



**AGENDA FOR THE TOWN MATTERS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL, TOTNES**

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend the Town Matters Committee, which is to be held in the Guildhall, Totnes on **Monday 15th July 2019 at 7pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

No	Subject	Comments	Timing
1	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.		2 mins
	<i>The Committee will adjourn for the following items:</i>		
	Public Question Time: A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.		15 mins
	<i>The Committee will convene to consider the following items:</i>		
2	To update on any matters arising from the minutes of 28 th May 2019. (Note: already agreed through Full Council.)	Document enclosed.	5 mins
3	To consider the request to support the Ramblers "Charter for Walking Neighbourhoods".	Document enclosed.	10 mins
4	To consider how Totnes Town Council can, where possible, reduce its consumption of single-use plastic in its offices.	Document enclosed	15 mins
5	To receive an update from the Community Engagement Plan Working Group.	Cllr Weberley	15 mins
6	To consider the Devon and Somerset Fire Service consultation on the "Service Delivery Operation Model Proposal".	Documents enclosed.	15 mins
7	To consider how Totnes Town Council might support "VE Day 75" on 8 th May 2020 which commemorates the 75 th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe.	Document enclosed.	10 mins
8	To consider a request for a name plate for Windeatt Lane off Plymouth Road.	Document enclosed.	10 mins
9	To consider the format (written or verbal) for Link Councillor updates, and a schedule	Document enclosed.	10 mins
10	To note the date of the next meeting of the Town Matters Committee – Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.00pm in the Guildhall.		2 mins

Sara Halliday
Committee and Cemetery Administrator

Future meetings agenda items:

- Link Councillor Updates (TBC).

Committee Members – quorum is 3 members (1/3 of elected)

- Cllr Piper (Chair)
- Cllr Allen
- Cllr Hendriksen
- Cllr Matthews
- Cllr Paine
- Cllr Perkins
- Cllr Skinner
- Cllr Trow
- Cllr Webberley

ITEM 3 – Ramblers ‘Charter for Walking Neighbourhoods’

Officer Advice – the draft Totnes Transport Policy and Strategy, and the draft Totnes Neighbourhood Plan both reference the importance of providing pedestrian access around the town and the encouragement of people walking for health and air pollution reasons.

If the Committee were to recommend to Full Council that Totnes Town Council (TTC) supports the Charter (which is a national initiative) the support could be referenced in both draft documents (Transport Policy and Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan).

ITEM 4 – Totnes Town Council Single-Use Plastic Consumption

At the September 2019 Full Council, the recommendations from the Town Matters Committee regarding the Plastic Free Totnes group were ratified. These points were:

- TTC supports the Plastic Free Community project and its aims and objectives;
- TTC appoints Councillor(s) as representative(s) on an outside body once the Plastic Free Community Steering Group is set up; and
- TTC asks advice from Plastic Free Totnes of ways to minimise TTC plastic waste and invite SHDC to attend.

Plastic Free Totnes have recently been in contact to ask for the elimination of single use plastics to be put on the agenda. Where possible, TTC has already made a switch to not using single-use plastics, for example: Mayoral events use sparkling water and cordial in glass bottles, wooden cutlery and paper plates when events are not hosted in the Civic Hall; community events in the Civic Hall have used either the crockery or cardboard insulated cups; jugs of water and glasses are used for Full Council meetings.

Plastic Free Totnes sent a policy adopted by Lewes Town Council (East Sussex) about single-use plastic. The information note for hirers of the Civic Hall will be updated to encourage the use of sustainable single-use products, but there is no way that Totnes Town Council could enforce any ban on single-use plastics being used in the venue.

ITEM 7 – VE Day 75

Officer Advice – There is currently no funding assigned to any community VE Day commemorations. Many of the timed national events (pipers, town criers, church bells and church services) are not resources that Totnes Town Council has control over. TTC may wish to publicise the programme of events to the various churches in the town, the pubs (for the ‘Nation’s Toast’) and to groups such as Totnes Caring to make them aware of the events planned.

ITEM 8 – Name Plate for Windeatt Lane

The following email was received from a member of the public:

I think that you mentioned that street names are being reviewed at the moment. One that has never been signed is Windeatt Lane in Plymouth Road.

We put it to [redacted] [a previous Town Clerk], a very long time ago, and something was going to be done – but nothing happened. There are now even more residents along the lane and it seems to be a good idea to have another go. We would have safer access for emergency vehicles and more ease for delivery vehicles as well.

We had broadly agreed on the name Windeatt - (not Windeatt with an 'S' as the position of the apostrophe would always cause arguments).

The Windeatt family lived at the top of the lane back in the last centuries...

Officer Advice - Having looked at the SHDC Planning website there is a section on new street names – whilst this might be known among locals as Windeatt Lane it doesn't come up in any Google or i-map searches. Trying to get this signed as Windeatt Lane is likely to be unsuccessful as the SHDC policy advice is that you should avoid any duplication of names in a town (there is already a Windeatt Square at the bottom of the town) and using 'street, road, avenue' is not sufficiently different to consider use.

