

Find out the latest news from the Sherford Community

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Greetings from Sherford Community Trust

Welcome to the September edition of the Sherford Community Newsletter, your guide to local events, activities, news and information.

Sherford Community Newsletter is brought to you by Sherford Community Trust and the Community Residents Panel. Please go to <https://www.sherfordtrust.org.uk/get-involved.php> for more information.

News and Stories



Sign up for the Sherford Newsletter on the Sherford Community Land Trust (SCLT) page

The Sherford Community Newsletter is a great way to find out what's happening in Sherford and to share events and information.

As a growing community, we want to include not only those new to Sherford, but also everyone currently not signed up to the newsletter.

As a thank you for helping spread the word, we will be running two prize draws every newsletter:

- One for new subscribers, with the second one only open to those referring a friend or neighbour. The more people you refer, the more entries into the monthly draw!
- Both monthly winners will receive a £25 M&S voucher. The first prize draw will run from the 1st to 20th October and the draw will take place on 23rd October 2024.
- When you refer someone please make sure that you email Judy Talbot at info@sherfordtrust.org.uk with the email address they used to subscribe to the newsletter.



All personal information is secure and follows all data protection legislation.

*Enter!
to Win!*



Sherford Community Land Trust - a brief history

Welcome – here you can find out about Sherford Community Land Trust and its role in helping to support the sustainable growth and economic development of Sherford's community. Residents of Sherford are invited to contribute their ideas and suggestions to the Trust which exists to support their community to develop in a sustainable way.

Real Ideas work with the Sherford Community Land Trust (SCLT) to support the growth of the Trusts operations, working in the community and getting to know people.

This has led to the formation of a Residents Community Panel.

The SCLT Community Panel have worked hard to help shape a transitional business plan. This plan centred around five areas that were identified as being important to the community:

Communication, Events and Activities, Shops and Amenities, Young People and Environment and Heritage.

The plan enabled the SCLT to begin drawing down Section 106 funding.

A section 106 (S106) agreement is a legally binding agreement or "planning obligation" between a local planning authority and the developer. It enables the release of funds to support the needs of Sherford's development. This is particularly focused on five key areas identified.

Most importantly, this is very much about working with residents to act together, to test ideas, try new things and create opportunities; developing sustainable and enterprising activity to build on what already exists and generate ideas and solutions for the things that do not.

Sherford Community residents panel visit the Box

As part of the Sherford Lottery Heritage plan, residents were lucky enough to be given a behind the scenes tour of the Box Museum.

The Archivist told us that they have over 4 million items in their collection, including such things as the 16th Century Plymouth Charter and an original David Bowie poster from the Ziggy Stardust tour!

For those that are interested in local history, they are happy to provide access and research facilities.



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Sherford's new pitches and partnership

New outdoor sports facilities are set to officially open in September, giving residents access to an astro turf pitch, grass pitch and the tennis courts. The Sherford Consortium has entered into a partnership with Argyle Community Trust – the official charity of Plymouth Argyle – to manage the facilities.

Sports sessions, holiday clubs and community activities will also be offered by Argyle Community Trust. An online booking system will go live soon, allowing you to book onto courses and hire pitches. Located just off on Hercules Road, the amenities are easy to get to and will include a car park and toilets.

Check <https://sherford.uk/news/> for launch details and find out more about Argyle Community Trust at <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/>

Sherford Vale School

A new wing has been added to the school building with indoor and outdoor learning and play spaces. There are eight new classrooms, two workspaces, cloakrooms, plus a new play area and gazebo outside.

By increasing the size of the school, it takes Sherford Vale from one form entry to two form entry for some year groups. While the school will increase its intake over time, it now has the space and facilities to hold up to 460 pupils.

Country Park updates

The Sherford Consortium will soon be opening a huge new section of the Country Park to the public. Packed with natural features, there are streams and ponds, native woodland and new trees, wildflower meadows and wetlands, paths and seating, and some stunning views.

