

## Item 3d Partner Updates

Organisation	<b>Ivybridge Town Council</b>
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	Travellers returned to Ivybridge onto the Park and Ride Site. Devon County taking action to move them on again but it is known that the group would prefer to stay in the South Hams for some years.
Current / Shared Issues	<p>Environmental issues are high on the agenda with the New England Energy from Waste Incineration taskforce, chaired by Gary Streeter MP meeting regularly. New Allotments at Filham Park (funded by Exeter airport grant) being opened on 17<sup>th</sup> April, along with joint Playbuilders/District Council funded site at St Johns in Ivybridge. Senior Council Renewable energy event in Ivybridge on 15<sup>th</sup> February seeking to draw attention to hydro power from the River Erme and other green energy sources.</p> <p>Further action on business rate increases in Ivybridge ongoing between Chamber of Trade and local MP but in reality little more can be done now until tax demands are issued and formal appeals submitted.</p>
SHSP Action Recommended	Environment South Hams group to continue support for developing allotment sites and other environmental initiatives.