The cost of the application is £36.

The Committee should make a recommendation to Full Council whether to support or reject this request, based on the likelihood of success outlined above.

ITEM 9 – Link Councillor Updates

Over the last year, the Town Matters Committee has invited updates from Link Councillors about the meetings and engagement that they have had with the community.

Do Councillors feel that this is a useful mechanism that the Committee should continue to receive, or could key points from meetings be emailed to all Councillors for information? If the Committee does want updates, is it best for these updates to be made in writing which can be circulated with the papers in advance so that more time is available for questions and discussion in Committee? There are 10 link councillor areas of interest, so this would mean that two areas are covered at each Committee.

Working on the basis of two link councillor areas being covered per meeting, a potential schedule for updates based on the Town Matters Committee calendar is below:

- 16th September 2019 – Cultural, and Arts
- 18th November 2019 – Elderly and Vulnerable People, and Young People/Youth
- 20th January 2020 – Heritage, and Open Space, Sports Provision, Leisure
- 16th March 2020 – Traffic & Transport, and Environment & Sustainability
- TBC May 2020 – Disability, and Business and Employment



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN MATTERS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors B Piper (Chair), G Allen, R Hendriksen, D Matthews, P Paine and V Trow.

Apologies: None.

Not Present: K Perkins, S Skinner and L Webberley.

In Attendance: Cllr A Simms and Sara Halliday (Committee and Cemetery Administrator).

No	Subject	Comments
1	To elect a Chair of Committee and Deputy (who will chair in the Chair's absence).	The Chair was AGREED as Cllr Piper and the Deputy was AGREED as Cllr Trow.
2	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.	No apologies had been received.
	<i>The Committee will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
	A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.	None present – Cllr Simms was attending to take part in Item 4.
	<i>The Committee will convene to consider the following items:</i>	
3	To update on any matters arising from the minutes of 21 st March 2019. (Note: already agreed through Full Council.)	Item 7 – Resolved by Full Council. The Air Quality Action Plan and draft Totnes Town Council Transport Policy and Strategy Schemes were presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 23 rd May 2019. Item 8 – Resolved by Full Council. The Clerk wrote to Devon County Council on 3 rd April 2019.
4	To review the Community Engagement Plan (CEP).	A number of ideas were put forward for how to best engage with the community. It was AGREED that a Doodlepoll would be emailed to all Cllrs with dates for the first meeting of the Working Group. To RECOMMEND to Full Council that the Community Engagement Strategy Plan Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds the first meeting with Councillors only, and discusses the co-option of members of the public; • Works out an action plan based on the updated CEP which includes rough costings of activities, and explores new ideas; • Will focus in more detail on some of the emerging issues such as: moving the location for Full Council Meetings; recording of all Council meetings and Committees; and the criteria for the proposed Civic Award scheme; and • Outputs will return to the Town Matters Committee before any recommendation to Full Council.

5	To consider investing in interim audio equipment to allow all future Full Council and Committee meetings to be recorded and uploaded to the website.	<p>It was AGREED that this requirement should be considered by the Community Engagement Strategy Plan Working Group as part of the wider debate of where to hold Council meetings, so that any investment in equipment can be future proofed to ensure that it can be used in any location. It is often difficult to hear softly spoken Councillors, so amplification as well as recording was viewed as beneficial. The idea of visual recordings of meetings was also raised as being more appealing to the public than audio.</p> <p>To RECOMMEND to Full Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Venues Working Group contractors are engaged to quote for equipment (5 x PZMs – pressure zone microphone - and an omni microphone, exact requirements to be determined); • Ensure that a new Totnes Town Council (TTC) website has the capacity to host multi-media files; and • Audio visual recording of meetings is considered in the longer term.
6	To consider the introduction of a Civic Awards scheme and the criteria to be adopted in the policy.	<p>The concept of introducing a Civic Awards Scheme and recognising some of the unsung heroes in the community was supported. It was AGREED that the Community Engagement Strategy Plan Working Group will review the criteria for a scheme. The Committee Administrator will list the various criteria choices for the Working Group to consider, and will then draft a policy based on their response.</p>
7	To discuss the new seating in the Coronation Road bus stop.	<p>To RECOMMEND to Full Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter is sent to South Hams District Council stating that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TTC believe that the new seating provision is below standard and request that the bench height is adjusted to be suitable for all users; - SHDC need to do more to address the mental health and housing problem of vulnerable people in the community; - TTC is disappointed not to have been consulted about the changes. Totnes is a tourist town and this action has impacted on the number of bus passengers. That SHDC are asked to copy in Town Councillors in any correspondence n proposals to address anti-social behaviour; and - SHDC are asked to consider putting forward a property in Totnes for the Housing First project. • TTC needs to do more to address the homeless problem; and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTC considers what measures are required to prevent the same anti-social behaviour issues in the TTC-owned bus shelter opposite the Royal Seven Stars.
8	<p>To consider two requests to fly flags on the Civic Hall:</p> <p>8.1) 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' 3rd September 2019 (letter received March 2019).</p> <p>8.2) 'Totnes Pride Rainbow Flag' 2nd-9th September (email received 13th May 2019)</p>	<p>Based on the dates that the requests were received, and previous negativity around the Town's position on flying these flags, to RECOMMEND to Full Council that the Red Ensign is flown on 3rd September to mark Merchant Navy Day and the Rainbow Flag is flown from 4th-9th September to mark Totnes Pride.</p>
9	<p>To note the date of the next meeting of the Town Matters Committee, if required – Monday 15th July 2019 at 7.00pm in the Guildhall.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>



