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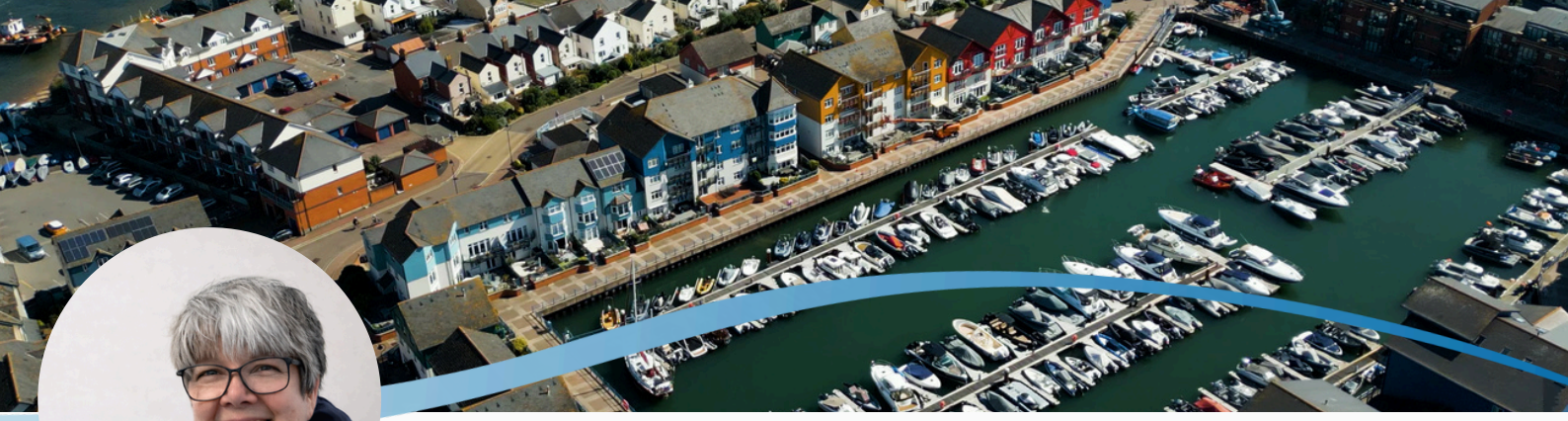
A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 25/26



Looking to the future to improve the quality of life for Exmouth residents, the experience of visitors and build on the characteristics which make Exmouth special.

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Town Clerk

LISA BOWMAN

This year has been one of significant activity and collaboration for Exmouth Town Council, with a sustained focus on representing the community's interests throughout a period of strategic planning and national policy change.

The Council has played an active role in responding to the emerging Local Plan, engaging with stakeholders and offering detailed local insight to ensure that Exmouth's priorities—particularly around housing, infrastructure, the public realm, and the environment—are well represented. This work has included strengthening our evidence base, responding to consultations, and working closely with district partners to try and advocate for sustainable development that protects Exmouth's distinct character while supporting future growth.

Preparation for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has also been a key area of work. Although current indications suggest that town and parish councils like Exmouth may not be significantly affected in the early stages, the council has taken a proactive approach—drawing on learning from other regions and contributing to the Devon Association of Local Councils' evidence-gathering process. Discussions have acknowledged that the proposed unitary arrangements are initially likely to impact district and county structures most directly, but they will undoubtedly bring longer-term opportunities for the devolution of assets and services to Town Councils and we are working hard to prepare for that. Public communication remains central to this work, with ongoing efforts to improve transparency and encourage greater community engagement with council initiatives and consultations.

Throughout the year, we have also continued to progress key strategic projects, such as the acquisition of Exmouth Town Hall, and support the varied work of the council's working parties.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to councillors, staff, volunteers, partner organisations, and residents for their continued support and collaboration. Looking ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that Exmouth's voice is heard clearly—both in shaping local policy and in navigating the forthcoming changes to local government across Devon.

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LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR





To be entrusted by my fellow Town Councillors to undertake the role of Chair of Council was, and is, a privilege and a responsibility I do not take lightly, My appointment marked the beginning of, what can only be described as, a steep learning curve. Having served just two years as a Town Councillor, and with no previous background in local authority work, I entered the role with enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a healthy respect for the complexities of public service.

