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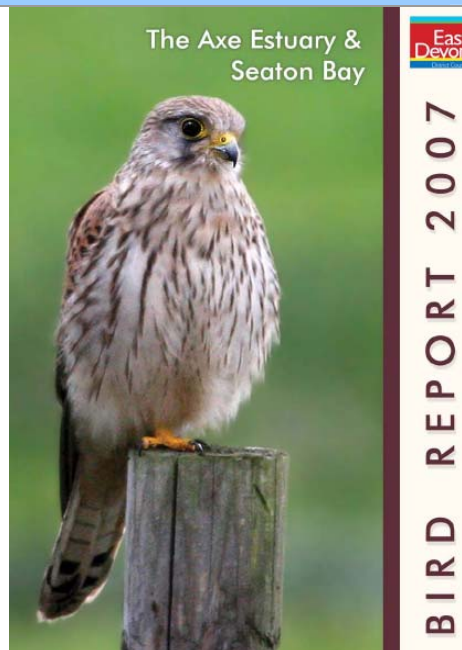
The Axe Estuary & Seaton Bay Bird Report 2007

The Bird Report is produced annually, largely through the combined talents of a group of local birdwatchers known as The Axe Bird Group. This group spend many hours watching, photographing and recording birds in the Seaton area. With support and input from Fraser Rush and James Chubb from the Countryside Service, they assemble the data, photographs and various articles into the nationally accepted format for such reports. It also contains data on dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies.

This is the fourth annual Bird Report for the Axe Estuary and the quality of the production has improved year on year. It has become a professional publication, recognised by birdwatchers as the definitive report on bird populations and sightings in the Axe Estuary and Seaton Bay area. Since a large number of the sightings in the report are made at one or other of the 3 Local Nature Reserves within the recording area, EDDC is pleased to support it as a valuable way of promoting these Council managed sites.

Last year, the Report was sold to bird watchers throughout the UK and some even went abroad. This year we hope for even greater public access to the Report as it will be available in all of East Devon's libraries.

The Bird Report is on sale at a price of £7.50 (+£1 p&p). Just in case you missed last year's Bird Report, you can get it free of charge when you buy the 2007 edition. To order a copy, contact Diane Berry on 01395 517557 or extension 2757.



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Tenants to have more say on housing

EDDC tenants are to have more say in how housing services are organised and they will also enjoy greater involvement in the Council's decision-making. The extra involvement comes as a result of the new Tenant and Council Partnership Agreement, just published by EDDC and the Tenant and Leaseholder Customer Panel. The Agreement, which runs from April 2008 to March 2011, sets out how tenants and leaseholders can have a voice in housing services and be involved in decision making at all levels within the Council. It has been written by a working group of tenants, councillors and housing staff, with the aim of improving services to all tenants and leaseholders.



Councillor Ann Liverton, Chairman of EDDC's Housing Review Board, said: "This Agreement has been the result of close joint working between tenants, councillors and staff. Being happy, secure and content in our own home is the aim of everyone and by encouraging tenant involvement through this Agreement we aim to ensure that this will be the case for all our tenants".

Ann Bickham, Chairman of the Tenant and Leaseholder Customer Panel, commented: "We want this Agreement to be meaningful to all tenants, councillors and staff and to make a significant difference to the Housing and Social Inclusion Service. It demonstrates that, by working together, tenants can be involved in making decisions about services that affect them, and thereby achieve a first class housing service".

A booklet summary of the Agreement is being sent to all tenants and leaseholders with the May edition of the Housing Standard newsletter. A copy of the full Agreement, and the summary, may be seen on the Council's website under [Council Services / Homes and Housing / How to Get Involved](#).

Reference copies and the full agreement can be found in the Members' Area

Connaught Gardens, Sidmouth – diary of events for June



Sun 1	8.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band	Concert
Sun 8	8.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band	Concert
Sat 14	10.00am	Sidmouth Steppers & Guests	Dance Display
Sun 15	8.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band	Concert
Mon 16	7.30pm	Exmouth Town Concert Band	Concert
Tue 17	7.45pm	Ottery St Mary Silver Band	Concert
Fri 20	7.00pm	Dance Band	Concert
Sat 21	7.30pm	West Country Theatre Co – As You Like It	Play
Sun 22	2.30pm	Christadelphians	Service & Hymns
Sun 22	8.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band	Concert
Tue 24	7.45pm	Ottery St Mary Silver Band	Concert
Sun 29	2.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band with Bodmin Brass Band	Concert
Sun 29	8.00pm	Sidmouth Town Band	Concert

Elisabeth Frink – works from the archive

Saturday 7 June – Saturday 26 July 2008

A remarkable exhibition to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Honiton's Thelma Hulbert Gallery features work by this major 20th century artist through sculpture, prints and drawings from her archive. The high-quality exhibition is a celebration of the landmark achievement of East Devon's up-and-coming gallery, now attracting impressive attendances and elite exhibits.

