

The Knowledge



Exmouth seafront
Photo: Tony Martin

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Exmouth festival

Once again Exmouth's outstanding festival will take place from 22 to 30 May. The event is now running into the half term holidays, extending the festival to 9 days.

This year children have their own venue over the bank holiday weekend. Look out for all sorts of stories, music and crafts in the marquee in the Manor Gardens.

On Sunday 25 May, get a taste of Exmouth and East Devon in the first 'Exmouth Flavour Fest' on the seafront.

You can try and buy some of the best local edibles!

The festival is linking with the Exmouth Rotary Kite Festival for a giant gig on Friday 30 May on the Imperial Rec. Enjoy the sassy sound of Joey the Lips.

The Exmouth festival has a huge array of events with something for everyone.

Have a look at the complete programme and see for yourself what is on offer.

www.exmouthfestival.org.uk

www.exmouthrotarykitefestival.co.uk



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Green Page



Greener living – a quick guide

Home

- ❑ **Turning your thermostat down** by one degree could reduce carbon emissions and cut your fuel bill by up to 10 per cent.
- ❑ Look for the **Energy Saving Recommended label** or **European energy label** rating of A or higher.
- ❑ **Improve your insulation** – more than half the heat lost in your home escapes through the walls and the roof. It could save you £92 a year on fuel bills.
- ❑ **Install water efficient products** – Low flush volume toilets, water efficient showerheads and aerating heads on washbasin taps help to reduce your water use significantly. Fixing dripping taps and fitting a 'hippo' in toilet cisterns are cheap ways of saving water. You could also collect rainwater in water butts and use it for watering your garden instead of a hose.

Recycling and cutting waste

- ❑ The average UK household spends £424 a year on food that goes in the bin. **Throwing less food away** produces less methane and reduces other harmful environmental impacts from producing, packaging and transporting food.
- ❑ Avoiding waste in the first place, by **re-using and repairing** items, is the most efficient way to reduce waste.
- ❑ Nearly two thirds of all household rubbish can be **recycled**.
- ❑ **Composting food waste** reduces climate change effects.

Eating and drinking

- ❑ **Look for the labels to help you choose food** that has been produced with the aim of reducing the negative impact on wildlife and the environment.
- ❑ **Buying food and drink when locally in season**, and unprocessed or lightly processed food, is likely to mean that less energy has been used in its production. Providing it has been produced and stored under similar conditions, choosing food that has traveled a shorter distance will help to reduce congestion and transport emissions

Travel

- ❑ **Consider the need for a flight** and the alternatives to taking a plane. You could consider options for reducing your travel, for example taking fewer, longer breaks if possible instead of several shorter ones. Maybe you can find what you want closer to home, by taking a holiday in the UK or traveling to nearby countries by rail or sea.

Greener shopping

- ❑ **Hang on to your shopping bags** and take some with you when you next go to the supermarket.
- ❑ **Use labels** to choose products that have a lower impact on the environment.
- ❑ **Look out for recycled products.** Recycled paper, kitchen towels and toilet tissue are among the products now widely available.

For more information on greener living visit www.direct.gov.uk



Useful websites

The Energy Saving Trust – Can help you find out more about your personal impact on climate change, how to complete a home energy check, energy saving products, available grants for installing renewable technologies in your home as well as many useful tips to save energy. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

Carbon calculator – calculates your personal annual carbon-dioxide emissions and suggests steps on how to reduce your carbon footprint. Many sites available. www.carbonfootprint.com

You can opt out of receiving unaddressed junk mail and save trees by emailing optout@royalmail.com

<http://www.footprintfriends.com/> – a website dedicated to young people across the world who are interested in the environment and climate change.

Renewable Energy 4 Devon (RE4D) is a partnership providing FREE independent advice and support to businesses, communities, schools, households and the public sector. They can help to identify your renewable energy options, access technologies and installers, develop your financial case, access grants and loans, address planning issues. www.re4d.org

Civil parking enforcement

EDDC teams patrol streets as well as car parks

On Monday 5 May responsibility for on-street parking enforcement transferred from Devon and Cornwall Police to Devon County Council. The name for the new system is Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) and it means that enforcement of parking regulations on the highway and in off-street areas will be handled by the same people – and under the same legislation.

District Councils, among them EDDC, are handling the day-to-day work on behalf of County Hall, which will oversee the process across Devon. Civil Parking Enforcement must include both on-street and off-street enforcement. Police officers will still deal with dangerous parking, obstruction and other more serious matters.

Transferring the powers from the Police to local authorities will allow the police to focus on tackling more serious crimes. The change will see the introduction of a fairer penalty system. More serious contraventions, such as parking on double yellow lines, will be penalised by a higher band of fines, whilst a lower band will apply for lesser contraventions such as motorists overstaying their parking time.

