

The Knowledge



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'Charley Says...'

'Charley Says...' is a new exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery. The show is part of the 2008 Animated Exeter festival and brings together artwork used in the making of many of the best known and loved public information films. From the pioneering war time films made by the Halas & Batchelor studio through to the genre's heyday in the 1970s including Charley Says and Joe & Petunia.



The public information film is brought right up to date with screenings of the Recycle Now campaign. Learn how these films were made, what they say about us and our changing society and why animation is so good at telling us what to do. Relax in the 1970s style living room to watch these film gems from many of the best animators and animation studios across the country.

The **preview** is on Saturday 5 January, 4pm - 6pm and everyone is welcome. The exhibition continues until Saturday 23 February.

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

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Blackdown Hills woodland event

The Blackdown Hills Woodland Forum has just been announced for April. The event near Bickenhall will feature outdoor demonstrations, as well as speakers on woodland topics such as woodfuel, ancient woodlands, grants and more. It will be a packed programme including lunch, which is expected to attract keen interest from people who work with wood, or own woodland across the Blackdown Hills.

Owners of large and small woods will discover useful information and contacts, whether you are experienced at managing woodland or want to know where to start. The event will also be of use to woodland contractors, conservationists and craftsmen, from wood carvers to timber frame makers.

The Woodland Forum is being put on by the Woodland Association, which promotes local timber and supports all those connected to trees and woodland in the Blackdown Hills. The Association hopes to help even more people and businesses over the coming year. If you are unable to get to the forum, they have a new online information service at <http://www.nerochescheme.org/bhwa.php>.

The Forum will take place on Saturday the 5 of April 2008 at Neroche Parish Hall, Bickenhall.



Funding

Changing Lives is a project which can provide funding for homeless people to pursue a vocational goal with grants of up to £2,000 being available for education and training, course equipment, items essential for setting up a business or tools to get back to work. Deadline 7 March 2008.

Further details: <http://www.crisis.org.uk/>

Enriching Nature is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for wildlife projects. They can support projects within 10 miles of landfill

sites (owned by any company) in England. Not for profit organisations, charities, and Local Authorities can apply. The programme was devised in partnership with Regional Biodiversity Fora across England and will provide £13.5M funding over the next three years. Click on [Regional Availability](#) on the website to find out more.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk>



A FREE workshop for rural voluntary and community groups, entitled **An introduction to Website Design**. The workshop will be on Monday the 25 February at COSMIC in Ottery St Mary. It will be a

fantastic opportunity for groups to learn all about website design and the different options available. At lunchtime there will also be a chance to network and try out some technology equipment, including accessibility kit. Places are limited to please contact Rob Turner on 01404 813226 or email rturner@cosmic.org.uk <http://www.evolvedsouthwest.org.uk/>

The Only Connect scheme helps smaller organisations by paying costs to visit and learn from other organisations that are already making money. Supported by Triodos Bank. For more information, visit:

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect

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Trends in housing and the economy in East Devon

The most recent quarterly economic trend data shows us that East Devon's trends stay consistently difficult:

Overall the average house prices in East Devon have continued to rise by 13% over the year; faster than nearby authorities and double the regional and national rates. The average house price in East Devon of £282,000 significantly outstrips (by around £40k) the position in other nearby authorities and in England overall.

East Devon has slightly higher median household income levels (just under £22k) than our near neighbours (all of us are much worse than England and Wales overall). However the difference in house price still makes East Devon much worse in terms of overall housing affordability.

House prices are still rising, but the **number** of sales are down by 3.6% compared with this quarter last year.

Whilst we have low numbers of unemployment claimants (notably in Ottery) the median full-time salaries paid by East Devon based employers are lower than most Devon authorities, the higher incomes generally being earned outside the district.

Overall the position in East Devon of high employment but low local income, popular housing area but escalating house prices, has continued unabated. Unfortunately this could also mean that our local people could especially find difficulties in a 'credit crunch'.

Therefore EDDC's priorities of affordable housing and higher value local industries continue to be especially relevant, though the lead-in times will be challenging and the links between these priorities must not be overlooked.

The potential impact of new jobs on housing demand and house prices, must not be underestimated. Equally the local supply of lower paid workers to the workforce and young people investing in future careers, could dwindle if they are unable to afford local housing. We recognize that our priorities need to be taken forward hand in hand.