Ramblers Charter for Walking Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhoods that are green and walkable promote good physical health, mental health and wellbeing. They help combat poor air quality and encourage people to get outside and be active.

A walking neighbourhood is a safe and welcoming place to be a pedestrian. Residents have easy access to streets with plantings and a variety of green spaces - from community gardens and allotments, to pocket parks and city farms. Networks of green walking routes connect people from their doorsteps to the places they want to go.

This Charter sets out five things that councils can do to create walking neighbourhoods:

1. Make neighbourhoods green

Target: Everyone has access to high-quality green space within five minutes' walk of their doorstep.

Action: All development and transport infrastructure schemes make a positive contribution to the overall local resource of high-quality, accessible green space. There is a clear plan for monitoring and addressing 'green poverty'.

2. Create a network of green walking routes

Target: A network of green walking routes connects people to the places they want to go.

Action: Pavements and public spaces are planned as a network for walkers. Council policies on planning, health, transport and economic growth directly contribute to the delivery of green infrastructure. All development schemes incorporate 'green infrastructure' as an integral design component at the pre-planning stages of development.

3. Prioritise pedestrians

Target: Walking is the easy way to travel around towns and cities.

Action: Transport and infrastructure developments put the needs of pedestrians first. Measures to address the issues that discourage people from walking are in place, including a default speed limit of 20mph, well-maintained and clutter-free pavements, convenient road crossings and a prohibition on pavement parking.

4. Promote walking

Target: People are encouraged and supported to get walking.

Action: Local government and partners from the health and voluntary sector have a plan to get more people walking. Partners work together to commission led-walks, develop promoted routes, ensure good signposting, host community walking festivals and other local events and activities.

5. Reclaim places for communities

Target: Green routes and spaces are designed with communities and open to all.

Action: Green spaces are public, inclusive and accessible to all. Voluntary groups, community groups and residents are involved in the design and maintenance of local green spaces. Residents are empowered to take ownership of public spaces, e.g. through support for new street plantings or temporary street closures for community events.

Totnes Ramblers contacts:

Andrew Chadwick, Chair

Celia Minoughan, Media Officer. celia.minoughan@gmail.com



Help us cut out single-use plastic

Our plastic policy on Totnes Town Council premises

In response to the global problem of plastic pollution, Totnes Town Council has committed to phasing out single-use plastic (SUP) across all its premises. This also means we strongly encourage groups and organisations to find alternatives to single-use plastic when hiring our venues.

What's the problem?

Plastic pollution is a growing challenge. Every year the world produces an estimated 300 million tonnes of plastic, of which half is for single use. Much discarded plastic ends up in our riverways and oceans, entering the food chain. It has been estimated that by 2050, the oceans could contain more plastic by weight than fish.

What do you mean by single use plastic?

Single-use plastic (SUP) is plastic that is used once before being discarded. The most common SUP items are disposable water bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws, takeaway coffee cups and other plastic serveware (e.g. food trays, plastic cutlery and individual sauce sachets).

What do you encourage groups to use instead?

Many SUP items can easily be replaced by reusable alternatives such as water glasses, crockery and metal cutlery. Event attendees can be encouraged to bring their own reusable bags, water bottles and coffee cups. Paper straws can replace plastic ones.

Crockery, glasses and cutlery are available for hire for up to 150 settings as part of your Civic Hall hire.

A water dispensing machine is also available in the ramp entrance lobby.

What's your policy on bars providing plastic drinking glasses?

We recognise that at crowded events such as concerts, parties and club/dance nights, real glass can present a safety hazard. In these circumstances we encourage the use of sturdy plastic cups that can be cleaned and reused.

What single-use alternatives are acceptable?

Where single-use items are unavoidable, we encourage groups to provide genuinely compostable alternatives, and take responsibility for their proper disposal (e.g. separating them from other waste and disposing of them in municipal food waste systems to ensure proper break down.)

Stockists of compostable serveware include:

Pronto-Pack - www.pronto-pack.co.uk

Vegware - www.vegware.com

Cornware – www.cornware.co.uk

Note: Even compostable single-use items have implications for our environment. Please limit their use wherever possible.

Thank you for helping to make Totnes plastic free.