Work has taken place behind the scenes to make the park easy to access. There are new footpaths and cycle paths with solid surfaces, leading from an accessible entrance at the junction of Orion Drive and Pigeon Lane, which is suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs and bicycles.

There are also routes into the new parkland by going through the already-open section of Country Park (via the existing footpath from Gemini Road) or via the public right of way by West Sherford Farm. More information about this new area, a map and aerial videos will all be available on www.sherford.uk/news/ later this month.



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First Sherford Food and Craft Market

On Sunday 8th September the Sherford Community Trust (SCT) held the first food and craft market at the School Square in Sherford. Although there was a yellow warning for rain in place it stayed dry for most of the event. There were stalls both outside and inside the community hub. Over 430 people visited the market on the day which is the most for any event held by the Trust to date. Initial feedback from residents and stall vendors has been overwhelmingly positive. The SCT residents panel are making preparations for another event in October followed by the Christmas market in December. Next year the Sherford food and craft market will be held on the second Sunday of the month from April to October.



The venue may change depending on the size of the market and other events taking place so keep up to date by signing up to the Sherford Community Trust newsletter. The SCT would like to say a huge thank you to the stall vendors who supported the market and to the Torpoint Pink Ladies who have shared their knowledge of running the Torpoint Street Market to ensure that the Trust was prepared for delivering a market in Sherford. We would love to get feedback from residents so that we can make future events even more successful so please get in touch <https://www.sherfordtrust.org.uk/enquiries.php>

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Events and Activities

The Sherford Scratch Choir

Our relatively newly formed choir held a social event at the community hub in July to make residents aware that we existed and hopefully encourage more members (we have a shortage of men!).

Our instructor Rachel, a teacher at Sherford Vale School gave a brief introduction explaining that everyone can learn to sing! Accompanied by Beth another teacher from the school they managed to get the audience itself to sing! Then it was our turn to perform songs we've been practising for the past few months. We were totally bowled over by the number of people who came along, almost 70! And the enthusiastic applause and compliments. We're looking for new members; our instructors Rachel & Beth make it great fun. Why not come and give it a try? We usually meet in the hub fortnightly on Wednesdays, 8 until 9.30pm. Next one is 2nd October.



Sherford Over 50s Club

During August, as it was the summertime, we decided to meet out and about in Plymouth and take advantage of the good weather. We had a fabulous morning at Saltram. The sun shone and we enjoyed Coffee and cake in the courtyard then went and explored the gardens which were in full bloom. It was such a lovely time.

The following week we planned to meet in The Royal William Yard. However, the sun failed to shine and instead it poured down. Nevertheless, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Pierre's restaurant along with numerous cups of tea and coffee. We had a great time catching up with one another and sharing holiday stories. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to the Barbican the following week as everyone was either away on holiday or had family commitments.

So it was great to have a good number turn up at the Community Hub at the end of August where we planned our September programme and enjoyed a great game of 'Play Your Cards Right' which was great fun and produced much laughter.

As always, if you are over 50 and would like to join us, you are most welcome. We meet every Thursday morning in the Community Hub at 10 o'clock.

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Sherford Community Church

Over the summer we have enjoyed a very informal type of church every Sunday morning in the Community Hub, based around our God-given creativity. This encouraged free expression with art and plasticine models to explore aspects of the Christian faith. Church members hosted a barbeque at the start of the summer, and a cream tea last month for everyone to enjoy.

This autumn term we are experimenting with two types of morning service, namely a reflective gathering from 9.30 – 10.00 and a multi-generational gathering from 10.15 – 11.00. The first one will have space for reflection, prayer and concise teaching. The second will be a gathering for children and the young at heart to explore the life of Jesus. Much like our current café church, prayer, creativity and interactive teaching will be woven into this gathering.