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New documents in the Members' Area

- **The South West Centre of Excellence** has forwarded a document detailing case studies of good and innovative practice. This is now available in the Members' Area and is also available to download: <http://swce.gov.uk>
- **Honiton and the Arts** – Flyers are now available in the Members' Area detailing a series of 4 interesting talks starting in February. This event has been organised by Honiton Town Council Community Complex Project Team in cooperation with Devon County Council Libraries and the Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton. All talks are to be held in the Library in Honiton.
- **Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority** is now consulting on its Draft Corporate Plan 2008/09 to 2010/11. There are leaflets in the Members' Area which present 4 specific areas on which they would like your views and opinions.
- **SPARSE LGA Special Interest Group** – the Agenda for the meeting held in London on 19 December 2007, plus minutes of previous meetings, is now available in a booklet in the Members' Area. (SPARSE is a grouping of the Most Rural Local Authorities in England. It is a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association. <http://www.sparse.gov.uk/>)

Feedback from outside bodies

- **Community Council of Devon** – Members Forum - Agenda for meeting 9 January 2008 and minutes of meeting held on 8 October 2007.
- **Norman Lockyer Observatory** – Management Committee – Agenda for meeting 29 January 2008 and minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2007.

The above 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
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 7 January	9.30am	Council Chamber
Scrutiny Committee	Debbie Meakin	Wednesday 9 January	6.30pm	CANCELLED
Service Planning and Budget Task and Finish Forum	Debbie Meakin	Thursday 10 January	All day	Committee Room
Housing Review Board	Rachel Perram / Diana Vernon	Thursday 10 January	6.30pm	Committee Room
Councillor Awareness Session	Jill Humphreys	Friday 11 January	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	Chris Lane	Monday 14 January	9.30am	CANCELLED
Development Control Committee	Christopher Holland	Tuesday 15 January	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Councillor Awareness Session	Jill Humphreys	Tuesday 15 January	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Seaton Town Hall Advisory Forum	Chris Lane	Wednesday 16 January	7.00pm	Seaton Town Hall
ICT Investment Task and Finish Forum	Christopher Holland	Friday 18 January	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.

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, reports and minutes on the Council's website, choose Quick Links (Committee Papers) on the front page of the website.

To view planning applications online, choose Planning on Quick Links, then click the Planning Online logo.

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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)

Proposed adoption of roadway between Winters Lane and Clapps Lane, Ottery St Mary

Recommended that EDDC agrees to the adoption of a section of roadway between Winters Lane and Clapps Lane, Ottery St Mary by Devon County Council as a public highway.

Further details: Rob Speers, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 1588

Decision by Portfolio Holder Members are notified of the following decision

Communities
(Miss J Elson)

Request for variation to Restrictive Covenant to allow the construction of an additional end terrace 3 bedroom house, attached to the former Council house at 63 Green Close, Exmouth

That in accordance with past practice, the request be agreed on Terms and Conditions to be negotiated by the Property Services Manager, for a deed of variation to allow the construction of one additional end terrace dwelling attached to 63 Green Close, Exmouth, subject to planning permission being granted.

The above decision will become effective on 10 January 2008 at 9.00am 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.

News from the IDEa (Improvement and Development Agency)

Councillors Commission report

The new Councillors Commission report challenges councils to improve the support they offer councillors as local community leaders. This leaflet gives a snapshot of some of the activities already underway and encourages councils to share good practice and learn from each other. <http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/>

Cultural services join up with Every Child Matters



Find out how arts and children's services at Richmond upon Thames used art and video to engage with looked-after young people. The project has strengthened the young people's relationship with cultural services and helped them understand and achieve

Every Child Matters objectives. <http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk>

The Improvement Network provides lessons in efficiency



A new guidance paper, 'Preparing for the future and learning from the past', examines

approaches to delivering efficiency. It incorporates both quantitative and qualitative analysis, and is based on the annual efficiency statements submitted by several councils in 2007. <http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/>

Goodwill to all: equality and diversity in action

Read detailed case studies showing how local area agreements (LAAs) can help fulfil the requirement to embrace all sections of local communities in designing and implementing public services.

<http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/>

In the press

High street shops under attack



Figures show that nearly 3,000 fishmongers and butchers have gone out of business in the past 7 years, highlighting the 'slow death' of the British

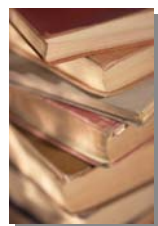
High Street. Campaigners have highlighted proposed changes to planning laws that could allow more out-of-town shopping centres.

[Telegraph](#)

Councils should protect the high street

Letters in the Telegraph urge councils to do more to promote traditional high-street shops which are losing out to supermarkets and out-of-town shopping centres. More on this story in the

[Telegraph](#)



40 libraries close

The Independent has revealed that 40 libraries have closed this year as councils are forced by the government to make 'swingeing cuts'. [Independent](#)

Green belt lost

Nearly 14,000 acres of green belt land has been developed on since 1997, new figures show.

