

Parish Room, Bakery Square

Apologies Jen Fox, Tony Hawkins,

Farmers and landowners had a successful meeting at Ashcombe Farm organised by FWAG. Jasmine Pearson of Natural England gave a well received talk. Environmental and Land Management funding system has been announced by DEFRA <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-land-management-update-how-government-will-pay-for-land-based-environment-and-climate-goods-and-services/environmental-land-management-elm-update-how-government-will-pay-for-land-based-environment-and-climate-goods-and-services>

Local micro nursery is going ahead in the newly planted Kitley Woodland, in partnership with Volunteers Outdoors.

4. Wildlife survey

Three possible sites in the parish are being considered for a baseline survey. Discussions are underway.

5. EV point in the village

Parish Council agreed that we should assess demand as next step Action Linda

South Hams is undertaking a survey of potential demand that closes 17th March:

<https://www.climatechange.southhams.gov.uk/ev-strategy>

Network capacity remains an issue. Linda to circulate relevant letter from various organisations to Grant Schapps. Action Linda

6. Active travel routes

The annual survey of Yealmpton's 26 Public Footpaths has been undertaken by 19 volunteers. An application has been submitted for our annual P3 grant for Public Footpath maintenance.

Application for an additional path from the Toll House along the river to join Footpath 19 north of Riverside Way creating a circular route, has been submitted but now awaits our turn at the Definitive Map Review by County. Footpath 19 needs improvements such as self-closing gates and kissing gates to allow walkers through but keep cattle in the field. These improvements depend on the outcome of the submission for creation of the circular route. Maps of Yealmpton Public Footpaths are available at the Post Office, the Cafe and in Bakery Square.

A safe walking route from the new Collaton development to Yealmpton is being discussed.

South Hams has commissioned consultants to draft their LCWIP – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Scope and timescale not known. It seems unlikely that South Hams will fund any active travel schemes in advance of completion of the report.

7. Light pollution

Sheila's paper was discussed. Further help will be needed to interpret the mapping tools.

Replacement of domestic outside lighting with motion detectors/PIRs proposed. Linda to draft article for Yealmpton Press and to check South Hams' policy on street lighting with particular emphasis on street lighting for the Collaton development. Suggestion to ask our MP (Sir Gary Streeter) to join the All Party Parliamentary Group for Dark Skies. Action Linda

We also promoted the CPRE Star Count initiative to Yealmpton and the five parishes.

8. Domestic Heating.

SDCE advice for householders on changing to more environmentally sustainable domestic heating systems took place on Saturday 18th February. Fairly low attendance but a good talk and very good exchanges afterwards mainly about batteries, as some of the audience has experience of green energy.

9. Next meeting

Tuesday 29th March 7pm at Parish Room again.

*WRT West Country Rivers Trust and RYWQG River Yealm Water Quality Group