

The Knowledge



Sidmouth
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Curating the Thelma Hulbert Gallery



Angela Blackwell has held the position of part-time Curator at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton for 2½ years. Originally

from Brighton, where she worked at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Angela moved to her husband's native West Country 6 years ago.

Angela combines her job as a curator with that of an artist. Graduating from Goldsmiths College, London, in



1989 with a BA(Hons) in Fine Art/Textiles she paints under her maiden name, Angela Charles. Angela successfully exhibits throughout the UK and is currently exhibiting at the Alpha House Gallery in Sherborne, Dorset.

On **Wednesday 9 April at 7pm,**



Angela will be giving a talk on 'Curating the Thelma Hulbert Gallery'. This is a great

opportunity to learn more about the running of East Devon's only public art gallery, and also about the artist herself. Admission is free.



Illustrations: Crossed Paths (far left), From the Coast Road (top), Long Journey (left)

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



People's Millions 2008 – this is the fourth year of the People's Millions contest, run in partnership with ITV. The People's Millions has proved to be an exciting venture for Big Lottery Fund, breaking new ground by giving

people a real say in how lottery money is spent in local communities throughout the UK.

www.rise-sw.co.uk

New Funds for Social Enterprise - a £27 million funding boost for social enterprises, increasing the amount of money available through the Department of Health's Social Enterprise Investment Fund to £100 million. More funding was announced by Phil Hope, Minister for the Third Sector, with the set up of a £10million Risk Capital fund for social enterprises. The fund will be the first of its kind and will particularly benefit them at the critical start up and early growth stages of developing their business. Read more: www.rise-sw.co.uk

'The Phone Co-op Social Enterprise Start-Up and Expansion Fund' will provide resources to social enterprises to help them at critical stages in their development. www.rise-sw.co.uk



UnLtd are working in partnership with Comic Relief to run the **UnLtd Sport Relief Awards**, a UK wide funding programme which is aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 21, who want to use sports and recreation projects to address a social problem or

conflict in their communities. As well as cash, UnLtd provide a support package for successful applicants including one to one support, practical training and the chance to network with other Award Winners. They are particularly keen to receive applications from Devon.

<http://unltd.org.uk>

BBC choir wars



The BBC has announced its latest Saturday night entertainment show, Choir Wars, which will give choirs from around the country the chance to be crowned the nation's favourite. Hitting screens this summer, the competition is open to choirs of between 10 and 50 singers, aged 13 and over. All styles are welcome whether that's classical, gospel, barbershop, beatboxing, folk, rock or anything else, and the emphasis is on entertainment - 'passion, power and performance' says the Beeb.

If you're interested in auditioning, the deadline for applications is Friday 11 April 2008. All choirs must include a video of themselves with the application form, so get moving to make sure you don't miss out. Go to

www.bbc.co.uk/choirwars for more info and to download an application form.

Raise awareness of climate change

Find out how to support Al Gore's campaign to raise awareness of climate change. He wants the campaign to reach one million strong by April and asks for support so a loud message can be sent to leaders of business and government.

<http://wecansolveit.org/page/s/front>

<http://wecansolveit.org/invitealliance>



Forthcoming meetings

Meeting	Officer Contact	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 31 March	9.30am	CANCELLED
Scrutiny Committee	Debbie Meakin	Wednesday 2 April	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Member Development Working Group	Diana Vernon	Thursday 3 April	9.00am	Committee Room
Licensing and Enforcement Sub-B	Chris Lane	Monday 7 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Development Control Committee	Christopher Holland	Tuesday 8 April	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Local Joint Panel	Hannah Jarvis	Wednesday 9 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Recycling & Refuse Partnership Board	Diana Vernon / Hannah Jarvis	Wednesday 9 April	10.00am	Committee Room
East Devon Business Forum	Chris Lane	Thursday 10 April	6.00pm	East Devon Business Centre
Beach Concessions Task and Finish Forum	Debbie Meakin	Thursday 10 April	6.30pm	CANCELLED (now 30 April 2008)

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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Planning Service presentation

The Planning Check Team will be giving a presentation to Councillors on the systems thinking review of the Planning Service on Tuesday 8 April before Development Control Committee. This is a re-run of the presentation given on 5 March that not all members were able to attend.

The presentation will be in Room 1 and will start at 12.30pm.

Could you please let us know if you will be attending.