From the outset, I was fortunate to be guided by a truly exceptional professional team. I owe a considerable debt of gratitude to our Town Clerk, Lisa Bowman, whose patience, knowledge, and steady hand have proved invaluable. Lisa has steered me through the intricacies of local government, through what often feels like a minefield of statutory rules, regulations, protocols, and procedures. Importantly, Lisa has also not shy about reining me in when my enthusiasm threatened to outrun propriety.

The office of 'Chair' brings with the responsibility to ensure business at council meetings is conducted appropriately, the meeting runs smoothly and all business is properly considered. The Chair is also considered to be the 'public face' of the council, will represent the council at official events and in Exmouth also fulfils the role of Mayor.

I have, as Chair, worked closely with the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Officers and Chairs of our Working Parties to help with the direction of travel for the council and the services we undertake.
This year in particular has been of added interest as central Government has embarked on a Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme, which will lead to the replacement of county councils and district councils. One of the government's LGR objectives is to create clearer, more sustainable local government structures as a crucial step towards "empowering communities". Negotiations are underway between Exmouth Town Council and EDDC / DCC and other local councils, to attempt to quantify the impact of this initiative on the future role of Exmouth Town Council. As Chair, I work alongside the Town Clerk in this process.

Finally, my sincerest gratitude to my fellow councillors, the town council staff, our maintenance team and the volunteers involved in providing services to our community. You are all invaluable to the well-being of Exmouth. Thank You.

Councillor Graham Deasy

CHAIR OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



Exmouth Town Council's Finance Committee

Alex Sadiq

CHAIR OF FINANCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER'S

Cllr A Sadiq (Chair)
Cllr A Woodward
Cllr C Nicholas
Cllr D Poor
Cllr F Caygill
Cllr J Whibley
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr M Hall
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Cllr S Gazzard

Exmouth Town Council's Finance Committee meets once a quarter and has delegated responsibility for monitoring the Council's budget.

For the year ending 31 March 2026, the council budgeted to spend £1,078,734 across its range of services. £934,434 of this was raised via a precept request to East Devon District Council (EDDC), which is recovered via the council tax billing process. The remaining income comes from a variety of other funding sources, including Exmouth Town Council's own reserves and external funding.

The committee is also responsible for reviewing and approving grant applications which are administered under the council's grant and service level agreement policies. So far in 2025/26, a total of £49,800 has been awarded to a range of community groups, local services, and charitable organisations and this funding reflects the council's commitment to supporting health and wellbeing, community development, cultural activities and local environmental initiatives.

Each year, the council's financial accounts and statements must be examined by an independent internal auditor appointed by the council. For the year 2025/26 this will be Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants. The council is also required to complete an Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) which includes the findings of the internal auditor, together with governance statements and year-end financial statements. The AGAR is then submitted to the independent external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission for examination, PFK Littlejohn LLP. There is a public inspection process, but the full Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) documents and internal audit reports are also available to view on our website, where you can view details of payments for goods and services over £500 and grants to local not-for-profit organisations.



Chair of Planning

COUNCILLOR
JOE WHIBLEY

"Exmouth Town Council have commented on 207 planning applications and multiple licensing applications"

Planning Committee Member's

Cllr J Whibley (Chair)
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Cllr G Deasy
Cllr M Rosser
Cllr T Dumper

Exmouth Town Council's Planning Committee

Exmouth Town Council's Planning Committee is a statutory consultee for planning issues affecting the town. It meets fortnightly to discuss and comment on planning applications which have been accepted and are being processed by East Devon District Council. These applications include the development of new dwellings, change of use, extensions, advertisements and works to listed buildings and trees. We are guided by the National Planning Policy Framework, East Devon District Council's Local Plan and Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan when compiling our responses.

We also comment and make representation, where necessary, on the district council's licensing and street naming consultations. Occasionally, a town council representative will attend the district council's planning committee meeting to add weight to our views. The committee comprises a cross section of 11 members from all five wards. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can make representations.

2025/2026 has been a busy year for the Committee. We have deliberated and commented on 207 planning applications and multiple licensing applications.

We have also contributed to the emerging local plan consultation and raised concerns through that process about the level of development that is proposed for the town in future, particularly in the context of ongoing infrastructure pressures.



