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## ➤ EDDC News

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## Meetings

Please note meetings shaded pink are **NOT** open to the public

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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Committee	CL	Tuesday 29 November	9:30	CANCELLED
Office Accommodation Working Party	CL	Tuesday 29 November	18:30	Committee Room
➤ Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 30 November	17:30	Council Chamber
➤ Housing Review Board	DM	Thursday 1 December	18:00	Council Chamber
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Thursday 1 December	18:00	East Devon Business Centre, Honiton
Working Together for the Future of East Devon (further details below*)	JB #	Friday 2 December	09:00-16:00	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Committee	CL	Tuesday 6 December	9:30	CANCELLED
Development Management Committee	CEH	Tuesday 6 December	14:00	Council Chamber
Manor Pavilion Steering Committee	CEH	Tuesday 6 December	18:00	Committee Room
Strategic Development and Partnerships Think Tank (Portfolio Holder - Andrew Moulding)	PH	Wednesday 7 December	15:00	Office of Kate Little - Head of Economy
COUNCIL	DV	Wednesday 7 December	18:30	Council Chamber
Local Strategic Partnership Officer Group	CL	Thursday 8 December	09:15	Room 1
Sheltered Housing Task and Finish Forum	HW	Friday 9 December	10:00	Committee Room
Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Local Plan	DM	Friday 9 December	10:00	Council Chamber
Member Development Working Party	DV	Friday 9 December	14:00	Committee Room

\*On 2 December EDDC is hosting an event for Town and Parish Councils, voluntary and community groups and Elected Members to help them to find out more about the Coalition Government's Localism agenda as well as health, wellbeing, and welfare reforms that are happening in East Devon. Guest speakers will include representatives from Locality (the UK's leading network for community organisations), East Devon's Citizens Advice Bureau and NHS Devon.

The event also aims to bring local agencies together to improve communications between the voluntary and statutory sectors. Attendees will also have an opportunity to suggest changes to what EDDC plans to do over the next four years in its draft plans for Housing and Communities, Economy, and Environment.

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### Note: Car Parking 2 December

So that we can offer some car parking for the 120 attendees of the above event, **the middle car park will be out of use for staff on this day.** It is important to be able to offer some car parking to people from voluntary and community groups and Town and Parish Councils, some of whom have disability needs. For this one day staff are being asked to arrange to car share with someone else that works here or leave the car at home and use a bus, walk or cycle.

This event takes over from East Devon Local Strategic Partnership so that we can increase communications and listening between statutory agencies such as ourselves and voluntary agencies. This has always been important but is even more important now with national Government's Localism Act and Big Society agenda.

# Portfolio Holder's decision

## Decision put to Portfolio Holder

A decision will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

### Environment

Iain Chubb

### Continuation of Dog Warden Service

To extend our contract with Animal Wardens to provide dog warden services until 31 October 2012. The contract was for 3 years initially but is extendable for up to a further 3 years.

The present contract with Animal Wardens Limited continues to deliver a satisfactory service and is considered to be still good value for money. The Council has a statutory duty to deal with stray dogs and a number of other legal powers to deal with other issues that arise from irresponsible dog ownership. The service provided is 7 days per week and includes 24 hour kennelling provision. The recommendations are within budget and consistent with existing policy.

**Further details:** Andrew Ennis, Environmental Health Manager, Ext 1583

## Grants for marine and beach litter projects



Litter Free Coast and Sea is a local campaign to reduce marine and beach litter at source along the Dorset and East Devon coast. Dorset and East Devon schools, communities



and youth groups can apply for funding of up to £200 to carry out a marine and beach litter project at the coast or within your local community setting. The fund will be allocated to projects completed by the end of March 2012 that seek to improve the local community's understanding of marine and beach litter impacts, and/or promote practical steps to reduce the amount of publicly sourced litter.