[Telegraph](#)



Council to fine shops for abandoned trolleys

Peterborough Council is to fine supermarkets for abandoned shopping trolleys, charging stores the cost of collecting and storing them. [Times](#)

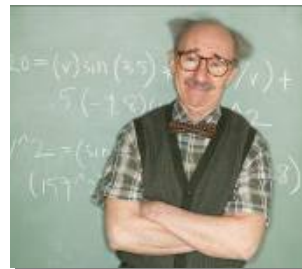
New cameras on the way

New speed cameras that judge the average speed of a car over a lengthy stretch of road are under official consideration. [Telegraph](#)

Fire brigade consultants attacked

Union leaders have attacked the Government for spending millions of pounds on management consultants in the fire service while frontline services faced "major cuts". The Fire Brigades Union said a "staggering" £29million had been spent on consultants since 2006, enough to pay for 1,000 frontline firefighters. [Mirror](#)

Teachers quit



Around 250,000 teachers have quit the profession since 1997, official figures show. Critics blame poor classroom discipline and excessive bureaucracy.

[Daily Express](#)

Immigration and bad behaviour top poll

A YouGov poll for the Sunday Times shows that anti-social behaviour and immigration are the issues that worry the nation most. [Sunday Times](#)

WRAP boss to focus on food waste



Liz Goodwin, the Chief Executive of WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) reveals in an interview with the Times that her main priority is to cut down on the amount of food waste that the country throws away. [Times](#)

4.5% rise in council tax predicted

In an interview in the Times, Sir Simon Milton, Chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA) predicts that council tax bills will rise by an average of 4.5% this year and issued a warning that services for the elderly and funding for the arts may have to be cut to keep tax down. He presses the case for reform of local government finance and the gradual localisation of business rates. He also proposes a 'US-style FBI police force' to take over big investigations and new powers for councils to appoint and dismiss police chiefs.

[Times 1](#) [Times 2](#)

In the press (continued)

No change to drink laws



Gordon Brown is to keep 24 hour drinking despite announcing that he would personally review the controversial policy. The review, expected within the next few weeks, is to conclude that the new rules have broadly worked well.

[Times](#)

Sculpture comes under fire

Salford Council has come under fire for spending £75,000 on a sculpture that pays tribute to the town's industrial heritage. [Express](#) 3/1/08 p10

Parking to be charged on size of car



Norwich City Council is to bring in a scheme that sets parking charges based on the length of cars, aiming to reduce car emissions and free up parking spaces in the city. Although the move has come under fire from motoring organisations, which claim that the scheme will discriminate against families, if successful similar proposals could be rolled out in other parts of the country. A spokesperson for the LGA said that other councils would be watching closely and that they will continue to 'pilot schemes that improve air quality in city centres and help to tackle pollution.' [Times](#)

New school tables to show talented pupils

School league tables are to be reformed to show the number of 14 year-olds who achieve well above the expected minimum standards in national tests. Teaching unions complained that it would lead to more parents playing the system to get their children into the highest-performing schools. [Guardian](#)

England is the most crowded country in Europe



England is poised to become the most crowded major nation in Europe, according to official figures. Statistics show that

in England in 2005 there were 387 people for every square km and this rose to 390 per square kilometre in 2006. [Mail](#)

Wind plans held up by nimbyism

New research reveals that 2 out of 3 applications for on-shore wind farms are being rejected. In addition, the equivalent of 8 power stations are clogged up in the planning system. The Labour Party environment campaign, whose members include government ministers, claims that 'nimby' councillors are blocking the proposals.

[Independent](#)

Underage pregnancy on the rise

England and Wales has the worst teenage pregnancy rate in Western Europe. These figures come at the same time ministers admitted they would not meet the 2010 target to halve teenage pregnancy rates. [Daily Mail](#)

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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Appendix A

EDDC's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Lettings October and November 2007

Please can recipients, especially Parish and Town Clerks, display this information on notice boards or other public places. We would like to get this information publicised as widely as possible in East Devon.

