

## Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the second South Hams Strategic Partnership (SHSP) newsletter, designed to inform you of progress on the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy and its action plans.

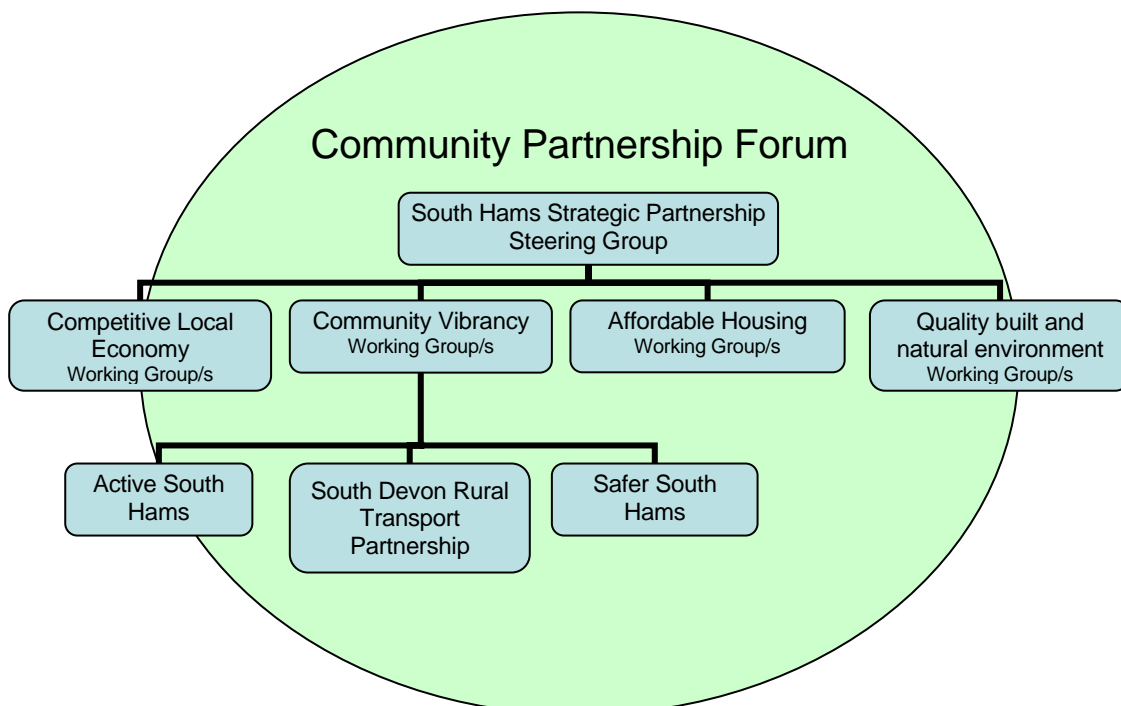
The final round of consultation on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy ended on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to submit comments and can assure you that these were taken into account in the final drafting of the document and the action plans. The South Hams Sustainability Group has undertaken a Sustainability Appraisal of the draft document to ensure that the aims and actions of the new strategy are as sustainable as possible.

The new strategy is due to be adopted by SHSP and the individual partner organisations in the coming weeks. Progress in delivering the action plans will be monitored by the Steering Group and the Community Partnership Forum on a regular basis and the strategy will be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate. A set of quality of life indicators will be used to check the overall impact of the strategy on the South Hams during its lifespan.

*Ruth Bagley*

## How does the Strategic Partnership fit together?

The South Hams Strategic Partnership (SHSP) includes representatives from public, private, voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations, who deliver services across the South Hams. Partners with a common interest have formed working groups to develop projects around the 4 priority themes within the Community Strategy. The work of existing groups such as Active South Hams is reported to the SHSP to ensure a joined up approach across the District. The diagram below shows how it all fits together.



Below is a taster of the projects the SHSP intend to progress over the coming months to deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy:

- Review partners assets (buildings) to see where there is the potential to bring forward housing projects;
- Sign up to joint / local procurement (purchasing) by partners
- Encourage staff in partner organisations to 'buy local'
- Encourage staff in partner organisations to volunteer
- Promote volunteering to young people (under 35's)
- Implement health walks training and new health walk projects
- Increase sharing of partner publicity channels

## Partnership News and Events

We would like this newsletter to include information from the many community-based planning groups across the South Hams so that people can be kept up to date with town and parish plans, and the projects and initiatives that result from them. Please e-mail your news, including important meeting dates and events to [community@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:community@southhams.gov.uk)

### Funding for Community Cohesion Projects

The Commission for Racial Equality is inviting applications for Getting Results funding during 2007/8. £4m is available to tackle community cohesion and race relations issues. The closing date for applications is 20 October 2006. Further information and application forms can be seen at <http://www.cre.gov.uk/about/gettingresults.html>

### County Grant Scheme

Application forms are now available for the County Grant Scheme that offers support towards village halls. Managed by the Community Council of Devon the deadline for applications is the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Call them on 01392 383443, e-mail [info@devonrcc.org.uk](mailto:info@devonrcc.org.uk) or visit [www.devonrcc.org.uk](http://www.devonrcc.org.uk) for more info.

### Dates for your diaries

Group	Date of meeting and details
Voluntary Sector Forum	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2006 in Follaton Village Hall, Totnes. The Forum is open to representatives of all local voluntary and community organisations. Telephone: 01803 862266 or Email: <a href="mailto:cvs@southhams cvs.org.uk">cvs@southhams cvs.org.uk</a> for further information about the forum and their meetings
Community Partnership Forum	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2006 Ivybridge Town Hall. The Forum is open to community groups and stakeholders with an interest in the delivery of the new South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy. Telephone: 01803 861234 and ask for Community Development or Email: <a href="mailto:community@southhams.gov.uk">community@southhams.gov.uk</a>

## New South Hams Volunteer Centre

The South Hams Volunteer Centre can offer your organisation, charity or community group a range of services to help you attract and involve volunteers. They can advertise your volunteering opportunities through the press, displays and online and can help to match you with volunteers who contact the centre directly. The Centre can also help you to review and improve your policies for involving people.

Please contact Howard Owens the Volunteer Centre Co-ordinator on 01803 862266 or e-mail [volunteering@southhams cvs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@southhams cvs.org.uk) for further information on their services.