**If you're stuck for ideas...** Perhaps you're a local Photography Club that could hold an exhibition of marine and beach litter photographs in a community hall? Or maybe a local school organising a school beach clean and might use the litter collected to make a litter sculpture or create posters that can be displayed in local shops? There is also a blank wall on the Exe Estuary Trail at Lympstone that might benefit from an inspired painted litter mural by a school or youth group!

To find out more about this fund please download the Criteria and Application Form at:

[www.jurassiccoast.com](http://www.jurassiccoast.com)

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Matilda Bark, Campaign Coordinator to discuss any potential project ideas: ✉ [m.bark@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:m.bark@dorsetcc.gov.uk) ☎ 01305 224833

Be quick! Deadline for applications: **5 December 2011**

## Devon Playing Fields Association announcement

Devon Playing Fields Association has successfully negotiated with 'The Consortium' ([www.theconsortium.co.uk](http://www.theconsortium.co.uk)) to bring excellent value for Devon Playing Fields members' purchasing requirements. As Education Supplier of the Year 2010 and 2011, the Consortium has excellent credentials and provides communities and schools with sports, outdoor play equipment, furniture, stationery, cleaning products, equipment of all kinds and storage solutions. Now, through the Devon Playing Fields Association, a discount and loyalty scheme is being implemented based on the most frequently purchased items by playing fields, sports pavilions and other community buildings. The Consortium is offering all Devon Playing Fields members a **10% discount on all purchases**.

Buying from the Consortium is easy and can be done online or through their comprehensive catalogue. To open an account please contact Louise Crow at The Consortium Exeter Office on 01392 247947 or email [louise.crow@theconsortium.co.uk](mailto:louise.crow@theconsortium.co.uk)

## Seaton Visitor Centre update

The Seaton Visitor Centre Trust has issued a press release advising that the Visitor Centre Project is now reaching a crucial stage – planning permission has been granted, the Section 106 development money is in place and, together with partners (DCC, EDDC and the Jurassic Coast Team), a joint vision has been prepared for the Centre to demonstrate and celebrate the natural wealth of the area. The interactive exhibition will include the Walk Through Time (three major eras of the Earth's history are accessible from Seaton), the two major landslips and the Axe Estuary Wetlands.



Photo by Ian Barradale: Speakers at the presentation, from left to right: Fraser Rush - East Devon Countryside Service, Doug Hulyer - Consultant to the London Wetlands Centre at Barnes and currently to EDDC, Donald Campbell - Founding Trustee of the Visitor Centre Trust and President of the Axe Vale & District Conservation Society, Sam Rose - Jurassic Coast Team, Marcus Dixon - Lyme Regis Development Trust

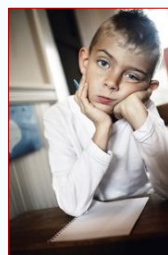
EDDC is now seeking Expressions of Interest from companies and organisations to operate the Centre as a venue for education, art and community activities for residents and tourists, and as an economic regeneration for the town.

The Trust organised a positive meeting of local invitees last week who heard from five speakers who highlighted the value of the Centre and what it could achieve.

## In the national press

### ➤ Cuts pushing mental health services to the edge

Mental health services for society's most vulnerable people are unfit for purpose, according to the findings of an independent inquiry by charity Mind. It claims a combination of rising demand and Government cuts is leaving hospital and community services at breaking point in some areas.



### ➤ Schools must engage "switched-off" pupils, warns behaviour tsar

Schools must do more to engage children who are passively "opting out" of lessons and parents of truants must face stricter penalties, the Government's adviser on behaviour has warned. While "chair-chucking boys" usually got the attention in class, schools needed to address pupils doing the minimum in lessons, said the adviser, Charlie Taylor.

### ➤ Toll lanes to beat the jams

Toll lanes to relieve the congested road network are to be built as part of a major Government drive to kick-start the economy, it is reported. Express lanes could be constructed alongside motorways and busy trunk roads.



### ➤ Fruit machines fill the gap as high street shops shut doors

Slot machines and gaming arcades are proliferating as the economic downturn forces closure of shops and leisure outlets. The study, by the National Centre of Social Research, also shows that they tend to be located in areas with high unemployment.

