

Working Group Report

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| Name of Project | Environment South Hams |
| Date | 11 June 2007 |
| Summary of Progress | <p>1 Community Support Package Much positivity in the group on this topic which we feel will help cement the importance and role of Parish Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've identified and written to contacts on 22 South Hams Parish Plans that contained proposals for environmental projects. • As well as asking them what progress they have made we've made them aware of the support the group may be able to offer (e.g. funding, officer time support, facilities) <p>2 World Environment Day This year the focus is finding out from ordinary people what they already are doing to tackle global warming. The event also encourages volunteers to improve their environment. Notable success for SHSP: South Hams District Council has agreed to allow its staff to volunteer for an event. That event was the TLC for Trees at the Arboretum at Follaton House. Attended by various partner organisations.</p> <p>3 Environmental management We have shared examples of good practice between the partners making up the group. We are looking to develop this further – perhaps even to challenge partners on the SHSP steering group to have a go at implementing an example of environmental management in their own organisation.</p> <p>4 Public Space strategy Ross Kennerley attended the last ESH meeting to provide an update on this new strategy. It describes ten types of public space in the South Hams and sets out proposals for achieving quality, quantity and accessibility standards. The strategy highlights the shortage of sports pitches and allotments. He asked Environment South Hams to adopt the Strategy as it features in the new South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy.</p> |
| Issues for the SHSP to consider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a risk our efforts to make a connection with environmental projects within parish plans will generate unmanageable demand for parish plans. However, to date, we have had no responses. • Can the SHSP adopt the public space strategy as relevant to the SHSP? If so, how does the SHSP see further work on delivering this strategy being tackled by the partnership? Is it best tackled through the Environment South Hams working group? |

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| <p>Action recommended</p> | <p>Our main focus will be the Community support package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners to meet again to consider Parish responses to our offer • We will share this information with local councillors • We're informing Community Council for Devon so that we understand their capacity for helping us offer support • Partners to specify what support/skills/knowledge we can offer <p>On environmental management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are investigating learning lessons from Devon County Council's Carbon Management Programme. <p>Public Space Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment South Hams recommend presentation on the Public Space Strategy, prior to considering its adoption. |
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The members of the South Hams Strategic Partnership recognise that by working together they can achieve more for the benefit of the people of the South Hams