Many existing Traffic Wardens have transferred from the Police to District Councils and will now be known as Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs). All CEOs – including District staff who previously enforced only off-street parking – will be trained identically to ensure a consistent countywide service. CEOs will patrol streets with pay and display parking, residents' parking schemes, double yellow lines and other parking restrictions, as well as the off-street car parks. They will check whether cars are parked appropriately, and will issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to any motorists who are breaking the parking rules. In the early period of operation there will be a soft approach and offenders will be issued with warnings not PCNs. Depending upon the offence there will be an 'observation' period. For example, enforcement officers will not issue a PCN the moment an individual's parking ticket runs out.

Civil Enforcement Officers will not only issue PCNs. They will also give directions, advise on where to park legally, and act as the "eyes and ears" for local authorities for a range of services, including reporting faults and maintaining pay and display machines. Under the new regulations, PCNs will be set at two levels - £70 and £50 - but these are reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days. Income from Penalty Charges will be re-invested in the provision of the service and any surplus money will be spent on transport schemes.



Thanks from Stevenage Borough Council



Stevenage Borough Council has adopted EDDC's approach to setting the Council's services revenues budgets. As a result Stevenage BC set up a Leader's Services Prioritisation Group which met on 10 occasions and reviewed more than 70 services. The outcome was a ranking of services in priority order, against which revenue savings of more than £2 million were identified and removed from the next 2 years' budgets.

The success of Stevenage Borough Council's task was greatly attributable to its adoption of EDDC's methodology. Stevenage BC has extended thanks to EDDC and for sharing our experience in implementing the methodology.

Chairman's engagements

Thursday 15 May - Devon County Show - President's Lunch

Friday 16 May - Vice Chairman to attend the Chairman of Devon County Council's Devon Cream Tea (County Show).

Forthcoming meetings

Meeting	Officer Contact	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 12 May	9.30am	CANCELLED
Honiton Street Market Advisory forum	Chris Lane	Tuesday 13 May	2.15pm	East Devon Business Centre
Manor Pavilion Theatre Management Steering Committee	Hannah Jarvis	Tuesday 13 May	6.00pm	Committee Room
Annual meeting of the Council	Diana Vernon	Wednesday 14 May	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Planning Inspections Committee	Christopher Holland	Friday 16 May	3.00pm	Council Chamber
Information/Drop-in Day – New Waste and Recycling Scheme	Paul Deakin - Interim Waste and Recycling Manager - Ext 2074	Monday 19 May	11am - 3pm (10am press launch)	Council Chamber
Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board	Rachel Perram	Tuesday 20 May	2.00pm	Room 1

Would Councillors please pass their apologies to Democratic Services whenever they are unable to attend a meeting so that post can be sent or withheld as appropriate. **Please check your pigeon holes for any post whenever you visit the offices.**

If you would like a copy of the papers relating to any of the above meetings, please contact the relevant Democratic Services Officer. (All the above meetings are at Knowle, unless otherwise specified).

To view agendas and minutes on the Council's website, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view planning applications online.

Click [here](#) to view new applications received relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

Diana Vernon 01395 517541	Christopher Holland 01395 517543	Hannah Jarvis 01395 517542	Chris Lane 01395 517544	Debbie Meakin 01395 517540	Rachel Perram 01395 517542
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New documents in the Members' Area

- **Devon Children and Young People's Plan 2008 – 2011** – This publication sets out the Devon Children's Trust's aspirations for children and young people across Devon, and how the Trust plans to achieve them. Copies are available in the Members' Area.
- **Devon Association of Parish Councils (DAPC)** – Copies of the May/June 08 issue of the DAPC newsletter are now available for you to collect from the Members' Area.

Feedback from outside bodies

- **Health and Adults' Services Overview/Scrutiny Committee** – Agenda for the meeting held 8 May at County Hall, plus the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2008.
- **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Devon** – Minutes of the advisory meeting held on 7 April and associated papers.

The above documents are in the 'Feedback from Outside Bodies' file on the bookcase in the Members' Area for your information.