Elisabeth Frink was one of the foremost British sculptors of the 20th century. Her work was always popular with a wide section of the public; however, she never compromised her integrity and continued throughout her life to produce startlingly original pieces displaying a rawness and immediacy, which make for compelling viewing.

Success came remarkably early for her when the Tate Gallery in London bought 'Bird - 1952' whilst she was still a student at Chelsea School of Art. She fulfilled this early promise, making important public sculptures as well as domestic pieces throughout her life.



The centrepiece of the exhibition will be the four magnificent 'Tribute Heads' of 1975, which reveal the immense power and deceptive simplicity of her monumental forms. They will be complemented by a selection of smaller sculptures of horses, birds, buffalo and men, as well as a selection of prints and drawings spanning her entire career.

All are welcome to attend the preview from 3 - 6pm on **7 June**.

The material in this exhibition has been kindly loaned by Elisabeth Frink's family.

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

New documents in the Members' Area

Feedback from outside bodies

- ❑ **RD & Express** – May issue of the newsletter for members of the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.
- ❑ **Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust** – Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Governors held on 9 April 2008.

Please note that both of the above documents contain information on the proposals to centralise upper GI cancer surgery in Plymouth, creating one specialist centre for Devon and Cornwall. These documents are in the 'Feedback from Outside Bodies' file on the bookcase in the Members' Area for your information.

Forthcoming meetings

Meeting	Officer Contact	Date	Time	Location
Development Control	Christopher Holland	Tuesday 3 June	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Beach Concessions Task and Finish Forum	Chris Lane	Tuesday 3 June	2.15pm	East Devon Business Centre
Audit and Governance Task and Finish Forum	Christopher Holland	Wednesday 4 June	10.00am	Room 1
Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	Chris Lane	Wednesday 4 June	2.15pm	Exeter Airport
Executive Board	Chris Lane	Wednesday 4 June	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Licensing and Enforcement Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 9 June	9.30am	Council Chamber
Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board	Rachel Perram	Wednesday 11 June	2.00pm	CANCELLED
Scrutiny Committee	Chris Lane	Wednesday 11 June	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Housing Review Board	Rachel Perram	Thursday 12 June	6.00pm	Council Chamber
Planning Inspections Committee	Christopher Holland	Friday 13 June	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). 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.

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Portfolio Holders decisions

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

Economy (P Halse)	<p>Exchange of land adjoining Council Houses at Rockbeare</p> <p>To agree the terms for the exchange of land to facilitate the erection of 3 low cost housing units at Rockbeare and the transfer of one dwelling to the Council.</p> <p>Sale of land adjoining 28 Forton Road, Exmouth</p> <p>To agree the terms for the sale of a strip of land to the owner of 28 Forton Road, Exmouth</p> <p>Further details Rob Speers, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 1588</p>
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PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee Agreement

The inaugural meeting of the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee is on 2 June 2008. The agenda and papers are available for public inspection at Reception.

Funding

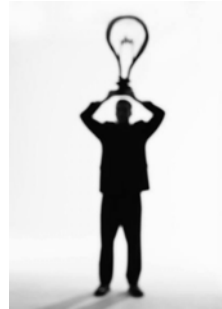
Repairs to Places of Worship



English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund have grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 for repairs to places of worship listed grade I, II* or II that are used at least 6 times a year. Repair work should be needed within 2 years and should concentrate on keeping the

fabric structurally stable and weathertight. Deadline 30 June for grade I and II*, and 30 September for grade II. Further details: www.english-heritage.org.uk

Want to Develop an Idea?



The Only Connect Bursary Scheme has bursaries of £150 available if you interested in developing a trading idea, starting to undertake public service delivery, or taking out a loan. This £150 would contribute to your time and travel to visit an organisation that has

already done this. The host will be paid a £200 fee by Only Connect for their time. The deadline is 13 June. To find out more about the scheme, apply for a bursary or to be a host organisation, visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect

Opportunities for Charities



The charities team of Foot Ansteys Solicitors is running a seminar in Exeter on **11 June** to empower trustees, senior managers and involved professionals. It will show how you can use recent legal changes to develop your organisation. They will provide ideas about on what is now possible, and each delegate will acquire up to date legal knowledge. For further details on the seminar and its content please contact William Hopkin on 01392 685290 or email william.hopkin@foot-ansteys.co.uk. If you would like to attend the seminar please visit their website to book online at www.foot-ansteys.co.uk/events

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News from the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency)

Men's health drive



'Working our Way to Health' is a Sefton-based initiative that aims to improve diet, encourage physical activity and prompt men to cease smoking.

