**District Cllr Sam Penfold**

**Berry Pomeroy Parish Report**

**October 2025**

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**Local Government Organisation – Shaping Devon’s Future**

Have your say. Drop in on the 09 October to Follaton House, Totnes. Doors open 18:00 for start at 18:15 – 20:00.

Get tickets: <https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fshaping-devons-future-engagement-totnes-tickets-1526895949889%3Faff=oddtdtcreator/1/01010198f63a9d95-27c86e9e-ddaf-481c-a703-acff44ec8e93-000000/cd0_9ddXbCzJxz4uo9MUgfJw1Tso95_MJfD4SQ6mV6w=420>

There is also an additional drop in at **Marldon village Hall on Wednesday 29th October 18:00-19:30** with Dan Thomas Leader of the South Hams Council, and an officer. I am sure Marldon will welcome residents from Berry Pomeroy who wish to join them.

**The Catbike e-bike Hub**

The Catbike Hub has been closed in Bridgetown due to vandalism. The council are looking for a more secure location. Any suggestions for new sites welcomed through the congoing consultation found at: http://catbikes.commonplace.is

**Ourrainwater.com**

I was contacted by the company **Our Rainwater** based in Exeter. They are

helping gather views on how people across the UK are capturing rainwater - or why they’re not yet. This is about flooding, drought, sewer spills - and empowering communities to take practical action.

It only takes 5 minutes to fill in the survey and could help shape the future of water.

 Take the survey:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=HtonCCWmDEGTcSn8to2LyFQQz01kbs5Mu4OxGBmETqhUM1QxVlRHUVdaS1k1WTZORFJCMjdaRk9IOCQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/e/w0d3TuEw2V)

 You can read more about it here: <https://ourrainwater.com/engage-the-nation>

Please share with friends, neighbours, and your community to help Engage the Nation.

#OurRainwater #EngageTheNation #CaptureTheRain #HarnessTheRain #RainwaterChampion

It is **completely free to complete the survey** and we may get a scheme in our local area to support rainwater capture.

FYI, the funding for the company comes from Innovate UK Grants, Ofwat Innovation Funds and the Delta Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme and direct funding from water companies and local authorities.

Here’s a link to an example of one of their projects:

<http://ourrainwater.com/news/our-award-winning-project>

Residents were provided with free rain planters slowing the flow of rainwater into drainage systems.

## **Support for Care Leavers: Council Tax**

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| **Devon Care Leavers - your guide to Council Tax savings**   * If you are a Devon County Council care leaver, did you know that you can get up to 100% off your Council Tax bill until you turn 25? * This is a fantastic opportunity to ease some money pressures as you transition into independent living. If you haven't seen this reduction on your bill yet, don't worry. Simply speak to your personal adviser or visit our website for all the details. * Remember, you might also be eligible for other discounts like the **Single Person Discount** or **Council Tax Reduction**. Make sure to apply for these too and save even more! * Find out more information on our website at: [www.southhams.gov.uk/council-tax/reductions-discounts-and-exemptions/care-leavers](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.southhams.gov.uk%2Fcouncil-tax%2Freductions-discounts-and-exemptions%2Fcare-leavers/1/0101019986797621-4b9ed1ed-0c67-4d60-a584-528c9ecec9a6-000000/UW55I5I5XTDeLKrz4aV-2JJ6WM0ePUP9NOaDWUetW-Q=424) |