Below is a list of the empty properties that have been let during October 2007

Area	Date property voided	Property Type	Band of Successful Applicant	Date Application Registered	Date Let
Harepath Road, Seaton	2 September 07	1BFFF (WC)	Gold	28 January 06	1 October 07
Bidmead Close, Exmouth	23 September 07	2BB (WC)	Gold	29 May 07	1 October 07
Burnside, Exmouth	15 July 07	1BB (WC)	Gold	4 January 05	15 October 07
St Pauls Road, Honiton	16 th September 07	2BGFF	Gold	14 March 05	8 October 07
Poplar Mount, Axminster	10 June 07	1BFFF (WC)	Gold	19 September 06	8 October 07
Poplar Mount, Axminster	19 August 07	1BFFF (WC)	Gold	29 September 03	8 October 07
Lymbourne House, Sidmouth	23 September 07	1BFFF (WC)	Gold	7 February 07	8 October 07
Summer Close, Exmouth	22 July 07	1BGFF	Gold	3 January 00	8 October 07
Summer Close, Exmouth	16 September 07	1BGFF (WC)	Gold	11 October 00	15 October 07
Liverton Close, Exmouth	16 September 07	2BFFF	Gold	17 June 03	15 October 07
Northcote Lane, Honiton	23 September 07	2BH	Gold	25 August 99	15 October 07
Tucker Court, Honiton	2 September 07	1BGFF (HS)	Gold	31 March 06	22 October 07
Langford Avenue, Honiton	9 September 07	3BH	Priority Card	11 October 04	22 October 07
Custance House, Honiton	30 September 07	1BGFF	Gold	20 June 07	22 October 07
Somerville Close, Exmouth	16 September 07	1BB (WC)	Silver	2 July 07	22 October 07
Westcott Way, Honiton	30 September 07	2BSFF	Gold	17 January 07	22 October 07
Poplar Mount, Axminster	9 September 07	2BGFF	Gold	15 June 04	29 October 07
Weston Close, Broadhembury	21 October 07	3BH	Priority Card	26 January 04	29 October 07
Liverton Close, Exmouth	12 August 07	1BGFF (WC)	Gold	17 October 03	29 October 07
Kay Close, Exmouth	30 September 07	1BB (WC)	Gold	1 November 91	29 October 07
Albion Court, Exmouth	7 October 07	1BSFF (WC)	Silver	8 June 04	29 October 07
Chestnut View, Membury	23 September 07	3BH	Gold	18 December 01	29 October 07

Key: BFFF = Bed First Floor Flat BH = Bed House
 BGFF = Bed Ground Floor Flat BB = Bed Bungalow

Below is a list of the empty properties that have been let during November 2007

Area	Date property voided	Property Type	Band of Successful Applicant	Date Application Registered	Date Let
Mead View Road, Honiton	23 September 07	3BH	Gold	8 December 98	5 November 07
Tracey View, Honiton	14 October 07	3BH	Gold	5 March 03	5 November 07
Manor Close, Seaton	7 October 07	1BGFF (WC)	Gold	26 June 07	5 November 07
Country House, Sidford	7 October 07	1BGFF (WC)	Gold	13 April 07	5 November 07
Pound Lane, Exmouth	13 May 07	3BH	Gold	3 March 05	5 November 07
Lymebourne Park, Sidmouth	21 October 07	BSGF (WC)	Gold	20 July 05	5 November 07
Lawrence Close, Broadhembury	7 October 07	2BB (HS)	Priority Card	11 September 06	5 November 07
St Pauls Road, Honiton	14 October 07	1BFFF	Silver	3 September 02	5 November 07
Senate Court, Exmouth	9 September 07	BSFF	Gold	10 May 05	5 November 07
Midway, Exmouth	30 September 07	3BH	Priority Card	19 June 06	12 November 07
Millmoor Vale, Newton Pophelford	16 September 07	1BB (HS)	Gold	21 December 05	12 November 07
St Georges Avenue, Axminster	21 October 07	2BB (WC)	Bronze	13 June 05	12 November 07
Delia Gardens, Rockbeare	21 October 07	1BB (HS)	Gold	27 April 01	12 November 07
Manor Close, Seaton	11 November 07	1BGFF	Gold	20 September 07	12 November 07
Moorfield Road, Exmouth	9 September 07	3BH	Gold	11 February 05	12 November 07
Meadway, Seaton	4 November 07	2BB (WC)	Gold	15 June 07	19 November 07
Whitebridges, Honiton	28 October 07	1BSFF	Gold	15 July 03	19 November 07
Morgan Court, Exmouth	18 November 07	1BFFF (WC)	Silver	27 September 07	26 November 07
Tucker Court, Honiton	7 October 07	1BFFF (HS)	Gold	11 April 06	26 November 07
Brookfield Road, East Budleigh	25 November 07	2BB (HS)	Gold	30 November 06	26 November 07
Millwey Avenue, Axminster	28 October 07	2BH	Gold	2 May 03	26 November 07
St Pauls Road, Honiton	28 October 07	2BFFF	Gold	31 August 07	26 November 07
Queens Road, Budleigh Salterton	4 November 07	1BFFF	Gold	7 March 00	26 November 07

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