**DEVON &
SOMERSET**
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Item 6

**Service Headquarters
The Knowle
Clyst St George
Exeter
Devon
EX3 0NW**

Sent via Email

Website: www.dsfire.gov.uk Email: safertogetherprogramme@dsfire.gov.uk Direct telephone : 01392 872347

Dear Sir/Madam,

Service Delivery Operating Model Proposal

I am contacting you following the announcement of proposed changes to Service Delivery within Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

Under the new proposals, the Service would seek to move underused resources from low risk areas and invest more into work to reach the most vulnerable members of society to help keep them safe.

The proposal includes the closure of a number of low risk/low activity fire stations, the removal of fire engines that are underused and making some other changes to the way in which some fire engines are crewed.

We would look to reinvest some of the financial savings into prevention work in the community. There are several reasons why change is needed. Lifestyles and geographical profiles of both Devon and Somerset have changed dramatically since many of our fire stations were built. Supported by the prevention work that has been carried out locally and nationally and by the Service, the number of fires attended by crews has fallen by a third in the last 10 years.

We are also the largest employer of on call firefighters in the country. The Service needs to improve the reliability of its 'on-call' model which last year saw 20% of its on-call fire engines not available due to lack of crew.

There are six proposed options for changing the way we operate our fire service that will be presented to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority for consideration on 28 June. The Authority will decide on this date which of these options should form part of the public consultation.

We appreciate that any suggestion of closing stations or removing fire engines can be unsettling for residents and we want to ensure that you feel informed and supported as a community. We also want to ensure you have the opportunity to have your say through the consultation period that will run for 12 weeks starting from 1 July.

13

We will be holding public drop-in exhibitions in the localities that are affected by the proposals throughout July and August. This is so that we can engage with local residents to explain the changes and reasons for change as part of the consultation process.

It is important to stress that no decisions have been made about the final outcome, so providing your thoughts and opinions is key to helping Fire Authority members make an informed decision based on community and staff feedback.

In addition to the public events, we would like to offer the opportunity for our staff to attend one of your Parish Council meetings to discuss the proposed options. Please note that if we receive a high level of demand for attendance at Parish Council meetings we will need to prioritise our attendance in locations where stations are most affected by the proposed options.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the Consultation and Engagement Team using the details in the header of this letter.

If we can be of any further assistance or you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Howell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lee Howell
Chief Fire Officer



Safer Together - Service Delivery Public Consultation

We're making final amendments to the consultation document after the recommendations from the Fire Authority on Friday. Please bear with us and it will be live on the website as soon as possible.

We have identified that we need to change to adapt to changes in our world and our communities.

The public consultation will run from 2 July 2019 until 20 September 2019. To take part click here.

Why we are changing now

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service was originally designed over 50 years ago. Since then, the make-up of our communities and the way in which people live their lives has changed significantly. The majority of our existing 85 fire stations have been in place for well over 30 years and the firefighter duty systems have not changed since the 1970s.

If we were to start from scratch and rebuild our fire service with new fire stations and duty systems to meet today's needs, it would undoubtedly look a lot different.

In future we need to make sure we can prioritise and increase our capacity to deliver targeted prevention and protection activities in our communities, focusing on the known risks in each area.

We must change to make sure we are providing the best possible response to match the modern risks of today. We need increased availability to ensure we can give the right response, at the right time, whilst making the most efficient use of resources.

We also need to make significant financial savings. The funding we receive is changing, with anticipated reduced grant funding from Central Government. Alongside this, costs are increasing, so we will need to meet a potentially significant revenue shortfall to enable the Service provision to continue.

Challenges around availability and demand for our fire and rescue service

Whilst we currently provide a sufficiently high level of service, there are aspects that are no longer matching risk. We have too many fire engines and staff in areas where risks are low and therefore demand has fallen, and in other areas where the risk has increased, we do not have enough resources.

Due to the changing nature of employment within our communities over the years, we cannot recruit and retain sufficient On-call Firefighters to crew all of our existing fire engines as less people now work in the communities in which they live. Of those that do, many cannot afford (or cannot be released by their employers) to leave their jobs when their pager activates to attend emergency incidents for us. Our current requirement is for on-call staff to live and work within five minutes of a fire station. This may mean that even if a fire engine is at a fire station, there may not be enough firefighters available to crew it.

We have talked about shifts in the population of Devon and Somerset, but along with these new housing developments, there have been huge changes in our road networks. In some areas we have challenges navigating through busy traffic to reach emergencies, whilst in other areas, the new road networks help us to reach locations faster than before.

We need to change our staffing arrangements to make sure we have sufficient availability, and reconsider the location of fire stations to match resource to risk.

We are working with our staff to ensure they are fully involved with the consultation process and have all the support they need.

You can read more about why we need to change here.

Options for change

Six options for changing the way we operate our fire service were presented to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority for consideration at a meeting on 28 June (details here). At the meeting the Fire Authority recommended that the Service proceed with the public consultation on the six options. In addition they also put forward a number of recommendations to be considered as part of the consultation process. The options are summarised below.