Deputy Town Clerk

CHETNA JONES

Community Resilience

The purpose of creating Community Resilience Plans (CRP) is to increase the resilience within local communities to be able to support their residents during an emergency.

In nearly all cases, emergencies are dealt with by the emergency services with local authorities and key agencies such as Environment Agency or utility companies. However, there may be circumstances, such as extensive flooding, heavy snow or severe storm damage where the arrival of the emergency services could be delayed or stretched to capacity, or when essential utilities and highways access may be compromised.



Flood gate volunteers testing the flood gates at Morton Crescent

When this happens, communities can really benefit from some local planning to help themselves in the early stages of an emergency whilst waiting for the local authority to provide support.

We have this last year been testing our Emergency Plan both as a table-top exercise and a hands-on exercise. Our strong team of Local Emergency Responders have been identifying how well the Emergency Plan works and what needs improving, learning from the unexploded bomb incident at Exmouth Marina.

We require more volunteers to join us in supporting the community during an emergency.

If you are interested in helping and would like further information,
please contact the town council office on 01395 276167 or email reception@exmouth.gov.uk

Town Maintenance



Since 2020, Exmouth Town Council's Town Maintenance Team has been growing from strength to strength. The team continues to maintain various flowerbeds, flower towers, troughs and hanging baskets as well as maintaining street furniture, road weed clearing and graffiti cleaning on highway assets.

Our Town Maintenance Team has seen a few changes since last April. We welcomed a new member of staff, Joe Hutchings to our existing team of Tony Slinn, Peter Habgood and Stephen Greenway.



We brought some colour into the Magnolia Centre, particularly around the seating area by introducing hanging baskets and generally tidying up the area.

We have worked closely again this year with Exmouth in Bloom by coordinating our flower colour scheme, as well as supporting them with clearing of beds in and around the underpass and watering of the wavy bed.

TACKLING WEEDS IN EXMOUTH

A PRACTICAL SOLUTION





Exmouth Town Council is working hard to reduce weeds in the outlying parts of Exmouth.

The Town Maintenance Team has, for a few years, been out and about with a push-along weed-ripping machine, removing weeds and manually sweeping and collecting the detritus and waste. The council made the decision to acquire a compact road sweeper to enable the team to work more efficiently.

WHY IS THE TOWN COUNCIL DOING THIS?

WEEDS IN EXMOUTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE OUTLYING AREAS, ARE GETTING WORSE ...



- Roads are not swept as often, and detritus forms a perfect bed in which weeds settle and grow.
- Grass is cut less often and, in some places, left to go wild meaning it goes to seed and spreads onto roads and pavements.
- Chemical weed sprays are no longer used.

Having carried out due diligence to verify the need and effectiveness of acquiring the machine it was agreed to acquire a Hako Citymaster 1650 with weed attachment on a contract hire basis.

COUNCILLOR IAN KIRVAN, CHAIR OF THE TOWN MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY SAID:



"We're delighted to have received this new piece of equipment which is making a positive difference to our town. I, like many residents have been very disappointed by the withdrawal of services such as lengthsmen to clear roads and pavements, frequent drain and gully cleaning as well as general maintenance of roads and verges and am pleased that at a local level Exmouth town council is leading the way to take on these jobs to improve the overall appearance and cleanliness of the town."



Zoey Cooper

CLIMATE OFFICER

TACKLING THE CLIMATE & NATURE CRISIS

February brought exciting news: as finalists in the Star Council Awards ("Climate Response of the Year"), we were invited to the House of Lords — and came home winners! Various representatives from our Climate Working Party will also attend a Royal Garden Party in May, continuing to champion positive behaviour change and encourage us all to "tread more lightly".

It's nice to be recognised for our good work, but with increasing local evidence of climate change, work continues apace under our Climate Action Plan. We're focusing on Food, Energy, Transport, Waste and the Natural Environment. We support **active travel** through the Active Travel Exmouth group, encouraging Exmouth folk to leave their cars at home, and try walking, wheeling or cycling. And we'll be hosting community bike rides over the spring and summer.

Our **waste reduction and reuse** efforts remain strong, with community clothes swaps, workshops on reusable period products, new cigarette butt ballot bins and three (soon to be four) Exmouth Cup return points.

