

November 2025 Monthly Parish Report

Joint Advisory Committee Grand Western Canal (JAC GWC) 6 October

Chair Cllr Les Cruwys (MDDC), Vice Chair Simon Clist (DCC)

There was an update from Aggregate Industries re water transfer – the latest hold up was because of the backlogs at the Environment Agency – now moving forward. Mark Baker, the Grand Western Canal Manager, introduced the draft Management Plan 2026-2039. The purpose of the document is to provide a framework for the current and future management and maintenance of the Grand Western Canal Country Park. This version covers from 2026 to 2030. The plan is a statement of Devon County Council's commitment to ensuring that the Country Park continues to provide high quality services to the citizens and visitors to Devon. The Plan can be accessed here:

[mgConvert2PDF.aspx](#)

In addition a Working Group was convened 30 October to discuss the draft Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

[Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy \(LNRS\) | Devon County Council](#)

Recycling

Following a successful pilot MDDC will be recycling pots and pans

[Mid Devon launches permanent recycling collections for unusable metal pots and pans](#)

Active Mid Devon is teaming up with Libraries Unlimited to support the community's health and wellbeing with a free drop-in event at Tiverton Library.

On Friday 7 November, from 10am until 4pm, a team from Active Mid Devon will be based in The Pod at Tiverton Library offering free health checks. **The checks include blood pressure monitoring to assess heart and artery health, and cholesterol testing** which indicates your risk of heart disease and whether lifestyle changes could help reduce it.

Read the full press release:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/free-health-checks-at-tiverton-library-this-november/>

www.middevon.gov.uk

Unpaid Carers

Active Mid Devon recently welcomed local unpaid carers to a special wellbeing drop-in session at Active Tiverton.

The session offered carers the chance to unwind, connect, and recharge, with activities including a free swim, a fitness class, and refreshments, alongside the opportunity to chat with care ambassadors and share experiences.

Following the event's success, Active Mid Devon is looking to host similar sessions in the future to continue supporting community wellbeing.

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/active-mid-devon-hosts-wellbeing-drop-in-for-unpaid-carers/>

Barriers

In response to unauthorized encampments at two of its leisure sites, Mid Devon District Council is installing new preventative measures at both Active Crediton and Active Cullompton.

Height barriers will be installed at both sites to help prevent unlawful vehicle access while still allowing regular users, such as leisure members, schools, and clubs, to continue accessing facilities.

To read the full press release:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/council-to-install-height-barriers-at-two-leisure-sites/>

Filming in Devon - opportunity - invite to Town and Parish Council's to attend this event.

Do you have a potential film location which could be the next crime drama or period piece. Town and Parish Councils may have land or assets suitable for use as film locations — from village squares and car parks to village halls.

A few villages are already listed. Now is the perfect time to learn more about the scheme, what it means to be 'film friendly,' and the benefits it could bring to the area.

Screen Devon and Mid Devon District Council have come together to share a new approach and desire to become a film friendly region. We are inviting businesses, organisations, individuals, groups, landowners and suppliers based in Mid Devon to join us to discover what being film friendly means and to hear about the benefits of attracting Film and TV productions to the area.

You are invited to attend our FREE event on Friday 28 November 2025, at Coldharbour Mill, at 10am.

For more information see our press release: [Filming in Mid Devon - Information Event](#)

To book your place visit: [SCREEN DEVON | FILMING IN MID DEVON Tickets](#), Fri, Nov 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite

Mid Devon Mobility – meeting

[Hot Food Delivery Service | Mid Devon Mobility](#)

Local Government Reorganisation & assets

Please see message from Andrew Jarrett Deputy Chief Executive (S151).

After the State of the District Debate and to add some further clarity to some current conversations with Town/Parish Councils regarding the potential of assets sales and/or transfers I would like to provide the following advice.

With regard to Local Govt. Reorganisation (LGR) all Devon Councils are in the tranche timetabled to go-live on the 1/4/28. This means a shadow authority will be created 12 months prior to this date and will become a decision making body regarding material financial decisions/transactions of all the constituent councils. Up until this date Mid Devon will still have full decision making powers with regard to asset sales/disposals, etc.

As you would imagine the Council has various processes that relate to the sale, disposal, transfer of assets. Our financial regulations dictate who/how these agreements can be made and we also have a Capital Strategy Asset Group (CSAG) who discuss/consider the more significant decisions, before making recommendations to the relevant Committee or Cabinet Member(s). To provide some further assistance I have attached the link to some details shown in our transparency pages on the website. [MDDC transparency code assets](#)

I am sure you are well aware of the District owned assets in your Towns/Parishes – but if you need any information please feel free to contact us.

If you are interested in acquiring any key assets in your locality I would recommend, in the first instance, that you contact me, or my Deputy Paul Deal, to have an initial/exploratory conversation to discuss the “art of the possible” and we can then provide you with the necessary processes, timelines, costings, etc. in order to aid your decision making.

As part of these conversations we can also discuss how we may be able to assist you in the funding of these decisions in order to smooth the impact on your precept.

Meet the Funder 22 October 2025

This was the first of what is hoped to be a series of events enabling Community Groups and those who might be able to provide funding to meet and engage. The event was well attended, in excess of 40 people – funders and community groups met and exchanged information and grant applications made.

New Resident's Survey open

The new residents survey is open. As a result of previous feedback the Council has taken a number of steps to address residents' priorities and concerns raised during previous surveys, including:

Improve leisure provision: invested in our three leisure sites with new changing facilities, improved gyms, studios and saunas as well as introduced salt based electro chlorination to the pools. A new app and swimming lesson tracker is also now live.

Reduce anti-social behaviour: working with the local police to introduce hotspot policing in Tiverton

Provide more affordable homes: sold land at Post Hill, Tiverton to facilitate the building of 70 affordable homes. Completed on new homes at St Andrews, Cullompton, Allington Terrace, Crediton, Shapland Place, Tiverton and Crofts Estate, Sandford.

Support town centres and local businesses: launched the Tiverton Work Hub and in the past year supported 342 businesses with non-financial support

Infrastructure and communities: secured £33.5 million of funding for the Cullompton Relief Road, with initial work now underway

Tackle climate change: Equivalent of 88 tonnes of CO2 saved by solar panels on council-owned properties, planted 181 large trees (each large tree is equivalent to 10 saplings), collected 262 tonnes less non-recyclable waste, equivalent to a 6.5kg reduction per household. Achieved a recycling rate of 57.9%, ranking 11 out of 197 local authorities nationally.

The new survey is available at

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/let-s-talk-mid-devon-residents-survey-2025-now-op>

Prosper

Please see the latest workshop series available for Mid Devon businesses as part of the Prosper business support programme.

Bid Writing Masterclass, Crediton

Thursday 13th November 10-2 at The Bookery, Crediton

Practical masterclass equipping businesses and potential entrepreneurs with the tools and confidence to secure funding for their next project.

AI and Automation Workshop, Exeter

Monday 24th November 9-1 at Future Skills Centre, Exeter

Practical workshop introducing businesses and potential entrepreneurs to AI and automation, with speakers from Techosaurus, Digital Link, and Cosmic.

Packaging & Waste Event (Food & Drink businesses), Stoodleigh, Tiverton

Tuesday 2nd December 10-2 at Hawke Barn in Tiverton

Find out how your Devon food or drink business can cut costs and lower its carbon footprint by improving packaging and waste management

These workshops are delivered by Prosper, a UK Shared Prosperity Funded business support programme, delivered by Devon County Council in partnership with Mid Devon District Council, East Devon District Council, and Exeter City Council.

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