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NEWSLETTER TIVERTON, SUMMER 2026



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY BUILDER

It has been a busy and exciting few months here at Involve, marked by our move to new offices and the launch of our Volunteer Hub above the New Hall. Alongside this, I have been meeting with a range of local organisations and attending events such as the Mid Devon Show, giving us valuable opportunities to listen to our community and better understand the needs across Tiverton.

From digital skills and basic cookery to peer support and reducing isolation, these insights are helping to shape the support and opportunities we can offer moving forward.

It has been a real pleasure to connect with so many groups, from the Social Prescribers 'Ways to Wellbeing' to long established friendship groups who have been supporting residents for many years. We are working closely with both to help secure funding and ensure their vital work can continue.

A particular highlight has been the growth of the Vintage Farmers group, which has attracted fantastic local interest. We were especially grateful to the Vale Veterinary Group for hosting a recent session, complete with an informative talk and a cream tea. It is a wonderful example of local businesses giving back and supporting their community.

Alice

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TIVERTON NEWS

It has been a busy and uplifting few months in Tiverton, with a real sense of community spirit shining through a range of local events and activities. One highlight has been Tiverton In Bloom, with the popular scarecrow trail bringing colour, creativity and connection to the town. It has been wonderful to see residents, businesses and community groups come together, creating a vibrant display and strengthening local pride.

Local schools and youth groups have remained active, hosting summer fairs, sports days and end-of-term celebrations, continuing to bring families together and strengthen community connections.

The Junior Park Run in Westexe Park continues to thrive, with over 70 children attending regularly. The team are always looking for volunteers, so please do get in touch if you can spare a couple of hours on a Sunday morning.

A key milestone for Involve Mid Devon has been the successful launch of our Volunteer Hub, helping people find meaningful volunteering opportunities while supporting local organisations to recruit and retain volunteers. The launch also provided a valuable space for organisations to network.

We also had a fantastic day at the Mid Devon Show, speaking with hundreds of residents and gathering valuable insights into local needs, while raising awareness of health and wellbeing.





OUR VOLUNTEER HUB



Involve's official Volunteer Hub has launched with a physical presence in Tiverton located above the New Hall in Barrington Street.

The hub is designed to make it easier for people in the local area to get involved in their community. The hub offers a welcoming first step into volunteering, providing information, guidance and personalised support to help individuals find opportunities that suit their interests, skills and availability. Whether someone is looking to give back, build confidence, or meet new people, the aim is to ensure that everyone feels supported to take that first step.



Alongside supporting individuals, the Volunteer Hub also works closely with local organisations, helping them to recruit, manage and retain volunteers effectively. By strengthening connections between people and groups, the hub plays a key role in building a more resilient and connected community. Through improved access to opportunities and ongoing support, we are helping to grow a culture of volunteering across Mid Devon, ensuring that both volunteers and organisations can thrive.

For more information contact Simone: volunteerservicelead@involve-middevon.org.uk, or Katie: volunteercoordinator@involve-middevon.org.uk

DEVON CONNECT



Devon Connect is a free online community hub where residents, organisations and practitioners can easily find and share information about local activities, services, events and volunteering opportunities. It is designed to bring communities together, reduce isolation and make it simpler for people to discover what is happening in their local area.

The platform also links with social prescribing systems, meaning anything shared can be used by health professionals to support signposting. We are actively encouraging organisations across the voluntary sector to make use of Devon Connect, while also promoting it within the community as a go-to place for finding local opportunities. For any queries or support using the platform, please contact tivertoncb@involve-middevon.org.uk

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TIVERTON VINTAGE FARMERS

Our Vintage Farmers group continues to thrive, with regular attendance of 30 to 40 people at each monthly meet-up. The group provides a vital space for retired and semi-retired farmers to come together, share stories and support one another, helping to reduce isolation across our rural communities. We are also grateful to have recently received a donation from James Pryce Tractors, which will go towards a special summer trip, giving members the opportunity to enjoy a horse-drawn barge journey along the canal.