Option 1 - Station closures at Appledore, Ashburton, Budleigh Salterton, Colyton, Kingston, Porlock, Topsham, Woolacombe)

Option 2 - Station closures listed in option 1, plus removal of third fire engines at Bridgwater, Taunton, Torquay and Yeovil

Option 3 - Option 2, plus removal of second fire engines at Crediton, Lynton, Martock and Totnes

Option 4 - Option 3, plus change of status to day crewing at Barnstaple, Exmouth and Paignton

Option 5 - Option 4, plus change of status of second fire engine to on-call at night only at Brixham, Chard, Dartmouth, Frome, Honiton, Ilfracombe, Okehampton, Sidmouth, Tavistock, Teignmouth, Tiverton, Wellington, Wells and Williton

Option 6 - Option 5, plus the introduction of day crewed roving fire engines for targeted response and additional prevention work

Option 7 - Mix and match option, the opportunity to include any combination of the elements used in the other options. Please see the consultation document for further details.

Glossary of terms - to help you understand the terminology we sometimes use.

Supporting documents

There are a number of documents which may help inform you.

Option 3 – Station closures, removal of all third engines and removal of some second engines

In addition to the details noted in option 2 there are four engines that are the second fire engine at a station.

CREDITON MARTOCK LYNTON TOTNES

DATA SETS			
Station	Total incidents in station area (2018)	Incidents attended in station area by affected engine(s) (2018)	Availability of first affected engine (2018/19)
Crediton	102	5	4%
Martock	103	20	43%
Lynton	32	8	19%
Totnes	169	16	14%



These second engines have also been identified as not contributing to the overall risk reduction profile across Devon and Somerset. These engines are all crewed by On Call firefighters in low risk areas. Removal of these engines will still leave an engine at the station providing the correct level of response for the risks faced by the local communities. These engines are not active and suffer from low availability.

The outcomes of implementing this option are as follows:

Station	Closure	Engine Removed	Engine Relocated	Capital Savings (Estate and Fleet)	Revenue Savings (not including On Call salaries)	Potential increase in number of Fire Safety Checks
Appledore	Yes	Yes	No	£460,000	£41,891	328
Ashburton	Yes	Yes	No	£395,000	£42,751	335
Budleigh Salterton	Yes	Yes	No	£360,000	£58,750	460
Colyton	Yes	Yes	No	£475,000	£60,618	474
Kingston	Yes	Yes	No	£300,000	£20,959	164
Porlock	Yes	Yes	No	£450,000	£50,707	397
Topsham	Yes	Yes(1)	Yes (1) to Middlemoor	£585,000	£70,007	548
Woolacombe	Yes	Yes	No	£300,000	£41,953	328
Bridgwater	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£44,315	347
Taunton	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£42,658	334
Torquay	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£21,987	172

Station	Closure	Engine Removed	Engine Relocated	Capital Savings (Estate and Fleet)	Revenue Savings (not including On Call salaries)	Potential increase in number of Fire Safety Checks
Yeovil	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£47,608	373
Crediton	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£15,074	118
Lynton	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£26,143	205
Martock	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£36,378	285
→ Totnes	No	Yes	No	£300,000	£39,295	308
TOTAL	8	16	1	£5,725,000	£661,094	5,176