Denise Lyon (Corporate Director)

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Executive Board: 26 March 2008

Members are notified of the following decisions:

	Item	Decision
182	Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview Committee and Scrutiny Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the following decisions be noted: Corporate Overview Committee Minutes 25, 26, 28, 29, 30. Scrutiny Committee Minutes 62, 63, 64, 65. 2. that the following recommendations be approved: Scrutiny Committee Minutes 60, 61. 3. that the following recommendation be referred to Council for approval: Corporate Overview Committee Minute 27.
183	Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	that the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter be noted.
185	Unitary Councils in Devon	that the Chief Executive prepare for further consideration and also submit this Council's preferred option for having 4 unitary Councils within Devon based on travel to work/economic areas.
186	Draft Climate Change Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the cost of appointing energy consultants to carry out an assessment of the Strategy with the aim of producing a fully costed action plan identifying the expected carbon savings arising from the Climate Change Strategy be referred back to the Executive Board for consideration, 2. that the possibility of learning from other Councils who had already carried out similar work be investigated with the possibility of learning from their experience and achieving potential cost savings, with the viability of this approach being reported back to the Board.
188	Revenue and Capital Monitoring report 2007/08–month 11	that variances identified as part of the Revenue and Capital Monitoring process for month 11 of 2007/08 be noted, including the effect of the Council's Reserves and Balances.
191	Request for interest free loan	that Upottery Parish Council be recommended to make a further application to the Public Works Loans Board to cover the cost of repairs to the Manor Rooms' path.
192	Local Government Pension Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the key changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme be noted, 2. that the additional adopted discretionary powers detailed in the report be approved.
194	Performance Monitoring	that the performance and proposed remedial action against key performance indicators for the months of January and February 2008 be noted.
195	Boat Concession Licences – Seaton Beach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that an applicant for a Boatman's licence to operate from Seaton beach be required to meet the criteria outline in Section 1.6 of the report, 2. that, in addition, an applicant be required to complete and provide documents referred to in Section 1.7 of the report, 3. that the operation, storage and siting of boats and winches be restricted as set out in Section 1.8 of the report.
196	Consent Street for street trading	that the commencement of public consultation be authorised in respect of the possible designation of the Esplanade and Promenade, Sidmouth, as consent street for street trading under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

Executive Board: 26 March 2008 (continued)

	Item	Decision
197	Request for exemption to standing orders – legal consultant	that the exemption to standing orders for the continued use of a legal consultant, for the reasons set out in the report, be agreed.
198	Request for exemption to standing orders – consultation software	that the exemption to standing orders to enter into a contractual agreement with Limehouse Software Limited for the purchase of Local Development Software consisting of Client Admin Software and Task Manager Software Version 2.7, for the reasons set out in the report, be agreed.
199	Request for exemption to standing orders – ICT service	that the exemption to standing orders for procuring 'virtualisation' and use the value-for-money process already carried out by Exeter City Council as the basis for vendor selection, be agreed.
200	Request for exemption to standing orders – gas safety work	that the exemption to standing orders for procuring the services of a local specialist company to undertake expert sample checks of gas safety work for the reasons contained in the report, be agreed.
202	Exmouth CCTV provision	that this Council contributes half of the cost of up-grading the Exmouth CCTV subject to the balance being met from other sources including county councillors, the town council and local businesses.

The above decisions will become effective on Thursday 3 April 2008 at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call in" is on pages 133-135 of the Council Constitution (as amended at the Annual Meeting of the Council), or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation. Recommendations by the Executive Board to Council are not included above, as they are not subject to "call in".

Portfolio Holders decisions

Decisions by Portfolio Holders

Members are notified of the following decisions

Economy (P Halse)

Hire charges for Manor Pavilion Theatre and Arts Centre, Sidmouth

To agree that the hire charges for the Manor Pavilion Theatre, Sidmouth for 2008/09 be as set out:

		New Charges for 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009	Existing Charges £
Manor Pavilion Theatre	Morning or Afternoon	65.00	60.00
	Evening	180.00	145.00
	All Day	240.00	210.00
	Weekly	820.00	770.00
Arts Centre	Morning or Afternoon	30.00	28.00
	Evening	60.00	56.00
	All Day	100.00	95.00
	Weekly	400.00	395.00
Lounge Bar	Morning or Afternoon	40.00	40.00

Portfolio Holders decisions (continued)

Decisions by Portfolio Holder Members are notified of the following decisions

Economy
(P Halse)

Hire charges for Manor Pavilion Theatre and Arts Centre, Sidmouth (continued)

Supplementary Charges

Additional charges after 11pm Manor Pavilion Theatre only	£30 per hour or part thereof
Bank Holidays	Add an additional 'All Day' rate
Commercial Rates	Add up to 100% of the above charges plus VAT @ 17.5% subject to negotiation with the Manager

- Charges for non-commercial use includes VAT @ 17.5%
- Performing Rights Royalties will also be levied in accordance with nationally prescribed scheme and rates
- A 25% deposit will be made upon booking. This is non-refundable upon cancellation.

