

The Knowledge



Exe Estuary from Exton
Photo: Ben Chesters

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Events coming up in early September

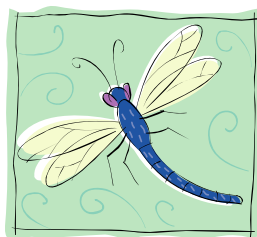
Dragonflies at Seaton Marshes Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

(note change of date)

Tuesday 2 September 9am – 12 noon

[SY249907](#)

Explore Seaton Local Nature Reserve to search for dragonflies and damselflies. Meet at the nature reserve entrance.

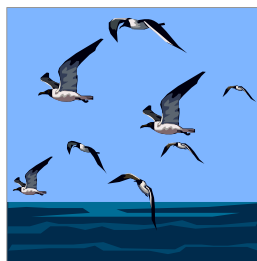


Meet the Birds at Exmouth LNR

Thursday 4 September 9am – 10.30am

[SX995812](#)

Join the Education Ranger on the Weasel Run, part of the Exmouth Local Nature Reserve, for a morning of birdwatching on the Exe Estuary.



Meet the Birds at Seaton Marshes LNR

Friday 5 September 9am – 12 noon

[SY249907](#)

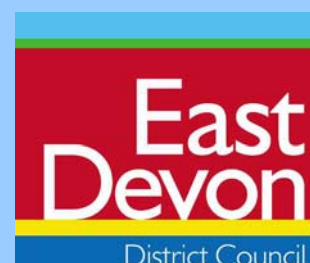
Join the Education Ranger in the bird hide for an introduction to bird watching on the Axe Estuary.

You can find out more about the above events from the Countryside Service on 01395 517557 or email countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

Otter Valley Association - Artists Walk

Saturday 6 September 10am – 1pm [SY073857](#)

A 5 mile walk to see the great trees of Bicton Park and the China Tower with stops for sketching and an optional lunch in Otterton. Non artists welcome. Booking is essential, Phone Jed Falby on 01395 445455.



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Find out more about funding

▶ Support for rowing clubs



The Rowing Foundation has grants available of between £500 and £2,000 for clubs to start specific projects. The projects should support

young people and disabled people of all ages in sports and games, particularly water sports. Individuals are not funded.

▶ Town twinning funding

Under the Town Twinning Initiative, which is part of the new Active Citizens for Europe Programme (2007 -2013) grants of between €2,000 and €20,000 are available to support Town Twinning citizens' meetings. Town twinning citizens' meetings consist in bringing together a wide range of citizens and citizens' groups from towns already twinned to further develop strong, informal and personal relations between their citizens, to reinforce the participants' commitment to European integration; and to contribute to the development of an active European citizenship. To be eligible the applicant needs to be the municipality or its twinning association in which the meeting will take place. Citizens' meetings funded under this call for proposals must take place between 1 October and 31 December 2008. The deadline for applications is 1 September 2008.

▶ Foundation for Sports and the Arts



This foundation channels money from Littlewoods and other football pools and has grants available for a wide range of sporting and artistic causes. Application can be made up to March 2009.

Jamie Buckley (Engagement and Funding Officer)

Tel: 01395 517569 (or Ext 2769) Email: jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk

▶ Are you a talented athlete?



The Talented Athletes Scholarship Scheme has bursaries available from £1,000 to £10,000 to support young people aged 16-24 who want to realize their potential as an athlete and be involved in performance sport. The young people should be continuing formal education or be employed.

Recreation and leisure support

The Gilbert and Eileen Edgar Foundation have grants of about £500 available for recreation and leisure support in smaller organisations where this limited grant would be of real value. Many successful support schemes are funded for a number of years. For more information: 01189 524700

Craft Awards



The David Canter Memorial Fund has grants available of between £500 and £1,000 to those working in crafts - for special projects, travel for specific research and for educational work. Grants are not available to students, nor for those working in the field of fine arts. The closing date for applications is 19 September 2008. For full details and an application form please write, enclosing a SAE, to Rachel Mackie, The David Canter Memorial Fund, c/o The Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF or email rachel.mackie@crafts.org.uk

Meetings

Meeting	Officer Contact	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	Chris Lane	Tuesday 26 August	9.30am	Council Chamber
Development Control Committee	Christopher Holland	Tuesday 26 August	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Local Development Framework Panel	Christopher Holland	Wednesday 27 August	4.00pm	Room 1
Parish & Town Councils	Debbie Meakin	Wednesday 27 August	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Corporate Overview Committee	Chris Lane	Thursday 28 August	6.30pm	CANCELLED
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 1 September	9.30am	CANCELLED
Executive Board	Diana Vernon	Wednesday 3 September	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Housing Review Board	Chris Lane	Thursday 4 September	6.00pm	Council Chamber
Planning Inspections Committee	Christopher Holland	Friday 5 September	TBA	Council Chamber

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).

