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NEWSLETTER TIVERTON, NOVEMBER 2025



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

Hi everyone! It's been fabulous to get stuck into my new role here at Involve over the past few weeks. What an exciting time to join when there's so much going on in Tiverton! I can't confess to be an expert just yet, but rest assured I'm working hard to discover and make note of all the amazing groups and initiatives available to share with you over the coming weeks.

In the lead up to the most exciting time of year, Tiverton truly becomes a hive of activity. With so many unique shops and fabulous places to eat, it's a great opportunity to support local shops and eateries. Free parking in and around town over the Christmas period only adds to the joy! We've taken note of the key Christmas dates so you'll have everything to hand ready to immerse yourself in the local festivities.

I'll keep it brief for now but will be much more visible in the New Year where I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. I can't wait to hear your thoughts on how together, we can build a stronger, more positive community in Tiverton. I hope you all enjoy some treasured time off over the Christmas period, spending it with friends and family.

Alice

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OUT AND ABOUT IN TIVERTON
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CHRISTMAS BEGINS IN TIVERTON WITH AN EPIC STREET PARTY!



Tiverton was buzzing on Saturday 22nd November where we saw a jam-packed itinerary come to life, with entertainment for all ages. The Tiverton Town Band kicked it all off at 10am and throughout the day there were a number of fantastic workshops for members of the public to get involved with. Everything from soft play to circus workshops was included, and all free of charge.

In addition to a number of educational and fun workshops there was heaps of entertainment with appearances from Santa's elves and reindeer, to stilt walkers and The Mid Devon Singers.

Joey and the Lips wowed the crowds and got the whole town dancing - filling the streets with exciting, upbeat music in preparation for the grand reveal - the Christmas light switch on.

The whole day was a huge street party; a wonderful event bringing the entire community together. No group was forgotten! It will certainly be put down as a huge success and credit has to be given to those at Town Hall who planned the day.



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A FANTASTIC REMEMBERANCE PARADE

Sunday 9th November saw the annual Remembrance Sunday parade through the centre of Tiverton. It was indeed a moving tribute to the fallen. The parade was led by Tiverton Town Band and began in Fore Street, concluding with a service at St Peter's Church. It received a fantastic turnout and had representatives from Mid Devon District Council, local armed forces organisations, the mayor, cadets, and majorettes.



In addition to a terrific parade, notice must to be given to the remarkable tribute of more than 6,500 hand crocheted poppies outside of St Peters Church. These poppies were donated from all over the world and painstakingly sewn onto a huge piece of netting by Naomi Zealley from the Heathcoat Fabric Retail Shop. This impressive installation blanketed the entrance to the church for all to marvel at its glory.



A BONFIRE NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The skies of Tiverton were lit up at the start of the month to celebrate Bonfire night. Many braved the rain to attend the towns annual display at The Rugby Club on Wednesday 5th November and also had the chance to enjoy food and beverages from the bar. The majority of proceeds went to support a number charities within the club.

A second display was held on Friday 7th November at the Moorhayes Community Centre which offered locals a chance to enjoy the spectacle while supporting future events at the Community Centre through donations.

Philip White, chairman of the Moorhayes Community Association, said: "We've been putting on a display for around ten years now. It's a free display, we take donations only because it's good to give back to the community."

OUT AND ABOUT IN TIVERTON - WHAT'S GOING ON?

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A PUSH FOR A HEALTHIER TIVERTON

A link up between Tiverton Library and Active Mid Devon, aiming to improve the overall health of our community took place on 7th November. A team from Active Mid Devon set up shop in Tiverton Library and offered free health checks. The checks included blood pressure monitoring to assess heart and artery health, and cholesterol testing which indicates the risk of heart disease, alongside suggested lifestyle changes to help reduce it.

Friendly advice was provided on fitness, wellbeing, and information about the range of facilities and services available through Active Mid Devon.
Let's watch this space to see if there will be another event!

NEW FUNDING NEWS

We're very thankful to have recently been awarded with funding to raise awareness of the symptoms of gynaecological, skin, bowel and lung cancer as well as raising awareness around the screening available to test for breast, cervical and bowel cancer. Multiple events are in the pipeline as part of this work which we hope will make a difference in prevention and early diagnosis in our communities.



KEEPING YOU WARM THIS WINTER

The Warm Coat Rail is back!

This initiative, led by The Rotary Club of Tiverton, is serving a warm welcome between 10-12pm every Friday in The Library until the end of March next year.

If you're after a friendly chat, hot drink and snack, or a cosy space to connect with others, don't hesitate to swing by.

The group is located towards the rear of the library during opening hours. There is also an opportunity to donate, swap, or pick up a warm coat - all free of charge.

Note: please ensure any donations are clean and in good condition.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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6TH DECEMBER, STEP INTO CHRISTMAS

Tiverton Town Band brings you a concert of seasonal music and songs.
Tickets available for £10pp online (www.tivertontownband.org) or on the door.

7TH DECEMBER, TIVERTON PANNIER MARKET CHRISTMAS FAIR

The annual Christmas craft and gift fair is back from 10-4pm in the Pannier market. It'll be the perfect opportunity to find something special and unique for family and friends.