Market Town: Five-Year Averages

Station Name	Station Number	Community	Overview					Incidents on station grounds				False Alarm			Special Service			Pump Attendances		
			All incidents five-year average	All incidents excluding co-responder	Co-responder	All	Primary	Primary Dwelling	Secondary	False Alarms	Special Service Calls	RTC	Flooding	All by station's pumps	On own station ground	On own station ground (%)				
Shepton Mallet	KV81	Market Town	168.2	168.2	0	56	27.6	9.6	28.4	55	57	25.2	5.2	269.4	190.4	70.7%				
Cullumpton	KV39	Market Town	165.8	165.8	0	48.5	31.6	8.8	17	65.8	51.2	28.6	2	178.6	144.8	81.1%				
Thiverton	KV44	Market Town	164.4	164.2	0.2	55.6	35.4	16.2	20.2	59.6	49.2	10.6	2.8	269.2	194.4	72.2%				
Wells	KV83	Market Town	169	162.6	6.4	38.2	17.4	6.4	20.8	71.4	59.4	22.4	2.8	249.8	187.8	75.2%				
Wellington	KV70	Market Town	160.8	160.8	0	51.2	29.2	10.6	22	58.4	51.2	25.2	2.4	265.8	200.6	75.5%				
Tothnes	KV31	Market Town	149.2	149	0.2	45.4	27.2	13	18.2	57	46.6	12.8	5.6	185.2	148.2	80.0%				
Chard	KV75	Market Town	152.2	147.2	5	55.8	37.8	17	18	53.8	42.6	14.2	2.4	245.2	170.4	69.5%				
Honiton	KV40	Market Town	149.4	147	2.4	46	30	9.6	16	45.4	58	28.4	3.4	197	164.4	83.5%				
Tavistock	KV57	Market Town	148	144.2	3.8	45.4	25.6	14.2	19.8	50.6	52	15	4.4	214.4	180	84.0%				
Glastonbury	KV65	Market Town	134.4	134.2	0.2	51.6	29.4	10	22.2	39	43.8	11.4	4.4	197	127.4	64.7%				
Bovey Tracey	KV20	Market Town	140.2	127.6	12.6	35.2	18.2	4.6	17	54.2	50.8	17.8	1.4	113.2	91.2	80.6%				
Williton	KV71	Market Town	420.8	123.8	297	42.4	19.2	7.4	23.2	40.6	337.8	20	2	159.2	139.2	87.4%				
Street	KV69	Market Town	121.4	121.4	0	35.2	22.2	7.8	13	46	40.2	15.2	1.6	170.4	108.2	63.5%				
Wincanton	KV84	Market Town	115.8	115.8	0	37.2	22.6	9.6	14.6	47.8	30.8	16.4	1.2	136	101.2	74.4%				
Cheddar	KV76	Market Town	349.2	115.4	233.8	38.2	19.8	6.2	18.4	32.8	278.2	14.4	0.8	136.8	112.8	82.5%				
Okehampton	KV13	Market Town	171.2	115	56.2	32.6	20.4	4.6	12.2	42	96.4	18.8	2	208.8	147.4	70.6%				
Somerton	KV82	Market Town	114.6	114.4	0.2	45	21.2	7.4	23.8	31.2	38.4	15.6	2.2	150.6	105.4	70.0%				
Ivybridge	KV53	Market Town	344.8	102.6	242.2	24.2	14	5	10.2	44	276.6	16.2	1.2	117.8	81.8	69.4%				
Creddon	KV38	Market Town	243.6	99.2	144.4	35.6	20.2	8.2	15.4	29.2	178.8	9.8	1.4	137.4	106.6	77.6%				
Axminster	KV34	Market Town	354	98	256	29.6	15.8	6.8	13.8	35.4	288.8	11.4	2.8	120.6	87.2	72.3%				
Castle Cary	KV74	Market Town	96.4	96.4	0	32.8	16.8	4.8	16	34.2	29.4	16.4	1.8	140.6	89.4	63.6%				
Martock	KV80	Market Town	95.8	95.8	0	34.4	21	6.2	13.4	28.4	33	13.6	1.2	147	95.4	64.9%				
Ilminster	KV79	Market Town	92.6	92.6	0	27	12.8	3.8	14.2	30.8	34.8	17.2	2.2	119.8	81.2	67.8%				
Crewkerne	KV77	Market Town	89.8	89.8	0	27.8	15.4	5.4	12.4	33.4	28.6	12.4	1	110.6	82.6	74.7%				
Holsworthy	KV10	Market Town	245	86.2	158.8	33.8	20.4	5.8	13.4	18.8	192.4	14	1.2	89.4	78.4	87.7%				
Ottery St Mary	KV41	Market Town	69.4	69.2	0.2	26.4	14	5.2	12.4	20.2	22.8	9.2	1.4	94	54.8	58.3%				

Market Town: Incidents on station ground – 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

Location		Incidents on Station Ground						Percentage attended by home station						
Station Name	Station Number	Community	Number attended			RTC	Number attended by home station			RTCs	Percentage attended by home station			
			All excluding co-responder	Fires	Dwelling Fires		All excluding co-responder	Fires	Dwelling Fires		All excluding co-responder (%)	Fires (%)	Dwelling Fires (%)	RTCs (%)
Wells	KV83	Market Town	191	49	10	26	176	47	10	22	92%	96%	100%	85%
Shepton Mallet	KV81	Market Town	181	63	12	22	173	61	12	21	96%	97%	100%	95%
Tiverton	KV44	Market Town	179	54	12	11	162	47	10	10	91%	87%	83%	91%
Cullompton	KV39	Market Town	178	53	5	27	135	42	4	17	76%	79%	80%	63%
Totnes	KV31	Market Town	169	44	19	10	153	41	18	7	91%	93%	95%	70%
Tavistock	KV57	Market Town	164	48	17	11	151	45	17	11	92%	94%	100%	100%
Wellington	KV70	Market Town	155	57	11	11	145	55	11	10	94%	96%	100%	91%
Chard	KV75	Market Town	149	62	17	8	141	57	16	7	95%	92%	94%	88%
Glastonbury	KV65	Market Town	143	64	14	9	134	63	14	8	94%	98%	100%	89%
Bovey Tracey	KV20	Market Town	141	41	4	15	100	29	3	6	71%	71%	75%	40%
Okhampton	KV13	Market Town	140	35	2	27	130	33	2	24	93%	94%	100%	89%
Honiton	KV40	Market Town	139	51	7	21	121	43	7	18	87%	84%	100%	86%
Cheddar	KV76	Market Town	135	48	6	15	122	42	5	13	90%	88%	83%	87%
Somerton	KV82	Market Town	127	45	2	15	106	37	2	12	83%	82%	100%	80%
Williton	KV71	Market Town	126	45	6	4	118	38	5	4	94%	84%	83%	100%
Wincanton	KV84	Market Town	121	40	10	13	94	35	9	8	78%	88%	90%	69%
Axminster	KV34	Market Town	115	33	6	11	102	31	5	9	89%	94%	83%	73%
Street	KV69	Market Town	108	29	6	12	92	24	4	10	85%	83%	67%	83%
Holsworthy	KV10	Market Town	104	39	5	5	86	32	5	11	83%	82%	100%	92%
Maratock	KV80	Market Town	103	32	3	13	81	27	3	8	79%	84%	100%	62%
Crediton	KV38	Market Town	102	36	13	6	85	30	11	5	83%	83%	85%	83%
Ivybridge	KV53	Market Town	101	24	4	8	85	23	4	7	84%	96%	100%	88%
Castle Cary	KV74	Market Town	97	34	3	16	82	30	2	14	85%	88%	67%	88%
Ilminster	KV79	Market Town	93	29	4	4	74	25	3	7	80%	86%	75%	64%
Crewkerne	KV77	Market Town	84	19	4	7	69	17	3	7	82%	89%	75%	100%
Ottery St Mary	KV41	Market Town	80	41	9	6	63	35	9	3	79%	85%	100%	50%