Click [here](#) to view agendas and minutes on the Council's website. Click [here](#) to view planning applications online. Click [here](#) to view new applications received relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

Diana Vernon	Christopher Holland	Hannah Jarvis	Chris Lane	Debbie Meakin	Rachel Perram
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New documents in the Members' Area

- ❑ **Devon Local Area Agreement 2008–2018** – Copies of this document are now available in the Members' Area, along with one copy of **Devon's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2018**.
- ❑ **Luppitt, Monkton and Dunkeswell Parish Councils Annual Reports for 2008**.

Feedback from outside bodies

- ❑ **RD&Express** – August issue of the newsletter for members of the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.
- ❑ **Health & Adults' Services Overview/Scrutiny Committee** – Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July. The next meeting is on 16 October.
- ❑ **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Devon** – Minutes of the Advisory Meeting held at Stover School on 14 July.

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

Portfolio Holders' decisions

Decisions put to Portfolio Holder Decisions will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

Environment (G K Liverton)	Request for extension of lease of Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club premises To agree to the granting of a supplemental lease of the Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club to extend the lease term for an unexpired term of 28 years on terms and conditions to be agreed. Further details: Rob Speers, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 1588
	Request for licence to use land adjoining Liverton Copse Community Centre as a children's play area and picnic area To agree to the granting of a 2 year licence to occupy land adjoining Liverton Copse Community Centre as a children's play area and picnic area on terms and conditions to be agreed. Further details: Rob Speers, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 1588

Decision by Portfolio Holder Members are notified of the following decision

Communities (Miss J Elson)	Land adjoining 'The Lodge', at All Hallows Playing field, Honiton: Sale of land Agreeing to open negotiations with the owners of 'The Lodge' All Hallows Playing Field, Honiton for the sale of two small areas of land shown on the plan attached to the report.
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The above decisions will become effective on 29 August 2008 at 9.00 am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call in" is on pages 133-135 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation.

Latest news from the Rural Services Network (RSN)

▶ 'Tell minister about impact of slowdown'

Stakeholders are urged to ensure the Government is aware of the impact of the credit crunch on rural regeneration. Local government minister John Healey has commissioned an independent study into the implications of the economic slowdown. The Commission for Rural Communities says it is vital any government action arising from the study takes account of rural needs.

▶ Garages struggle to cut fuel prices

Rural garages say they can't match price cuts by supermarket forecourts. Many supermarket forecourt price cuts were only available to customers who spent money in-store, said the Forecourt Division of the [Federation of Petroleum Suppliers \(FPS\)](#), which represents 6000 independent petrol retailers. Supermarkets, by and large, had failed to pass on the full amount of the recent drop in fuel prices, it claimed.

▶ Red alert for rural payphones



"Wherever you find yourself in the UK," says the Visit Britain website, "you will never be far away from a public payphone." That's what visitors to the country are told. But the traditional red phone box - one of the country's iconic

symbols - seems set to join the list of declining rural services, writes Robert Bullard.

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)

▶ Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and workforce challenges

Is your local strategic partnership taking effective action to ensure that you have a skilled and committed public services workforce to deliver your sustainable community strategy? Access a new resource with case studies and guidance that will help you realise your LSP ambitions.

▶ Year of healthy communities calendar: August's entries



Find out about Caradon's physical fitness initiative, and a hygiene scheme in Vale Royal Borough Council. Also read how youngsters in North Cornwall are engaging in sport. Finally, uncover

the good advice contained in South Derbyshire's LSPs health website.

▶ Leeds champions partnership working

Operation Champion tackles priority crimes in city hotspots through active community engagement and multi-agency coordination. Find out how the Safer Leeds Partnership has revitalised and renamed existing operations under the 'Operation Champion' initiative in its bid to curb crime.

▶ LAA Olympic challenge - part 2



The Carnegie weight management programme is a proven method of promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing childhood obesity. This

new case study highlights Newark and Sherwood Council's experiences and successes after implementing the programme.