Coming soon is our **mobile eco-hub** — an upcycled electric tuk-tuk, powered by the sun. It will take exhibitions and interactive games into the community, helping us inspire more people to tread more lightly and future-proof Exmouth for generations to come. You can find our Climate Action Plan here: www.exmouth.gov.uk/tackling-the-climate-ecological-emergency/









Sustainable SHORES



FOOD

To highlight the benefits of eating less meat and dairy for our planet, health and wallets, we supported and hosted a range of events this year — from a film screening at Scott's to plant-milk tastings at Exmouth Community College and Bring & Share lunches at Sideshore with Plant-Based Exe-Change. This year, we're hosting 30-day vegan challenges and working with Visit Exmouth to spotlight local cafés and eateries serving great plant-based options.



EVENTS & COMMUNICATION

We've partnered with Visit Exmouth to launch "Sustainable Shores", celebrating how to enjoy Exmouth the sustainable way and strengthening our reputation as a green place to visit. We've also continued to reduce the carbon footprint of Exmouth Festival, spreading a fun and eco-friendly message. And this year's "Craft Your Christmas" was bigger than ever, with swaps, workshops, festive bakes and a mince-pie tasting — free and open to all.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

We host a bi-annual Tree Forum with county, district and local partners to coordinate Exmouth's tree work and increase access to free and low-cost trees, helping us plant and protect more across the town. This year we planted trees in the Avenues, are working with the Rotary Club to find space for 100 more. We actively encourage residents to rewild gardens and support local wildlife, giving talks in care homes and other local organisations.



ENERGY

Last year, we teamed up with ECOE Advice to offer four free retrofit audits in Exmouth, helping households cut carbon, save money, and stay warm. This February, Polly Meyrick's wonderful exhibition "We Are All People Of Power" was in the library, where we also hosted Polly's short film along with talks from energy experts and local householders who had made retrofit improvements to their homes. Details of the four retrofit audits were made available.





Veronica Boatman

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICER

Exmouth Tourist Information

The 2025/2026 year has been another positive and engaging period for Exmouth Tourist Information, as we continue to support visitors, residents, and the town's tourism economy. Our team of dedicated volunteers has once again been at the heart of our service, offering a warm welcome and extensive local knowledge throughout the year.

This year, we were delighted to introduce a new initiative inviting local attractions and businesses to showcase themselves in our shop window. This has been extremely well received by both visitors and participating organisations. Highlights included eye-catching displays from World of Country Life, Stuart Line Cruises, Arty Boat, Exmouth Pavilion, the RNLI, and Exmouth Museum. These rotating features not only brightened our frontage but also encouraged visitors to explore more of what Exmouth has to offer.

Footfall for the year totalled 7,746 visitors, reflecting a steady and healthy demand for in-person information services. The most frequently requested resources were leaflets, the Exmouth town map, and bus information, demonstrating the importance of accessible, printed materials for helping people navigate and enjoy the area.









We also acknowledge a moment of deep sadness this year with the loss of one of our long-serving volunteers, Bernice, whose dedication, warmth, and commitment enriched our service for many years. Bernice's contribution will be long remembered, and is greatly missed by volunteers, staff, and visitors alike. As we look forward to the coming year, Exmouth Tourist Information remains committed to offering friendly, reliable support while championing the businesses, attractions, and community spirit that make our town so special.