A recent highlight was a fantastic morning hosted by Vale Veterinary Group in Tiverton. The group were treated to an insightful and engaging talk from Andy Biggs, who shared reflections on how the dairy industry has evolved over the years, sparking lively conversation among attendees. Guests also enjoyed a delicious cream tea, complete with homemade scones, and each farmer was given a mug to take home. We are incredibly grateful to the team at Vale Veterinary Group for their warm welcome and generous hospitality, which made the day feel truly special for everyone involved.

Special thanks to: Jame Pryce Tractors and Vale Veterinary Group.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th August at Heathcoat Hall, starting at 10am, and new members are always welcome.

James Pryce Tractors

the VALE veterinary group



COMMUNITY WELLBEING ALLIANCE

Our latest Community Wellbeing Alliance meeting took place on 23rd June at the Heathcoat Community Centre, bringing together 13 organisations from across Tiverton and the surrounding area. It was a really positive and productive session, with a valuable presentation from Healthwatch focusing on digital inclusivity and the challenges many people face in accessing online services. The discussion sparked useful conversations and shared learning among attendees.

These meetings continue to be an important space for local organisations to connect, share updates and collaborate, helping to strengthen support across the community. The next Tiverton meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 10am. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact Alice (tivertoncb@involve-middevon.org.uk).

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TIVERTON CANCER SUPPORT

Our Tiverton Peer to Peer Cancer Support Group offers a warm and welcoming space for anyone affected by cancer, whether personally or through supporting a loved one. Meeting monthly at 10am in Sandy's Café, the group provides an opportunity to come together in a relaxed setting, share experiences and connect with others who understand the challenges that cancer can bring. It is a supportive environment where people can talk openly, listen, and feel less alone.



Each session lasts around an hour, creating a gentle and accessible space for conversation, encouragement and mutual support. Whether you are looking to share your story or simply sit with others who understand, you would be very welcome to join.

Our next cancer support session will be on Tuesday 4th August at 10am. Contact Alice for more information.

MID DEVON CANCER AWARENESS PROJECT



Our Cancer Awareness Project continues to grow across Mid Devon, with a focus on raising awareness of the most common cancers and encouraging people to take up screening. In recent months, we have been out in the community capturing case study videos, sharing leaflets through partner organisations, and hosting a breast cancer pop-up in Crediton, providing accessible information, signposting and supportive conversations to help people feel more confident about checking and seeking help.

We also delivered our first Community Day in partnership with Active Crediton, creating an engaging and approachable way to reach more people. This has led to further collaboration, with plans now underway for a similar event at the Active Tiverton Centre this autumn.

Through this work, we aim to continue breaking down barriers and supporting earlier diagnosis across our communities.

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LISTENING EVENTS



"I really value our listening events, usually held at Tiverton Library. They offer a valuable opportunity to connect with residents and gain a better understanding of what people would like to see in our town. Previous sessions have highlighted a need for greater menopause awareness and education, which led me to explore relevant funding opportunities and submit an application."
- Alice, Tiverton Community Builder

LISTENING EVENTS COMING UP

Your voice matters!
Join us at these friendly drop-in sessions to share:
What you'd love to see in your community
Ideas for activities, spaces, or events
What's most important for making Tiverton a great place to live

Keep an eye on the Tiverton Community Facebook page for details of the next listening event.

learndevon
adult learning and skills

LEARN DEVON ARE OFFERING FREE DIGITAL SESSIONS

Learn Devon are offering free, tailored digital skills courses for members of our community 18+. To ensure these sessions are as useful and relevant as possible, we are keen to gather feedback on what people would find most beneficial, whether that is building confidence online, using specific devices, or accessing services digitally.

Please share any insights or requests so that courses can be shaped around local need and arranged accordingly. Once we have this information, we will work with Learn Devon to plan and schedule the sessions.