## Present Makers 2011



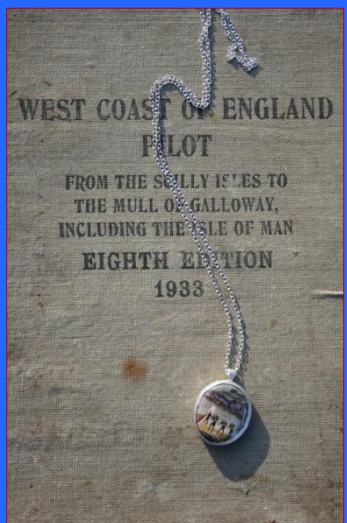
Angela Morley: decorative balls woven from a variety of natural woods



Neil Johnson: spotty ceramics



Sue Newell: delicate porcelain tea light covers in various designs



Smugglers necklace by Zoe George: silver jewellery with a nautical theme

Democratic Services 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.

### ➤ Public sector's age of austerity could last 20 years

The outgoing Chief Executive of the LGA has warned that economic pressures mean public services, and those using them, are likely to face tough times for the next two decades. In an interview with the Guardian, John Ransford said: "There was a view at the turn of the year that if we could get through the next four or five years, it might not be back exactly to milk and honey, but life would be more predictable. All the general economic stuff now suggests we will have a decade of this, arguably two decades."



### ➤ Build on the green belt, says Think Tank

Developers should be allowed to build on protected green belt land if local people agree, according to a report published by the Think Tank Policy Exchange. It also recommends that all building on brown field or previously developed sites should be allowed unless more than 50 per cent of people living nearby object.

### ➤ Sharp fall in construction of affordable homes

Delays caused by slow contract negotiations between councils and Government resulted in just 454 new affordable homes being built in the first 6 months of 2010/11 – 97% fewer than the same period last year.

### ➤ One in five local authorities poised to increase council tax

One in five local authorities is poised to increase council tax next year, despite David Cameron warning it would be a "huge mistake" to burden families with higher bills. Bob Neill, Minister for Local Government, is quoted as saying that council tax had "more than doubled" under Labour, pushing typical bills to £120 a month. The LGA, representing council leaders, has urged its members to consider "carefully" whether the government's extra grants are enough to afford a freeze.

## Present Makers 2011



**Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton**

**26 November - 23 December 2011**

This year's Present Makers exhibition at THG promises yet another dazzling collection of works by more than two dozen of the finest designer makers living and working in the South West.

Examples of ceramics, jewellery, wood and metal work, furniture, and print will all be represented. Royal Academy greetings cards, and Tate art books and games will also be for sale.

*Left: Blackbird & Figs by Cathy King (print)*

**Exhibiting Artists at PRESENT MAKERS 2011:** **Caroline Barnes** platinum decorated ceramic tiles, **Francesca Baxter-Hunter** prints, **Sue Beale** silver jewellery, **G W Bell** glass sculptures, **Rebecca Crawford** wire wall hangings, **Helen Edwards** metal and fabric wall hangings, **Zoe George** silver and acrylic jewellery, **Jenny Graham** drawings, **Claire Gunningham** vintage fabric toy dolls, **John Hall** monotypes, **John Hopper** lighting, **Sam Isaac** lamps, **Neil Johnson** ceramics, **Cathy King** linocuts, **Paula Madden** sketchbooks/notebooks/diaries, **Emma Molony** papercut baubles, **Angela Morley** woven cane work spheres, **Sue Newell** porcelain candle holders, **Tim Oldham** wood furniture, **Robert Parker** wooden chopping boards, **Joanna Rivett** collage, **Sue Rouillard** vessels, **Hesta Singlewood** knitted jewellery, **Mike Tingle** copper etchings, **Nicola Werner** ceramics, and others.

THG will be closed for Christmas from 5pm 23 December 2011 to 10am 3 January 2012.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LX 10am – 5pm Tues – Sat

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