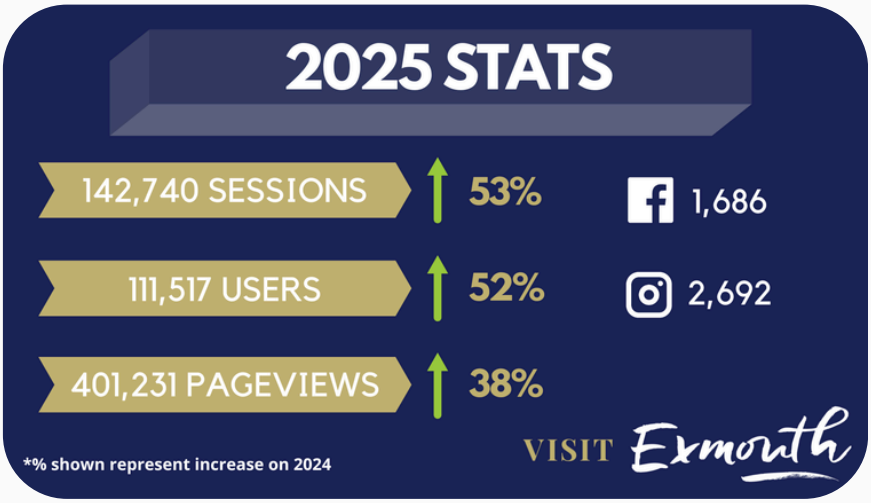


Visit Exmouth

Visit Exmouth has continued to play a central role in promoting the town, supporting local businesses, and strengthening Exmouth's profile as one of Devon's leading coastal destinations. Over the past year, our work has focused on digital growth, partnership development, and enhancing the resources that improve both the visitor experience and the town's economic vitality.
Our digital platforms performed exceptionally well this year. Website analytics recorded substantial growth, with sessions increasing by 53%, users by 52%, and page views by 38%. These results demonstrate rising interest in Exmouth as both a leisure destination and a hub for group travel, alongside the effectiveness of our ongoing online marketing strategy.

A significant milestone was achieving Coach Friendly Status, supporting our commitment to making Exmouth more accessible and appealing to coach operators, tour organisers, and the wider group-travel market.

Networking remained fundamental to our work. We delivered successful business events at A La Ronde and the Royal Beacon Hotel, strengthening collaboration across the local visitor economy. In partnership with the Climate Officer, we also hosted an informal workshop exploring what makes Exmouth's sustainability offer unique and identifying practical ways to integrate sustainable messaging into both business branding and Visit Exmouth's wider promotional work.



We also introduced a newly updated town map, which is now in circulation across the area. Looking ahead, work is underway on a refreshed edition of the Destination Guide, alongside a brand-new Groups and Travel Trade Guide that builds on the success of achieving Coach Friendly Status. Both publications are designed to support local businesses and further enhance the quality of visitor information available.

This year, our Tourism Officer will be attending the British Tourism & Travel Show (BTTS), which offers a valuable platform for showcasing destinations to national buyers, tour operators, and wider industry professionals.

Exmouth Town Council remains committed to supporting Visit Exmouth in its work with local businesses and regional partners to champion the town, drive sustainable tourism growth, and ensure Exmouth continues to thrive as a welcoming and vibrant coastal destination.



Jessica Magill

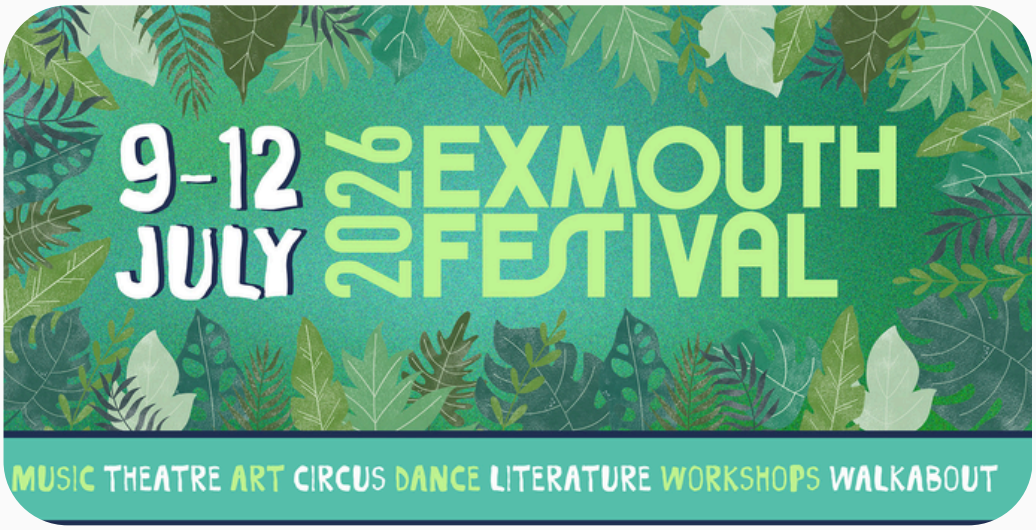
ARTS OFFICER

Exmouth Festival 2025: Stories from the Sea and So Much More

In 2025, Exmouth Festival returned with the theme Stories From The Sea, celebrating Exmouth's coastal identity through a vibrant programme of music, arts and community activity. The festival once again took place across multiple locations in the town, creating a lively and interconnected atmosphere as residents and visitors moved between venues. Feedback from festivalgoers was extremely positive, particularly in relation to the quality and variety of performances and the inclusive, family-friendly nature of the event.