▶ Plain English: common pitfalls

Everyone knows that we always use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, but after that unfortunately, the rules get more complicated. And what on earth is a nominalisation? Disentangle yourself from the confusion and learn how to avoid the common pitfalls of local government writing.

▶ Gypsy and Traveller heritage project



Read how St Helens Council explored Gypsy and Traveller heritage through culture, history and art. The 'Passing Places' project combined objects from a national touring exhibition with workshops and Romany Gypsy storytelling.

In the press

▶ Abandon homes to the rising sea



Stretches of Britain's coastline are doomed and plans will soon have to be drawn up to evacuate people from the most threatened

areas, according to Lord Smith of Finsbury, the new head of the Environment Agency.

▶ Councils issue staff with stab vests

Liverpool Council is issuing its staff with bullet and stab proof vests. The Leader said that it had a duty to protect staff.

▶ Councils told to use smarter charging

According to The Telegraph, John Healey has told the Local Government Association (LGA) that motorists should face higher charges to park in town centres to force them to walk more and reduce traffic congestion. Sir Simon Milton, Chairman of the LGA is quoted: "Local councils have to make tough choices between spending cuts, council tax rises and charging fees. That different councils have different charging policies should come as no surprise. Every area has its own unique issues and councils will rightly adopt charging policies to suit local circumstances.

▶ Market traders told to hush



Market traders have been ordered to shout quietly to avoid disturbing office workers in Hexham Northumberland. Tynedale council ruled traders can only shout on Tuesdays and Saturdays - and only if they keep the volume down.

▶ Waste food to generate electricity

A double page spread in the Times looks at a pioneering scheme run by South Shropshire District Council to turn leftover food into electricity and fertiliser. The 'anaerobic digesters' could be rolled out across the country in response to the nation's need to cut down on waste. The piece explains how the council worked with residents to get them to throw away less. Within in a few months of starting house-to-house food waste collections, the amount of food wasted by each house dropped from an average of 4.2kg to 3.6kg.

▶ Eco town delay



The Government has been forced to delay the timetable for implementing eco towns. The shortlist of sites, due to be published in October, will now not come out until next year.

▶ Let councils offer mortgages

A letter in the Times from the New Local Government Network and the leaders of six councils call for changes in the law to make it easier for councils to offer mortgages to homeowners. The letter says: "The Government should recognise that councils are well placed to take a judicious share of mortgage business - an opportunity that could yield a surplus for the council tax payer." Critics point out that councils could end up lending to people who are most likely to default and claim that council tax may rise. A comment piece in the Times says that councils "should be applauded for their willingness to do something."

▶ 'Public debate' needed on childhood obesity



The LGA has called for a 'public debate' around the extent to which councils can and should step in to deal with children whose health is put at risk because of dangerous obesity. Cllr David Rogers, LGA spokesperson on public health, said: "Councils are increasingly having to consider taking action where parents are putting children's health in real danger. Councils would step in to deal with an undernourished and neglected child, so should a case with a morbidly obese child be different?". The call came as the LGA published the eight main ways in which the obesity epidemic was affecting council services.

▶ 'Pay-as-you pedal' bikes to be introduced



'Pay-as-you-pedal' cycling is to be introduced in cities across the UK. Liverpool looks set to become the first city to provide continental style public bike hiring.

▶ Ditch the census

The New Local Government Network is claiming that the 2011 census should be scrapped because it is a waste of hundreds of millions of pounds, claiming that it is out of date before it is published. The underestimation of the size of the population puts a serious strain on local services that can be underfunded because of poor population counts.

▶ Supermarkets should do more on recycling



A House of Lords Committee has said that VAT should be lifted from the cost of repairing televisions and white goods as a way of discouraging people from throwing them away. The Committee also said that households are being unfairly targeted in the drive to cut waste and that supermarkets and large businesses are being let off lightly. Cllr Paul Bettison, LGA spokesperson on the Environment, said: "The days of the cling-film coconut must come to an end. We all have a responsibility to reduce the amount of waste being thrown into landfill."

In the press (continued)



► Shortage of childminders

Parents are facing a shortage of child minders as thousands of people are abandoning the profession, according to an Ofsted report.

Please note that the Express & Echo web site for press coverage is: www.thisisexeter.co.uk
For Western Morning News stories the web site is: www.thisisdevon.co.uk
For Archant news stories the web site is: www.devon24.co.uk

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