Portfolio Holders decisions

Decision put to Portfolio Holder A decision will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

Resources (A T Moulding)	Leisure East Devon outsourcing Human Resources (HR) from September 2008 To agree to LED withdrawing from the use of the East Devon District Council's HR services on 30 September 2008. Further details: Peter Jeffs, Corporate Director, Ext 2228
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Events at Thelma Hulbert Gallery



The current exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton brings together fascinating artworks created from paper. There are two FREE events to accompany this exhibition:

Artist's talk – 'Sketchbook Meanderings' with exhibiting artist Tricia Hubbard, Saturday 17 May, 2pm

For anyone wishing to speak to Tricia Hubbard about her work or the exhibition she will be in the gallery from 11.30am to answer any questions. Her sketchbooks will be available to look at from 10am. (Photo: Tricia with a piece of her work)

Children's workshop with exhibiting artist Rachel Jennings, Friday 30 May, 1-4pm

A drop-in workshop for 5-12 year olds (all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the workshop). (Illustration: Mars by Rachel Jennings)

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LX
Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, Wheelchair Accessible, Admission free
Tel: 01404 45006 or email: thelmahulbert@eastdevon.gov.uk



Lottery-funded play scheme gets its name

Off the Sofa Dayz is the new name for the Lottery-funded mobile play provision being launched in East Devon later this month. EDDC's Mobile Play Workers, Jane Sharp and Polly Mercer, received some excellent entries for the competition which was run to find a new name and logo for the scheme. Holly Hollister, from Payhembury, submitted the winning name and design which the judges felt were exceptional, reflecting the exciting activities available during the play projects.



Photo: Cllr Pauline Stott, Vice Chairman; Polly Mercer, Mobile Play Worker; Hamish Ratley, Runner-up; Dina the Dinosaur, Crealy Adventure Park; Holly Hollister, Winner; Jane Sharp, Mobile Play Worker; Cllr Darryl Nicholas, Member Champion for Young People, EDDC.

Holly received her prize from Councillor Darryl Nicholas, Member Champion for Young People at Knowle on 7 May. She took home a family ticket to Crealy Adventure Park. Runner-up, Hamish Ratley from Exmouth, was presented with a family ticket for Pecorama at Beer.

Jane and Polly are particularly keen to recruit more community volunteers in the Payhembury, Uppottery and Uplyme areas. These volunteers, who must be aged 16 or over, will have the opportunity to receive free training in activities such as arts and crafts, performance, music and sports. If you would like more information please email pmercer@eastdevon.gov.uk or jsharp@eastdevon.gov.uk or phone direct on 01395 571556.

Rural Services Network (RSN)

Here are the latest news items from the [Rural Services Network](#):

Green Belt still under threat



A city-sized area of Green Belt land has been lost over in little more than a decade, claim rural campaigners. A CPRE investigation found that more than 1,100 hectares of Green Belt have been lost each year since 1997, with at least 45,240

homes in total built on Green Belt land.

www.rsnonline.org.uk

Fears of rural labour shortage deepen



Fears of a rural labour shortage have been fuelled by a study showing that migrant workers are leaving the UK. About half of the people who moved to the UK from countries that joined the European Union in 2004 have now left, according

to the Institute for Public Policy Research.

www.rsnonline.org.uk

Note: Members of the Rural Services Network (which includes Councillors and Council staff) can gain free and full access to RSN Online by registering at <http://tinyurl.com/2y7ssp>

News from the IDEa (Improvement and Development Agency)

Section 106 agreements: Greenwich calls time on pollution



Find out how the London Borough of Greenwich is continuing to use Section 106 agreements to enhance air quality in the area. The authority is currently developing a model policy to mitigate the pollution effects from proposed new planning developments.

www.beacons.idea.gov.uk

Healthy communities: on the waterfront



Coastal resorts were once genteel locations to enjoy the restorative sea air, but the modern picture

is markedly different. Read how the run-down nature of many of these towns has generated an array of healthcare issues. www.idea.gov.uk

Local area agreements: meeting the challenge of youth crime

With the problem of youth crime once again firmly in the spotlight, this case study looks at the positive work carried out by the 'From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation' in the London Borough of Southwark. The organisation provides young people with access to education and life skills.

www.idea.gov.uk

Year of Healthy Communities Calendar: entries for May



Read the project examples from the 'Year of Healthy Communities Calendar' for May 2008. They include young mums' fitness, a travelling exercise and activity bus, the benefits of asparagus, safeguarding Fenland's travelling community, and Merseyside Fire and Rescue. www.idea.gov.uk

Championing success in the third sector

Birmingham City Council was awarded Beacon status for its success in working with the third sector to improve the wellbeing of local people.