Manor Gardens served as the main festival hub, hosting live music on the bandstand alongside circus performances, workshops, eco-themed activities and street food. Activity also took place at The Strand, with performances from local choirs, dancers and community groups, and at Sideshore, where visitors engaged with marine-themed art, environmental activities and family play spaces.

A new addition for 2025 was the use of Queens Drive Event Space, which provided an alternative stage focused on emerging and youth talent and broadened the festival's footprint across the town. The popular Silent Disco returned on Friday evening and was once again a well-attended highlight. Exmouth Festival 2025 remained largely free to attend, ensuring it continued to be accessible and inclusive for residents and visitors alike. The success of the festival reinforced its importance as a key community event and a valued feature of Exmouth's cultural calendar.



2026 FESTIVAL
Looking ahead, Exmouth Festival 2026 is scheduled to take place from Thursday 9 July to Sunday 12 July, based at Manor Gardens and various venues across the town. It will continue as a free community festival, with sustainability deeply embedded, and will feature live music, theatre, circus and local food.



Exmouth Winter Festival, Bringing Festive Cheer to the Town

Exmouth Town Council was delighted to deliver the annual Exmouth Winter Festival on Saturday 29th November 2025, as the town officially marked the start of the Christmas season.

The free, family-friendly event ran from mid-afternoon into the evening and culminated in the much-anticipated Christmas tree light switch-on. Compèred by Mandi Cox, the festival featured a vibrant programme of live performances showcasing local talent, including Exmouth Churches Together, Talent Box, La La Choir, Centre Stage, Exmouth Youth Theatre, and the East Devon All Stars majorette troupe.



The Strand came alive with walkabout entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening, with the Spirit of Winter stilt walkers, Santa's Elves and their 'Goodometer', and festive hoop performances by Angie Mack, including a spectacular LED glow show after dark, delighting visitors of all ages.

A highlight of the evening was the lantern parade, which set off from Holy Trinity Church and made its way through the town centre before arriving in The Strand. Led by the lively sounds of the Little Big Horns, the parade featured handmade lanterns created by local schools, community groups, and members of the public, creating a magical and inclusive spectacle. Lantern-making sessions held in advance helped encourage wide participation, with a strong emphasis on safe, LED-only lighting.



Tree donated by Kings Garden Centre

Visitors were also able to enjoy free festive craft activities, along with seasonal food and drink stalls, helping to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The event encouraged residents and visitors alike to support Exmouth's local shops and businesses, many of which opened late for the occasion, reinforcing the importance of shopping locally during the festive period.

The festival concluded with the Mayor of Exmouth switching on the Christmas tree lights to enthusiastic applause. Exmouth Town Council extends its sincere thanks to all performers, volunteers, community groups, local businesses, and visitors who contributed to another successful Winter Festival, which once again celebrated creativity, togetherness, and our strong sense of community.



Graham Deasy

MAYOR OF EXMOUTH



Understanding the Role of Mayor / Chair

The Mayor is a more visible, public-facing position putting 'community' at the heart of the role. It is about engagement, valuing and appreciating our town as well as representing Exmouth at a vast array of events, ceremonies, openings, commemorations, celebrations, and community gatherings.

In 33 weeks, from May last year to the end of February this year, as Mayor, I have attended a total of 149 events, and as Chair of Council, 134 meetings. I am so pleased that 10 years ago I decided to pull back from the world of work to enjoy a relaxing, restful retirement !

Taking over from Councillor Joe Whibley, last year, I hit the ground running, when on my first event, on a sweltering May day, clad in full robes and regalia, I found myself stumbling out an address, in my somewhat lame 'schoolboy French', to greet our twinning visitors from Dinan. Fortunately for me, they were most polite and gracefully accepted my meagre attempts to welcome them in their native tongue. It certainly taught me that mistakes are forgiven, enthusiasm is welcomed, and sincerity counts for far more than perfection. From that moment on, life as Mayor became something akin to a runaway train! It has been, and is, exhilarating, unpredictable, occasionally daunting, but never dull ... and I enjoy every moment.

