Sunday.

For the disabled we have limited parking, a lift and disabled toilets and very spacious, hygienic, modern baby changing facilities. For the children we have an outside play area under parents supervision. The tower of the church measures 100 ft from the bottom to the top, and can be seen when entering Brixham, and coming by boat into the harbour, where the fish is landed by the fishermen at the quay. The tower built in 1907 is an iconic land and sea mark. With the small cottages surrounding the church, All Saints looks even more imposing, and it is worth a walk through the small walkways. The church itself was built in 1816 and is the largest church in Brixham. All Saints is an integral part of Brixham’s history and beyond, and is recognised as the Fishermen’s Church also known for the poet, and hymn writer, Francis Henry Lyte the first Reverend of All Saints Church famous for the hymn “Abide with me.



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Brixham Town Band - Quayside Concerts 2023



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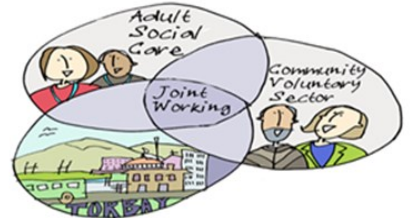
Our charity shop is open Monday to Friday 11am to 3pm. We need donations for the shop, especially clothes.

In order to offer these services we are reliant on the help of our volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer and have some time to give, please pop in for an informal chat as we have roles in our **Cafe** and are in need of **Befrienders**. We are also in need of a **minibus driver** to collect donations for our charity shop.

Our café is open Monday to Wednesday 10am until 12pm, we would love to be able to open more often but are in need of volunteers, so if you are interested in becoming a **café volunteer** please let us know. We are continuing to provide a visiting service in the **TQ5** area for people who are isolated, housebound or vulnerable.

Brixham Does Care also provides Day Care services at The Friends Centre, if you would like any further information about this service, please call Karen on **01803 224970**.

For further information on groups and events at Brixham Does Care, please call 857727 or check out our website www.brixhamdoescare.co.uk





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Tor Bay Harbour have purchased a new patrol vessel to help maintain safe waters for all users in the Bay. It should be arriving before the Summer Holidays and will be out as often as possible to have a visible presence around the Bay. If you see any issues around the Bay that require the patrol boat, call Tor Bay Harbour on **01803 208443** or on VHF channel 14 and we will investigate.



The previous vessel, Oscar 4, will be retired at the end of the season after 18 years of service. She has been a reliable and invaluable tool to the harbour team but she is coming to the end of her time as a commercial vessel and needs replacing so that we can keep our waters safe. In 2023 new legislation called The Merchant Shipping (Watercraft) Order 2023 has been passed, meaning all powered watercraft come under the scope of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995. This means all powered watercraft users will be bound under the same laws that apply to ships to help prevent accidents and keep our waters safe.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) are the relevant enforcement authority, and significant breaches of the Order will be referred to them by the Harbour Authority for potential enforcement and prosecution. For more information and to make sure you don't fall foul of the Order, read Marine Guidance Note 684 (M) Safety of Powered Watercraft, available online on the government's website.

The 5 knot speed limit markers are now in place around Tor Bay, meaning vessels passing in-land of these must do so at 5 knots or less, being mindful of swimmers and other water users such as kayaks and paddleboarders at all times. While the yellow 5 knot buoys might be tempting targets to swim out to and around, it is safer to swim parallel to the beach away from vessels.

Elberry Cove and Livermead Beach are both designated tow-sport areas and as such, are primarily for the use of vessels travelling at high speed, right up to the shallows of the beach on some occasions. If visiting these locations, ensure you are well clear of the water if any vessels are present as they have priority.

6 of Tor Bay's beaches have been awarded the prestigious Blue Flag award, signifying high standards of cleanliness and facilities. These are:

*** Breakwater Beach * Broadsands Beach * Meadfoot Beach * Oddicombe Beach * Preston Sands & Torre Abbey Sands ***

In addition, these beaches, along with Maidencombe Beach, Goodrington Beach, Paignton Beach and Ansteys Cove have been awarded the Seaside Award for 2023.