Request for a pedestrian access onto Flower Street Car Park, Woodbury from plot 4 The Drakes

Refusing consent for a pedestrian access onto Flower Street Car Park, Woodbury for plot 4 The Drakes and that enforcement be taken to secure the closure of this access and to a similar access to plot 5.

Lympstone to Exmouth Cycle Path: Land adjacent Exmouth Leisure Centre – Licence to Devon County Council

Agreeing to the negotiation of a licence between East Devon District Council and Devon County Council in respect of a section of National cycle Route 2.

Communities
(Miss J Elson)

Request for a variation to restrictive covenant to allow the owner of the former Council House at No 1 The Green – Exmouth to construct one additional two/three bedroom semi detached house attached to No 1 The Green.

That in accordance with past practice, the request be agreed on terms and conditions to be negotiated with the Property Services Manager, for a deed of variation to allow the construction of one additional end terrace dwelling to the former Council House at 1 the Green – Exmouth, subject to a successful planning application. Also subject to a request for parking places in both properties if planning permission is approved.

Request for a licence agreement to form vehicular access over Council Housing land, in order to create off road parking in the front garden of No 1 Kirby Close, Axminster

Agreeing that the Council housing land by 1 Kirby Close, Axminster be leased to the owners of 1 Kirby Close under a licence agreement, to allow them to construct off road parking in their front garden.

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Contracts awarded

Exterior redecoration to Council properties - 2008 programme

Contracts P0801 - P0816 - Areas 1 – 4
853 houses, bungalows and flats, and 67 garages
The lowest tender received for 12 contracts.
The second lowest tender received for 4 contracts.
Total cost for 16 contracts - £443,024.



Contract P0801 - Aylesbeare, Clyst St Mary and Poltimore (46 properties)
Second Lowest Tender received submitted by RJ Pearcey - £21,112

Contract P0802 - Broadhembury, Dulford and Rockbeare (60 properties)
Lowest Tender received submitted by RJ Pearcey - £33,000

Contract P0803 - Colaton Raleigh and Lympstone (112 properties)
Lowest Tender received submitted by Lion Decorating - £39,270

Contract P0804 - Ottery St Mary and Tipton St John (37 properties)
Lowest Tender received submitted by CJ Woodley - £25,479

Contract P0805 - Woodbury and Woodbury Salterton (87 properties)
Lowest Tender received submitted by Lion Decorating - £36,240

Contract P0806 - Exmouth (86 properties)
Lowest Tender received from Lion Decorating - £38,935

Contract P0807 - Exmouth (81 properties)
Lowest Tender received from RJ Pearcey - £42,681

Contract P0808 - East Budleigh (17 properties)
Lowest Tender received from RJ Pearcey - £11,868

Contract P0809 - Axminster (57 properties)
Lowest Tender received from DR Jones - £23,665

Contract P0810 - Honiton (83 properties)
Lowest Tender received from DR Jones - 36,699

Contract P0811 - Awliscombe, Buckerell and Honiton (53 properties)
Second Lowest Tender received from Skinner Construction - £25,124

Contract P0812 - Honiton and Offwell (36 properties)
Second Lowest Tender received from Lascelles - £27,203

Contract P0813 - Beer (39 properties)
Lowest Tender received from DR Jones - £20,324

Contract P0814 - Combyne Rousdon and Seaton (43 properties)
Lowest Tender received from RJ Pearcey - £14,898

Contract P0815 - Sidford (24 properties)
Second Lowest Tender received from CJ Woodley - £15,426

Contract P0816 - Sidmouth (59 properties)
Lowest Tender received from DR Jones - £31,100

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News from the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency)

A radical approach to affordable housing



The lack of affordable housing is a major problem across the country. Oxford has some of the highest house prices in the

country. So the council is looking to its local strategic partnership to come up with some innovative ways of addressing this pressing issue.

www.idea.gov.uk

'In the know': improve your decision making

The quality and cost of our public services depend on the decisions that are made. Access new analysis from the Audit Commission, which seeks to encourage those taking decisions to consider the information they use. Read examples of how information has been used to enhance public services, from reducing fly-posting to increasing library membership.

www.audit-commission.gov.uk

Local Area Agreements (LAAs): children's case studies



Improving opportunities and outcomes for children and young people is a key priority in many local authorities LAAs.