I've also had the wonderful honour of being your representative on Civic occasions such as VJ Day, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day Services.











I have been the civilian Guest-of-Honour at King's Squad Passing Out Parade at CTCRM Lympstone; I've led the Christmas Festival parade and switched on the town Christmas tree lights. I have also re-instated some traditions, such as appointing a Mayor's Cadet (Rosalie, a Sea Cadet) and we have established an annual, 'HMS Exmouth Day' (20th January). A Civic Service was re-introduced to express the town's gratitude to the Emergency Services, charitable organisations, residents, and volunteers, together with businesses and councils who serve us all.



It isn't, however, just about prestigious gatherings, but also the 'everyday'. I have been so fortunate to attend local shows, plays, concerts and sporting occasions. I've cut ribbons at shops, visited nursing homes and charities, attended memorial services, been to school assemblies and play groups, opened fayres and fetes, been guest at dinners and award ceremonies, plus many other 'happenings', too numerous to mention.

Time and again, I have encountered individuals and groups who give freely of their time, energy, and compassion for the benefit of others — volunteers working quietly behind the scenes, charities supporting the most vulnerable, clubs and associations fostering inclusion, wellbeing, and friendship. All are contributing to the rich tapestry of life in Exmouth. The sheer breadth of activity that takes place here evidences the extraordinary level of civic engagement within our town. Witnessing such kindness proved both humbling and heartening. It reinforced my belief that while buildings and infrastructure are important, it is people who truly define a town.





I am indebted to my family for their support and encouragement, and to the Deputy Mayor, Dianne Conduit for her assistance and backing. Not forgetting, as if I could, Mollie Carey, the Mayor's Secretary, without whom I could not, and most probably would not, have coped … or so she tells me!!

thank you one and all.



Remembrance Sunday 2025

Exmouth Town Council, together with the Exmouth Branch of the Royal British Legion, was honoured to host the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service on Sunday 9th November 2025 in The Strand.

Remembrance Sunday provides a national moment to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember members of the Armed Forces and their families from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role of the emergency services, and all those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

The parade, coordinated by the Royal British Legion (Exmouth Branch), formed up on Imperial Road before proceeding along Victoria Road to The Strand. The service was led by Reverend Steve Jones of Holy Trinity Church and included the traditional Act of Remembrance, the sounding of the Last Post, a two-minute silence at 11.00am, Reveille, and the wreath-laying ceremony by representatives from the Armed Forces, uniformed organisations, community groups, dignitaries, and local children on behalf of businesses and residents.



We were pleased to welcome a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter this year, ensuring the service was widely accessible. Exmouth Town Council would like to thank everyone who attended to pay their respects, and we extend our sincere appreciation to the Royal British Legion (Exmouth Branch), Exmouth Town Concert Band, Reverend Steve Jones, parade marshals, security and first aid teams, and all those who supported the organisation of this important civic event. For further information regarding Remembrance Sunday arrangements, please contact reception on 01395 276167 or email reception@exmouth.gov.uk

VE & VJ DAY



In 2025, Exmouth Town Council marked the 80th anniversaries of both Victory in Europe (VE) Day and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day with a series of respectful and well-attended commemorative events. VE Day was observed on 8 May with a full programme combining reflection and celebration, including a community picnic in Manor Gardens, a memorial service on The Strand, the ringing of church bells across the town, a formal proclamation and the lighting of a beacon at Imperial Recreation Ground, joining hundreds of communities nationwide.

VJ Day was commemorated on 15 August with a reflective service on The Strand, marking 80 years since the end of the war in the Far East and the Pacific. The service was led by Reverend Steve Jones, in collaboration with the Royal British Legion and Exmouth Town Council.



Exmouth Beach Wheelchairs - 2025 season



The Exmouth Beach Wheelchair Service will reopen in Spring 2026, continuing to provide inclusive access to Exmouth's seafront for residents and visitors. Operated by Exmouth Town Council from our purpose-built unit on Queens Drive, near the Lifeboat Station, the service offers specially adapted beach wheelchairs free of charge, with donations welcomed to support its operation.

