



## Introduction

It has been another busy and important year for the Stowford Mill Residents' Association (SMRA). Over the past twelve months the Association has continued to represent the interests of residents, maintain and improve our shared environment, engage with developers and local authorities, and support a strong sense of community across the estate.

## Community Initiatives & Events

- Residents have participated in the summer social, Halloween activities, Easter celebrations and informal social events, which have been enjoyed by all.
- Residents continued to volunteer significant time and effort maintaining communal areas, including grass cutting, drainage work and general upkeep across the Stowford Mill area.
- The Association welcomed several new residents during the year and continued to encourage participation across all parts of the development.

## Achievements & Improvements

- A major focus throughout the year has been the ongoing dispute regarding whether the site is complete and suitable for formal handover to a management company. Residents have consistently maintained that requirements under the Section 106 planning agreement remain incomplete, including obligations linked to the Leat Management Plan, ecological works, tree management and elements of site infrastructure.
- The Association continued discussions with Stowford Mill Developments Ltd (SM), Plymouth Block Management (PBM), McCarthy & Stone (M&S) and South Hams District Council.
- A formal complaint was submitted to the Council regarding alleged failures to fulfil planning obligations, and additional supporting evidence was provided during the year.
- Residents challenged proposed service charges and sought clarification regarding responsibility for unfinished works and historical charges.

## Future Plans

- Securing clarity regarding site management responsibilities.
- Ensuring planning obligations are fulfilled.
- Protecting residents' interests and maintaining the strong community spirit that has developed across Stowford Mill.
- Continued constructive engagement with developers, management companies and local authorities.

## Acknowledgments

We thank our dedicated volunteers, committee members, and community partners for their invaluable contributions. We look forward to another year of growth and collaboration.

## Contact Information

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