Take part in the public consultation

We're making final amendments to the consultation document after the recommendations from the Fire Authority on Friday. Please bear with us and it will be live on the website as soon as possible.

We really want to hear what you have to say about the proposed service options, so please use this opportunity to engage with us and have your voice heard.

We have created a number of ways you can engage with the consultation and so you can choose which method best suits you.

The online consultation will be live here from 2 July 2019 until 20 September 2019. Link to follow.

Public 'drop-in' exhibitions

We also invite residents of Devon and Somerset to come along to local public 'drop-in' exhibitions, where you can ask questions about this consultation and the future of the Service. We may arrange more exhibitions if there is enough demand. Details of these exhibitions are below.

Topsham St. Matthews Hall, 90A Fore St, Exeter EX3 0HF Monday 8th July 2019 12-4pm	Bideford Library New Road, Bideford, EX39 2HR Tuesday 6th August 2019 1-5pm
Kingston Kingston Reading Room, Oakdale, Kingston, TQ7 4QE Tuesday 9th July 2019 2-6pm	Barnstaple Library Tuly Street, Barnstaple, EX31 1EL Thursday 8th August 2019 1.30-5.30pm
Appledore Appledore Hall, 1 New Quay Street, Appledore, EX39 1LU Wednesday 10th July 2019 1-5pm	Tavistock Library The Quay, Plymouth Road, Tavistock, PL19 8AB Monday 12th August 2019 11am-3pm
Budleigh Salterton Budleigh Hub, East Budleigh Road, EX9 6HF Monday 15th July 2019 1-5pm	Totnes Library The Mansion, Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5RP Wednesday 14th August 2019 10am-2pm
Colyton Colyton Town Hall, Market Place, EX24 6JR Tuesday 16th July 2019 3pm-7pm	Sidmouth Library 2-14 Blackmore Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8LA Thursday 15th August 2019 1-5pm
Woolacombe Woolacombe Village Hall, Beach Road, EX34 7BT Wednesday 17th July 2019 1.30-5.30pm	Tiverton Library Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, EX16 6SA Monday 19th August 2019 1-5pm
Ashburton St. Lawrence Chapel, St. Lawrence Lane, TQ13 7DD Monday 22nd July 2019 10am-2pm	Newton Abbot Library Passmore Edwards Centre, Newton Abbot Library, Market Street, TQ12 2RJ Tuesday 20th August 2019 10am-2pm
Porlock Porlock Village Hall, Toll Road (New Road), Porlock, TA24 8QD Thursday 25th July 2019 1-5pm	Minehead Library Bancks Street, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5DJ Thursday 22nd August 2019 11am-3pm
Exeter Library Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ Monday 29th July 2019 2-6pm	Bridgwater Library Binford Place, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3LF Tuesday 27th August 2019 12-4pm
Taunton Library Paul Street, Taunton, TA1 3XZ Tuesday 30th July 2019 1-5pm	Yeovil Library King George Street, Town Centre, Yeovil, BA20 1PY Wednesday 28th August 2019 1-5pm
Plymouth Library Central Library, 167-171 Armada Way, Plymouth, PL1 1HZ Thursday 1st August 2019 10am-2pm	Frome Library Somerset Library Services, Justice Lane, Frome, BA11 1BE Thursday 29th August 2019 10am-2pm
Torquay Library Torquay Central Library, Lymington Road, Torquay TQ1 3DT Monday 5th August 2019 11am-3pm	



VE DAY
 75TH ANNIVERSARY
 A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
 8 - 10 MAY 2020

VE DAY 75

Further to your successful involvement in Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute - 11th November 2018, we have pleasure in inviting your participation in **VE Day 75**, being organised to celebrate/commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe, as mentioned in my last communication to you last year.