The 2025 season saw strong demand, including use by local residential homes, community groups, schools, residents and visitors. The service remains a valued part of the council's commitment to accessibility and community wellbeing.

The Council extends its thanks to our dedicated volunteers and supporters. Volunteer recruitment is now underway for 2026 — please contact us via beachwheelchairs@exmouth.gov.uk or call 01395 276167 for further information.

Gorfin Hall, Community Hall

CLAREMONT LANE,
EXMOUTH EX8 2LE



Gorfin Hall is a small community building owned and managed by Exmouth Town Council. Located off Salterton Road, it offers a modern, flexible space suitable for a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, meetings, fitness classes, and children's parties. The hall can accommodate up to 60 people and includes a kitchen, toilets, and on-site parking. Monday to Friday, the building is in daily use by a local nursery, Sunshine Preschool, providing an important early years facility within the community.

During the year, Exmouth Town Council's Premises and Assets Working Party oversaw the upgrade of the fire alarm system, improving safety and ensuring continued compliance for all users of the building. Gorfin Hall has continued to support a strong programme of regular hires, with evening and weekend classes taking place alongside committee meetings and community group use. The hall has also been well used for private bookings, including Christmas wreath-making events, birthday parties, family celebrations, and friendly social gatherings, reinforcing its role as a valued and well-used community space.

Your Town Councillors



Cllr Aurora Bailey
Brixington Ward



Cllr Fred Caygill
Brixington Ward



Cllr Maddy Chapman
Brixington Ward



Cllr Andrew Colman
Brixington Ward



Cllr Ian Kirvan
Brixington Ward



Cllr Cherry Nicholas
Brixington Ward



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Cllr Daniel Wilson
Halsdon Ward



Cllr Brian Bailey
Littleham Ward



Cllr Graham Deasy
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Cllr Mark Williamson
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Cllr Olly Davey
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Cllr Alex Sadiq
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LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

Who Does What?

Exmouth Town Council

Bus Shelters - but not all of them!
Bike collection recycling service
CCTV
Community Resilience
Dinosaurs
Exmouth Festival & Arts
Festive Lighting: Seafront & Christmas Lights
Footpath maintenance
Gorfin Hall & Jubilee Clock Tower
Local Grants
Local Information Notice Boards: Magnolia Kiosk & London Road Inn Car Park
Planning: General & Neighbourhood
Supplementary Town Maintenance (e.g. street furniture, graffiti, litter, overgrowth, weeds)
Tourist Information Service
Beach Wheelchairs

If you need to speak to us about any of the above please contact us via our website www.exmouth.gov.uk or email us on reception@exmouth.gov.uk

East Devon District Council

Beaches & Seaside
Benefits & Council Tax
Community Safety
Elections & Registering to Vote
Environmental Maintenance & Dangerous Structures
Food Hygiene & Safety
Gardens, Parks & Recreation, Countryside, Trees, Memorial Benches & Cemeteries
Housing & Homelessness
Licensing (Events; Charity Collections, Pop-up Shops)
Litter, Graffiti & Fouling Clearance, Street Cleaning (Streetscene)
Local Information Notice Boards: Manor Gardens & LED Leisure Centre
Lost Animals
Parking (public car parks)
Pest and Noise Control
Planning & Building Control
Public Toilets
Recycling/Refuse (Kerbside) & Fly tipping reports
Regeneration of Exmouth

If you need to speak to EDDC about any of the above please contact via their website www.eastdevon.gov.uk or email on csc@eastdevon.gov.uk

Devon County Council

Adoption & Fostering
Blue Badges and Bus Passes
Flyposting & Unauthorised Advertising
Highways (road/pavement maintenance, e.g. drains, potholes, verges, gritting, traffic & streetlights; licensing for roadworks, skips, scaffolding, etc.)
Libraries & Archives
Parking (on-road)
Parking Permits for Langerwehe & Victoria Ways businesses and 7-day-stays
Public Transport
Recycling Centres
Registration Services (Births, Marriages, Deaths)
Residential Homes
Rights of Way incl. Exe Estuary Trail, Foot/Cycle paths
Schools & Youth Services
Social Services (Care Direct; Family, Children & Carers Support; Independent Living)
Trading Standards
Traffic Management

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