This series of case studies outlines some of the recognised best practice.

www.idea.gov.uk

Developing a robust evidence base

Local authorities need to understand the key drivers forming the social, economic and environmental characteristics of their area. This evidence base should be built from contributions across the council and its partners. The Planning Advisory Service has produced guidance to help councils develop a robust evidence base for their key visioning documents, such as the sustainable community strategy and local development framework. www.pas.gov.uk

Upstream project refreshes the elderly



Depression due to isolation can be a common problem for older people, causing them to rely heavily on health and social care

services. Discover how the Upstream Project in Devon, through stimulating activity and shared learning, is turning older people's circumstances around. www.idea.gov.uk

Excellence in Financial Management

Access a range of presentations from the HM Treasury/CIPFA event, which promoted a vision of world class financial management in public services. (CIPFA = Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy)

www.improvementnetwork.gov.uk

Note: IDeA have revamped their website. Unfortunately this has caused a few of their weblinks to fail. They are aware of this and will be correcting the situation in due course.

In the press

Database to log houses for council tax



Government inspectors are building a database logging every home in the country with a view to revaluing properties for council tax. Factors such as

whether a house has a good view or parking spaces could affect the council tax a house pays. Telegraph

Planning system set for shake-up

The former chief executive of Barratt Developments, David Pretty is to head up a review intended to speed up Britain's planning process. 'Planning Applications: a faster and more responsive system' announced by Hazel Blears and Caroline Flint.

Financial Times

In the press (continued)

Portsmouth goes 20mph

Portsmouth today becomes the first city in Britain with a 20mph speed limit on all its residential streets - about 1,200 streets across the city will be covered by the project launched by Portsmouth City Council. Norwich is exploring a similar scheme. [Mirror](#)



Polling stations could open at weekends

The Government has set out proposals to open polling stations at weekends and making voting compulsory as part of a significant overhaul of electoral legislation designed to increase turnout. [Guardian](#)

Asthma fears over green fuels

LACORS (Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services) has written to Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly urging a full review of the impact of 'green' biofuels on air quality. Research has shown that biofuels - made from sugar cane, corn and rapeseed - could do more damage to air quality than normal fuels. [Mirror](#)



Post Offices up for sale

Royal Mail is selling off around 40 post offices at a value of £20m. [Times](#)

Anti-car measures for eco-towns

Half of all households in eco-towns will have to live without a car and those that have one will find their speed limited to 15mph, according to measures announced by communities secretary Hazel Blears. [Guardian](#)



Violent crime rises in the countryside

New figures show that violent crime has risen quicker in rural areas than it has in big cities. [Telegraph](#)

Police chief hits out on gun crime

Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Constable of Merseyside, says in an interview in the Times that gun crime is being undermined by judges who fail to give tough penalties through the courts. [Times](#)

Developers urged to set aside land for allotments



Developers could be compelled to set aside land for allotments under plans set out by the Local Government Association (LGA). Around 200,000 allotments have been lost in the last 30 years and a recent upsurge of demand has left long waiting lists. Cllr Paul Bettison, Chairman of the LGA's Environment Board said: "Having an allotment is no longer about flat caps and thermos flasks. Nowadays allotments are the preserve of Jamie Oliver just as much as Arthur Fowler." Seed companies have also reported a massive rise in the number of people buying vegetable seeds rather than flower seeds. [Independent](#)

Call to return to 'liberal' teaching



The National Union of Teachers is calling for a return to more liberal teaching with more time for play and less rigid methods of teaching. [Guardian](#)

Council charges for extra bin bags

Broxbourne Council is charging residents 28p for every extra bin bag they put out for collection. The council said the scheme is intended to encourage people to throw away less. [Mail](#)

Relieve for local bus services?



Plans to be unveiled by ministers in the Local Transport Bill could see threatened rural bus services saved. One key move could see councils demand 'quality contracts' from local operators if they fail to reach an acceptable agreement. [Telegraph](#)

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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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