If you see a problem at these or any of Tor Bay's other beaches, please let us know by calling the Harbour Office on **01803 208443**

BRIXHAM TRAWLER AGENTS

For those unaware we are one of the biggest business in Brixham with a turnover in excess of £12,000,000 and employing over 65 people. We operate the daily fish market auction selling the trawler owners catch to various buyers across the UK and Europe.

Brixham Fish Market is the biggest fish market in England selling fish to the value of £60,808,000 in 2022. On the 4 June 2019 we installed the worlds first online cloud based fish auction which has proved very successful. We have had a good start to 2023 and are currently a little ahead of 2022.

We have just been awarded Service Provider of the Year by Fishing News at their award ceremony which we are very proud of. It is a testament to all our staff and the hard work they put in.

Picture: Barry Young, Managing Director



Brixham Museum

What a whirlwind of activity there was in Brixham over the Coronation! We opened a temporary exhibition, provided a royal kids trail and appeared on national TV!

With the summer comes exciting news for family visitors – thanks to funding from South West Museum Development we are creating some Explorer Backpacks. Each pack will contain a range of items to help our family visitors explore the museum - they will be free to borrow from the front desk. Each one will have a different theme so you can visit time and again for a different experience each time!



We have been working on sharing our collections with as many people as possible, and our new photograph collection volunteer has been busy behind the scenes. On social media we are sharing our 'then and now' comparison videos showing a photo from the past and how it looks today, check them out on Facebook now or use the QR code to take you to them!

And finally, something BIG is happening! Something secret....Something that will see Brixham take part in an event organised with renowned artist Stuart Semple on an international stage! Make sure you are following us on Facebook to find out more and contact us if you would like to be considered as a participant!

We hope to see you over the summer, come and help test-drive our activity backpacks with your families, enjoy our displays and pick up a memento of your visit in our shop.



South Devon Players

The South Devon Players theatre company are back and growing. Do you want to get involved in world class theatre, locally?

We would love to hear from you. We are casting all roles in our next theatre production, Macbeth, at Chestnut Community Centre (Poplar Close, Brixham TQ5 0SA) on July 2nd 2023; and anyone local who would like to audition will be extremely welcome, regardless of experience.

All information is on the audition tab of our website www.southdevonplayers.com.

This show will tour across Devon starting here at **Brixham Theatre**, and will stream online via the Edinburgh Fringe & Bristol Shakespeare Festivals

We would also love to hear from anyone interested in sound, lighting and costuming.

This is all professional activity, with credits from our shows being used regularly by creatives towards their Equity cards and actors Spotlight registrations.

Founded in the winter of 2005-2006 specifically to create professional theatre opportunities for local people in Torbay, the South Devon Players also work regularly with schools and community groups on theatre-based learning and other creative activities, and run a winter theatre school of training for adults who want to work towards professional careers in theatre.

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Brixham Chamber of Commerce - Centenary Awards

In November 1923 around 50 Brixham tradesmen met to agree actions aimed at improving the town of Brixham; a hundred years later that tradition still continues. Brixham Chamber of Commerce is taking the opportunity of its centenary year to celebrate the individuals, organisations and businesses that work to make this town a fantastic place to live. We have £15,000 of grants available to award to projects that fall into one of our missions as a chamber: **Community**, **Development** and **Commerce**.

Community

A hundred years on the Brixham community remains strong and we owe so much to those people in our community who go out of their way to help others. We are looking for projects run by an individual or organisation that will strengthen the community of Brixham. That may be by providing support to those in need, promoting welfare within the town, or even planning events to bring the people of Brixham together.

Development

The town looks very different to 1923, a combination of a million actions which while preserving our heritage, have given us this unique patchwork we call home. We are looking for projects run by an individual or organisation that will continue to push Brixham forward, making it an even better place to live. Grant funding in this category may be for beautification works, infrastructure, education projects, or anything that has the aim of helping Brixham to continue developing while retaining that unique Brixham charm.

Commerce

The chamber was founded by traders that understood the benefits of looking beyond their own business's threshold and investing in the town as a whole. These investments of time and money were repaid tenfold and the town has become more prosperous as a result. We are looking for projects run by a local entrepreneur or business that aim to make Brixham more prosperous in the long run. This may be through beautification works, infrastructure, investing in a community project, or any other idea where the benefits to Brixham can be evidenced. For more information, visit www.brixhamchamber.co.uk

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