The church has a number of events planned for this term, including the 6th Birthday Celebrations (with a big cake and prosecco) on 29th September and a Church Day Out at Buckfast Abbey on 12th October – see the calendar below.

SHERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
Sunday 1 September	10.00am Bedouin Blessing
Sunday 29 September	10.00am NZC 6th birthday celebration!
Saturday 12 October	All day Church day out
Sunday 13 October	10.00am Harvest service
Sunday 30 November	7.00am Nativity service
Saturday 14 December	9.00am Carols by the Christmas Tree
Sunday 15 December	10.00am Nativity service
Sunday 22 December	4pm Christmas service



Event 1: Wednesday 9.30.11.11am. Along with our free tea we will provide for children aged 12 and below. Please join us for breakfast morning and afternoon in our cafe with other people and enjoy a plenty of coffee and cake and then sit on the sofa.

Devon Community Church
 10000 Community Way, Sherford, Devon PL9 8FA



Sherford food hub

An Affordable Food Club

Feeling the pinch? Why not join our food club and save up to 60% on supermarket prices. Only £5 donation per bag!

Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm at Sherford Community Hub, Hercules Road, PL9 8FA
 email: info@feedingdevon.org.uk

Scan QR code to pre-order a food bag for collection from the community hub

  

Sherford Food Hub

The food club offers savings of up to 60% on supermarket prices. Joining the food club is easy, with only a £5 donation per bag.

Sherford food hub is available every Wednesday from 5pm-6pm, in the Community hub (next to Sherford Vale School on Hercules Road).

Pre-orders can be made using the link on the QR code at the bottom centre of the poster.



Get involved in your Community



Sherford Community Land Trust's Resident Community Panel

Who are the Sherford Community Land Trust Resident Community Panel?

The community panel is a group of residents who meet monthly with Sherford Community Trust and Real Ideas, to create positive impact in Sherford including:

Supporting the development of Sherford Community Land Trust

Community Working Groups

Alongside the community panel there are 3 working groups that plan, organise and deliver community work in Sherford. They are:

Events and Activities

We plan and deliver events that engage the community, bring fun and joy to the local area and create opportunities for people to get to know one another. We

ensuring there is community voice and representation.

Seeking out opportunities and developing ideas for activity for the local community, including funding bids.

Build and develop community capacity and skills to deliver community activity

In the past year the panel, alongside Real Ideas have supported the Trust to develop a business plan, submit a bid for funding to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, develop a set of working groups, run 3 successful events, delivered marketing and comms training to community members, set up a community newsletter and much more!

If you are interested in finding out more about getting involved visit our website here:

<https://www.sherfordtrust.org.uk/get-involved.php>

also link in with other groups to support them with their events.

Shops and Amenities

We create opportunities for local businesses to showcase and sell including 'market events'. We aspire to create a local business network linking local business owners up. We also want to work with the community to understand what their needs/wants are in terms of shops in the future and how we can support this.

Communications

We support community communications, through the delivery of the e-newsletter, designing and printing posters and helping with social media.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups contact:

info@sherfordtrust.org.uk

Grant funding

The Trust has set up a Grant support scheme which residents of Sherford can use to apply for support of between £50 and £1000. Grant funding applications will be considered by Directors at their Board meetings. If approved and notified by the Trust then grants will be refunded against receipts.

For successful application for a grant the idea or project should:

- Benefit residents generally with wide community support;
- Show how it meets one or more of the Trust's objectives, especially sustainability;
- Show commitment from the residents in cash or kind;
- Please go to <https://www.sherfordtrust.org.uk/grants.php> for more information.

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If you would like to contribute something to our next newsletter edition you can do this by completing the following form by the last Friday of the month. Anything submitted after this will not be included. <https://forms.gle/gxGDbVTsw5MNIzdx7>

Make sure to read our newsletter guidelines here before submitting:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z1_RoSql6ZwiH8gKdJNEoTrSuEKNWOzqLLu3SHpy6GI/edit?usp=sharing