7TH DECEMBER, CHILDRENS DECORATION WORKSHOP

Join Rangers at the Grand Western Canal to make Christmas decorations using natural materials collected from the Country Park. Two sessions are running: 10am-12pm and 1-3pm.
Booking is essential, from £8.83 per child, tickets can be purchased from this link: https://shorturl.at/caOJk

12TH/13TH/14TH DECEMBER, WREATH MAKING EXPERIENCE

Join the Rangers at the Grand Western Canal to make a Christmas wreath and decorations using natural materials collected from the Country Park.
Booking is essential, from £16.96 and can be purchased from this link: https://shorturl.at/dNAv2

14TH DECEMBER, SANTA AND THE PIRATES SHOW

A family-friendly Christmas show at TCAT at 3pm, tickets are £12 and can be purchased from www.tivertontheatre.com.
Father Christmas has a problem, somebody has robbed his reindeers, they've nicked his naughty list AND they've 'elped themselves to his elves! When some very naughty pirates head to the North Pole and pinch the plunder of the century, is Christmas about to be cancelled?

DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS AT KNIGHTSHAYES

The house will be open and decorated for Christmas between 22nd November and 4th January (closed 24, 25 & 26 December). Father Christmas will also be there on 21st - 23rd for you to have a photo, tell him your wish list or simply come to say hello (no booking required, included in admission).

DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS AT TIVERTON MUSEUM

Step into Father Christmas's busy workshop, where preparations are in full swing for the big night!
Tickets include a craft activity and special visit with small gift included.
Children £8.50 Normal adult admission applies. Tickets can be purchased from this link:
https://shorturl.at/j44GH

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Christmas at the Museum

90 years

29th November to 23rd December

It's all aboard the postal train as we deliver letters to Father Christmas!

Can you find all the letters hidden around the museum, so that we can send them on their way?

*See the museum transformed for the festive period and post your own letter to Father Christmas in our Christmas post box.**



Father Christmas
c/o Tiverton Museum
of Mid Devon Life

*Part of normal admission.

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS!

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 4 - 6pm
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.30am - 1.30pm
Explore the museum and make a festive decoration as part of your ticket.
Children £8.50 Normal adult admission applies.
Booking essential.



TIVERTON MUSEUM
of Mid Devon Life

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ
01884 256295
Registered charity 1181976

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WHAT'S ON IN TIVERTON
NEW MUMS & TODDLER GROUPS

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HEALTHY BABIES - BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT CAFE

4 Barrington St, Tiverton EX16 6PU. Every Wednesday from 10:30 until 12:30. Pop in for a cuppa, a chat and see what's going on from weekly events to services. Breastfeeding Practitioners and Peer Supporters are there to help and support with feeding concerns. A free measuring service for maternity/nursing bras is also available plus breast pump and TENS hire.

TIDDLERS AND TODDLERS

St Pauls Church, Tiverton, EX16 5HU. Every Monday 9-11am during term time. For babies, toddlers and their carers. A great setting for children to make and build friendships and an opportunity for parents and carers to share experiences and develop friendships too.

JUMPING JELLY TOTS

Old Heathcoat School Community Centre, EX16 5JJ. Every Friday 10.00-10.45am. Action packed, exciting, interactive, friendly music & movement sessions aimed at children 0-5yrs. Tickets cost: £5 for a taster session (for a family with up to four children) and thereafter £6 per child or £9 for two children.



TEA AND TOTS BABY GROUP

St John's Catholic Primary School, EX16 8LB. Every Tuesday 2.00-3.15pm during term time. Children aged between birth and 5 years old welcome, along with their parents or carers. Staff will lead craft, snack, story and singing opportunities during the session. Sessions cost £1 per family.



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LEGO CLUB

Tiverton Library, every Saturday between 2.00-3.30pm. A fun and informal Lego Club for builders of all abilities. Recommended for children aged 5+ and their adults. Free of charge for you to enjoy.



FREE 3-WEEK FOOTBALL IN TIVERTON
18MONTH - 12 YR OLDS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Exe Valley Leisure Centre, every Monday 5.00-6.00pm.
The Football Fun Factory uses football as a vehicle for child development and places a greater emphasis on improving life skills in addition to football skills. More information here: https://shorturl.at/3h3ol



SESSIONS AT SPACE (TIVERTON YOUTH CENTRE)

Tiverton YC, Bolham Road Tiverton Devon EX16 6SG.
Juniors (years 7 & 8) Mondays 6.00-8.30pm, Inters Wednesdays (years 8, 9 & 10) 6.00-9.00pm and Olders (years 10 to 19 yr olds) Thursdays 6.30-9.00pm.
A mix of planned activities and space to meet with friends and make new ones too. No need to book, all sessions are £1, SEND sessions and support also available.



CHARGE (7-13 YR OLDS)

St George's Extension, Beck's Square Car Park, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6PJ. Taking place on Fridays at 7.00pm.
Creating a safe space for young people to relax, meet up with and make new friends. Meeting every week in term time for table football, table tennis and video gaming, as well as the occasional movie night, bowling and much more!



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MOORS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Moors Youth Football Club is a non profit Tiverton based organisation affiliated with the Devon FA. It provides football for anyone between the ages of 4 and 16. More information can be found at moorsyouth.org.

MATT FIDDES MARTIAL ARTS

Classes for the whole family from 2.5yr olds - adult. Mixed family classes also available. Combining fun with suppleness, challenge with fitness, confidence with respect to push you to become a better person and a martial artist. More information can be found here: https://shorturl.at/kVKbQ

TIVERTON SWORD FENCING CLUB

Enjoy a friendly fencing atmosphere at the heart of Devon with Tiverton Swords Fencing Club. All abilities welcome.
Ages 11-16 meet on Wednesday evenings 7.00-8.30pm at Halberton Village Hall, EX16 7AF and/or Saturday mornings 10am-12pm (all ages) in Tiverton Pannier Market. More information can be found here: www.facebook.com/TivertonSwords

STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS

Provide quality part-time training in the performing arts for children aged 4 - 19yrs old. A nurturing environment aiming to develop young potential through singing, drama and dance classes, stretching young imaginations and building confidence. More information found here: https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/.