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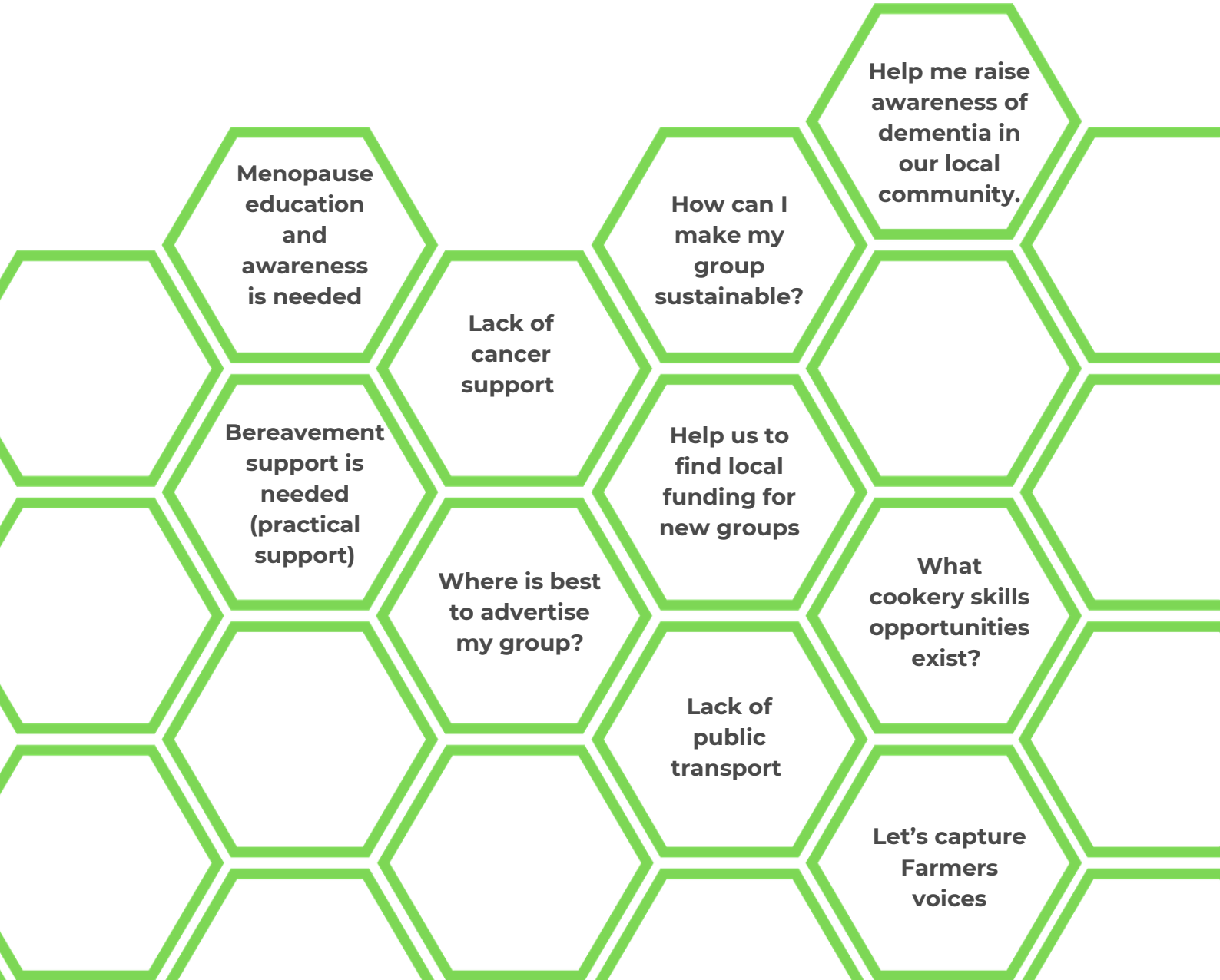
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WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING

Every month, we ask a question on social media to spark conversation, gather ideas, and make sure lots of different voices are heard. This helps us really understand what matters most to the community. As the project moves forward, we'll show how your feedback shapes what we do next.

I am really keen to listen to your ideas on Volunteering opportunities, the local community and the types of community groups and organisations you would like to see in Tiverton. Come and talk to us - every great adventure starts with the first step.

https://www.facebook.com/tivertoncommnuitybuilder.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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LOINS, TIVERTON

Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes throughout the British Isles. Globally they have more volunteers in more places than any other service club organisation, and love to step forward to volunteer, help other and make things happen. Currently in charge of two initiaties in Tivertion; message in a bottle and recycling glasses.

