

Item 3k Partner Updates

Organisation	South Hams Voluntary Sector Forum
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	<p>Updates on issues affecting the voluntary sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary date – 23/03/10 Devon Consortium Assembly, Tiverton, all day event. Theme of event to be confirmed. • South Devon & Dartmoor Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership will be holding an open Forum on 25 February 2010 from 12.30 - 4pm at the Watermark, Ivybridge. Voluntary Sector Forum members were requested to attend the event if they are able to as they will learn a great deal of information regarding the partnerships aims and purpose. • The Charity Commission website has published a model Constitution for small charities with an income of less than £5,000 to use. • South Hams District Council have publicised development plan documents for eleven potential sites in the South Hams. These include Aveton Gifford, Avonwick, Diptford, Ermington, Kingsbridge, Marldon, Modbury, Salcombe, Stoke Fleming and Harbertonford. Comments on the plans are invited by 10 February 2010. • ‘Home Grown - Community Owned’ (HogCo) is a five year project, which will work with communities across Devon to develop new projects, assets, skills and opportunities that enable local people to grow their own food. Presentations available to local groups. • AmnesTEA: Event being held on 01 February 2010 to raise awareness and money for human rights. 3.30pm – 5pm, Cool House, 17 Morgan Avenue, Torquay. • David Lingard from Dartmouth Museum offered presentations and talks to youth groups in the area to help promote the educational side of the charity. Anyone interested can contact David via Dartmouth Museum. • South Hams CAB are launching diagnostic interviewing across all services in March. Anyone contacting the bureau will initially receive a 10 minute interview and offered an appointment only when required. This will mean more people will gain access to CAB services. Appointments will be offered in Totnes, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge and Ivybridge. The bureau is also linking with the South Hams connect programme. <p>South Devon AONB 50th Anniversary</p>

	<p>South Devon AONB will be celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout 2010. Liz Davey from AONB, attended the forum to give information on events and celebrations. Stories and memorabilia from local communities was requested, there is also a small amount of funding available to small projects relating to the project and celebrations.</p>
<p>Current / Shared Issues</p>	<p>The Devon Strategic Partnership (DSP) Roger Grainger, Devon County Council Community Strategy Officer gave the Forum details of how the partnership is organised, why the DSP is needed, what the DSP is and outlined the roles of the Delivery Board. He also updated members on the work of the Devon Futures group.</p>
<p>SHSP Action Recommended</p>	<p>The next forum is a 'volunteering special' and we would like to extend an invitation to it to all partners who involve volunteers or who have volunteering opportunities.</p>