Discover the key factors that triggered Birmingham's achievement. www.idea.gov.uk

Fortnightly bin collections on the rise



The number of town halls switching to fortnightly rubbish collections has risen by 20% in a year. Official research shows that 169 councils have now ditched weekly pick-ups. The figure stood at 140 last April. As many as 30 councils are thought to have changed hands last year over the issue of fortnightly collections. The figures mean that almost half of England's 350 local authorities have abandoned the weekly rounds established by law in 1875. [Mail](#)

Liverpool heads list of most deprived areas

A Government report ranking all 354 of England's local authorities in terms of deprivation, using crime, health, education and housing statistics, has found Liverpool to be the most deprived area with Hart in the Hampshire coming up as the least deprived. The report's findings are used to which neighbourhoods should benefit from the newly created working neighbourhoods fund which is to be used for urban regeneration. [Independent](#)

England to be most crowded in Europe



The population of England will increase by a third over the next 50 years as it becomes the most crowded major nation in Europe, official forecasts suggest. England's population is now 50 million but by 2056 it will be 68 million. [Telegraph](#)

Erosion of local powers

The future of local Government is debated in the Times Public Agenda, with Professor George Jones from the London School of Economics saying that 'political power at a local level has been seriously eroded by the centralising policies of successive governments.' [Times Public Agenda](#)

Throwaway Britain



A new study has revealed the cost of wasted food is up to £10 billion in Britain. The report from the Waste & Resources Action Plan (WRAP) puts the cost to an average family at £420 a year. [Independent](#)

Late-night disorder plans 'will not work'

Plans to curb binge drinking with 'alcohol disorder zones' are unduly bureaucratic and likely to be ineffective, according to a parliamentary committee. The zones were promised as part of 24-hour drinking with clubs, pubs and restaurants in the zones required to pay for the extra policing. Three years later the zones have still not been created. The committee concluded: "We wonder how many local authorities will make use of this policy given its complexity." [Telegraph](#)

Huge rise in drunk and disorderly women



The number of women and girls arrested for being drunk and disorderly has leapt tenfold in parts of Britain over the past 5 years. The shocking increase in drunken loutishness by "ladettes" - up more than 50% across the country overall - is being blamed by police leaders on the controversial 24-hour licensing reforms. [Mail](#)

Post Office slammed for rural closure

A trip to the Post Office which will require an overnight stay for bus-users has been criticised by politicians and local residents. Planned closures will mean pensioners and others will have to take one of two daily buses to their nearest Post Office and wait overnight until the first return bus at 7.07am. Daily Express, 2 May 2008

CCTV cameras have no impact on crime



A senior police officer is warning that the billions of pounds spent on CCTV cameras has failed to have a significant impact on crime. Mick Neville, the head of the Visual Images, Identifications and Detection Office at the Met Police said that 'no thought has gone into how the police are going to use the images and how they will be used in court.' [Guardian](#)

Green belt concreted over

Research published by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England shows that green belt land equal to 1,100 football pitches is being concreted over every year. Cllr Paul Bettison said green belt land was under threat because of rising Government housing targets. [Telegraph](#)

In the press (continued)

A bridge too far for safety-first culture



For thousands of years people have used bridges made from spilt tree trunks to cross the small streams and rivers that cross Dartmoor.

Now the last surviving 'clam bridge' is to be closed to walkers because of compensation culture, although there is no record of serious injury to anyone using it. Engineers from Devon County Council condemned the bridge because its simple design and single handrail did not conform to modern British standards. Last year they installed a steel bridge to be used in its place. [Times](#)

Round the clock monitoring for badly behaved youths

Youths responsible for anti-social behaviour will face strict new supervision and monitoring by police in measures to be announced by Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary. People identified as targets for the new scrutiny regime will face unannounced visits from police officers at all hours of the day. The move comes amid growing evidence that the system of ASBOs is becoming less effective in bringing order to problem estates and other trouble spots. [Guardian](#)



Boris booze ban

The new London Mayor Boris Johnson is to ban alcohol from transport in the capital. Unions claim it will be unenforceable. [Times](#)

Flooding funding not enough



Britain could face a repeat of last summer's flooding because not enough money is being spent on flood defences. Most of the money recently announced by ministers is to be spent on coastal and river defences. Cllr Paul Bettison,

Chairman of the Local Government Agency Environment Board, was quoted: "We simply cannot continue to have a situation where it is not clear who is responsible for dealing with vitally important functions such as drainage."

[Guardian](#)

New way to tackle discarded chewing gum



Scientists have created a biological brew that could help clean up the £150 million a year environmental menace: discarded chewing gum. It's an organic salt solution, which could

replace current removal methods of expensive pressure steam hoses, or corrosive chemicals that can damage the environment. [Observer](#)

Lie detectors to be expanded

Ministers have announced that plans to use lie detectors to identify and deter benefit cheats will be expanded. The system has been successfully piloted by Harrow Council and could save councils hundreds of thousands of pounds.

[Telegraph](#)

Production Information

The Democratic Services team produces this weekly information sheet every Friday for Members of East Devon District Council. Please contact Diana Vernon if you have any comments about the newsletter. **If you wish to reproduce any of the images used in The Knowledge, please contact the editor who will seek permission from the contributor.**

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