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. I am sure you will agree that we cannot let this day pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period. Our celebration, **VE Day 75**, will cover the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, and will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it.

This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives, and those who returned home injured in body and mind; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who put their lives on hold to safeguard the home front.

The official, exclusive charity for **VE Day 75** is SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, which also supports the Merchant Navy.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows, and please go to the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org to see the complete overview for this important anniversary.

- The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years
- The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2
- The Cry for Peace, around the World
- Churches & cathedrals Ringing out for Peace
- Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, Hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc
- Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post

Registration for all participants will be solely through www.veday75.org. As well as adding your details you will also be able to download important documents, including a commemorative certificate, and view messages of support from individuals and organisations.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

3pm – Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years

3pm is the time Winston Churchill officially announced the end of WW2 from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street, London.

Pipers from around the world will open **VE Day 75** by playing Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years at 3pm local time in the country they are in, paying tribute to the millions who gave so much to earn our freedom today. Battle's O'er is the traditional tune played by pipers at the end of a battle, and VE 75 Years has been specially written for this occasion by Pipe Major Roger Bayes of the City of Norwich Pipe Band.

Battle's O'er will be played by pipers from the top of the four highest Peaks in the UK - Ben Nevis, Scotland; Scafell Pike, England; Mount Snowdon, Wales, and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland – and also at the five furthest points in the UK. This has never been undertaken before.

We are encouraging pipers working that day to pause at 3pm to play the tune in their workplace. It will provide pipers throughout the world the opportunity to participate without having to take time off work. We are already aware that a nurse will be playing the pipes on her hospital ward, and that others will be playing at a railway company, in a field and outside a bakery. May we suggest therefore, that you try and source a local piper to play at a location of your choice at 3pm that day as part of this aspect of VE day 75. Pipers taking part can register their involvement at the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

3pm – The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2

To coincide with the playing of Battle's O'er, we would like to encourage your Lord Mayor, Mayor, Leader, Chairman of the Council, High Steward, High Sheriff, Deputy Lord Lieutenant or another, to lead your local community in the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2 at 3pm on the 8th May 2020, paying 'tribute' to the millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today. Please register your involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

In association with the British Beer & Pub Association, the thousands of pubs throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man will be inviting their customers to raise a glass at 3pm too and take part in The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2. All pubs taking part can register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

6.55pm – A Cry for Peace Around the World

Town Criers and members of local communities around the world will be undertaking A Cry for Peace Around the World, kindly written for this occasion by Crier Peter Taunton. The 'Cry', which can be downloaded from the website, will be performed at 7pm local time in locations around the world, starting in New Zealand. Those Town Criers and others undertaking this 'Cry' can register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org

7pm – Ringing out for Peace

Bells in churches and cathedrals will ring out at 7pm in a collective celebration of VE Day 75. The sound of church bells is deeply rooted in British culture. They provide the grand soundtrack to our historic moments, calling us to wake, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast, to celebrate and, in times of crisis, to come together. This aspect of VE Day 75 could not be more appropriate, ringing out around the world to celebrate the peace we share today. Please encourage your local church to take part, registering their participation on the VE day website – www.veday75.org.

7pm onwards – Parties and Celebration

Parties and celebrations will take place in pubs, clubs and hotels, on town and village greens and in our streets, bringing the communities of the nation together in common friendship. Those town and cities twinned with others around the world will be encouraged invite them to join in this joyous occasion. We know that many of those taking part will be organising firework displays over the weekend too. Those taking part in this celebratory element of the event can register their involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2020

Parties and celebrations continue.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

10.30am – Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration

Services will take place in cathedrals and churches throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to celebrate the peace we share today and remember those who lost their lives or returned home dreadfully wounded. The services will also recognise the sacrifices of those who kept the nation fed and the factories, mines and hospitals working during the most challenging of time, so please encourage your local churches to participate. Churches wishing to take part should register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

Tribute to the Millions & the Last Post

Those planning services will be encouraged to ask a representative from their local community to read out the Tribute to the Millions, which can be downloaded at www.veday75.org, and involve a local bugler or trumpeter to

play the Last Post and Reveille. Their participation can also be registered on the VE DAY 75 website – www.veday75.org.

We do hope that you will take part in **VE Day 75** especially as many of those that served at home and abroad came from the Towns and Parishes of England, so your involvement will be a perfect 'tribute' to the sacrifices made by so many of them.

Please be kind enough to register your involvement in one or more of the events by going to the VE Day 75 Website – www.veday75.org as soon as possible to enable us to keep in touch with you and update you on progress, along with putting this letter up on your website, and circulating it widely via other forms of social media such as facebook and twitter.

My warmest regards,

Bruno Peek

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR
Pageantmaster VE Day 75
Tel: + 44 (0) 7737 262 913
Email: brunopeek@mac.com

ssafa | the
Armed Forces
charity