Find out how the programme seeks to increase life expectancy and reduce incidences of coronary heart disease, diabetes and cancer. www.idea.gov.uk

Community engagement: 'duty to involve'
www.idea.gov.uk

Local Area Agreements (LAAs): rural car clubs



Reports now show that rural communities are being hit hardest by the rising cost of fuel. And this is only

likely to get worse as fuel prices continue to rise. This case study looks at tackling transport-induced social exclusion in rural areas through car clubs. www.idea.gov.uk

LAAs: guidance on alcohol misuse
www.idea.gov.uk

In the press

Trading Standards

The biggest overhaul of consumer laws in 40 years has taken place, outlawing dozens of unfair and misleading sales practices. Those who break the laws, which will be enforced by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and council trading standards officers, will be fined up to £5,000 or more if the case is heard in Crown Court. [Times](#)

Battle of the bulge targets booze

Alcoholic drinks should display the number of calories contained in them to help tackle the



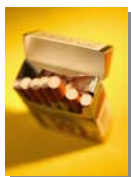
growing obesity crisis, say council leaders. Cllr David Rogers, Chair of the Local Government Association (LGA) Community Wellbeing Board, is

quoted: "There has been widespread publicity of how drink damages your health, but more people are likely to be completely unaware of the effect it can have on their waistline." [Sun](#)

Dementia will strike millions

Almost a million people in England will have dementia within a generation and the bill for dealing with the disease will rise to £35bn a year, according to a study by the King's Fund.

[Observer](#)



Crackdown on cigarette sales

The Health Secretary, Alan Johnson, is considering banning the display of cigarettes in shops and the use of vending machines. [Independent](#)

Children let down by social services

An Ofsted inspection has found that children in divorce and separation cases are being left at risk of abuse because of failings in the social care system. A separate report by the Children and Family Court Advisory Service has also identified 'serious failings'. [Times](#)

'Two new Londons' in 50 years



The population of England is to increase by the equivalent of 2 new cities of the size of London within half a century. The figures come as a Treasury

committee report condemns the Government's methods of counting the population as "not fit for purpose". [Mail](#)

Tax for neighbourhood policing

A tax on every household to pay for neighbourhood policing will be proposed by ministers next month. The community safety levy will be charged by directly-elected local police boards. It will replace the police precept which appears on all council tax bills in England and Wales. [Mail](#)

School summer break under threat?



The long school summer holiday should be abolished because it causes children to slip back educationally, according to an Institute

for Public Policy Research report. A Government spokesman said: "We encourage local authorities to adopt the standard school year and support the LGA who set the dates." [Observer](#)

Britain loses appetite for green initiatives

With falling house prices and rising costs, indications seem to suggest that green initiatives are slipping down the list of public concerns. The FT cites the Prime Minister's increasing distance from "bin tax" pilots as being symptomatic of this movement away from green policies at a time when many companies and public bodies have openly advertised their environmental credentials. [Financial Times](#)

In the press (continued)

Scale of packaging problem unveiled



Supermarkets are still falling behind local high street retailers and markets in reducing packaging waste, according to an

LGA survey. The research found that up to 38% of the packaging in a typical household cannot be recycled, down 2% from the first LGA survey last year. Cllr Paul Bettison, Chairman of the LGA Environment Board, is quoted: "The days of the clingfilm coconut must come to an end. We all have a responsibility to reduce the amount of waste being thrown into landfill, which is damaging the environment and contributing to climate change." [Guardian](#)

Knife crime campaign launched

A hard hitting new campaign has been launched by the Home Office will warn young people of the physical and emotional consequences of knife crime.



[Guardian](#)

Please note that the Express & Echo web site for press coverage is: www.thissexeter.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

Rural Services Network (RSN)

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



More action needed on rural housing

Findings from a Government report into rural housing have still not been implemented - two years after they were first published.

www.rsonline.org.uk



Ambulance service maps rural homes

A new initiative aims to make it easier for ambulances to find isolated rural properties in an emergency.

www.rsonline.org.uk

Carbon credits 'would hurt rural residents'

Proposals to introduce personal carbon allowances would penalise rural residents. www.rsonline.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>

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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