Email: mikeaspray@btinternet.com

THE ROTARY, TIVERTON

The Rotary Clubs in Tiverton are part of a global network of volunteers, bringing people together to support local communities and wider charitable causes. They organise events, raise funds, and run initiatives such as school literacy programmes and community activities throughout the year. Built on friendship and service, Rotary offers a welcoming space to connect while making a meaningful difference. New members are always encouraged to get involved and help strengthen the community.

https://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/membershipenquiry.php?ClubID=1226

SUSTAINABLE TIVERTON - SHARE SHOP

Share Shop Tiverton is looking for volunteers to help run its community “library of things” at the Eco Hub on Bampton Street. The role involves maintaining and repairing items so they are safe and ready to borrow, making it ideal for anyone who enjoys practical tasks and wants to support a more sustainable, low waste community.



Email: sustivchair@gmail.com

More opportunities with Sustainable Tiverton can be found on Devon Connect (devonconnect.org).



PROMS IN THE PARK (TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL)

Tiverton Town Council are looking for volunteers to work Sunday 16 August 2026 at 11:00-15:00 or 14:00-18:00.

Proms in the Park is a new event with live music from Tiverton town band, stalls, Punch & Judy, with a soft play area and it is free entry.
Email: events@tivertontowncouncil.gov.uk

MID DEVON MOBILITY - DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are needed to support local community car schemes across Tiverton and Crediton, helping people get to essential appointments, shops and social activities. Using your own car, you can offer flexible support that fits around your availability, while making a real difference to those who may otherwise struggle to get out and about. It is a rewarding opportunity to meet new people and help keep our community connected.

Email: transport@middevonmobility.org.uk



THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY

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TIVERTON ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Tiverton Adventure Playground is an inclusive dedicated 3.5-acre wooded site offering children between 8 and 13 (all welcome on family days) the opportunity to choose their own play – to get muddy, make dens and climb trees.

Opening dates are: The 4 weeks of August 10.30am - 4pm
Tuesdays and Wednesdays: over 8's only, no adults.
Thursdays: Family days, all welcome.

KNIGHTSHAYES, SUMMER OF PLAY

Enjoy a fun-filled day out this summer at Knightshayes with their Summer of Play, a family-friendly programme packed with outdoor adventures and creative activities.

From nature-inspired play zones to games and hands-on experiences, there's plenty to keep children entertained while exploring the beautiful grounds. Activities are designed to encourage imagination, movement, and time together in the fresh air. Find out more and plan your visit here: Knightshayes Summer of Play

Note: free events at Knightshayes but admission to site fees apply.

LIBRARY, SUMMER BOOK QUEST

Children can sign up in the library for free and collect stickers for reading and engaging with fun activities. Plus, there's a special finisher's prize!

Find out more information about the Summer Book Quest in Tiverton Library (Pheonix Lane), or on their Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/TivertonLibrary/



PROMS IN THE PARK

A brand new event by Tiverton Town Council! Join Tiverton Town Band for a free concert in Westexe Rec. Supported by classically trained singer Tamsin Ball. Compered by Entertainingly Different's Rob Pudner.

Bring a picnic and enjoy a totally free, family day out. Enjoy free soft play for little ones. Watch free Punch & Judy (for little and not-so-little ones!)
Toilets available in Old Heathcoat School Community Centre.



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to find out more about what is coming up in your community please follow us on Facebook:

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HALBERTON FARM SHOP ANNOUNCES NEW MAZE

The Maize Maze at Halberton Court Farm Shop is now open, just outside Tiverton. Open Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4pm, you can turn up and choose between a junior maze or the more challenging option, with a family pass available too. Complete the challenge for a chance to win a meal for two at their new restaurant. A great value day out in the countryside for all ages.



SASSY ARE RUNNING A FREE GREEN SKILLS COURSE FOR 16-21S

Sassy are launching a free Green Skills course this autumn for young people aged between 16 and 21.

You'll get the chance to support local community projects, be guided by mentors and receive skills training to help you raise your game!

Scan the QR code on the poster for more information and the opportunity to apply.



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Dust off your cowboy hats, polish those boots and mosey on down to Tiverton Pannier Market because Blazin' Saddles is saddling up for a rootin', tootin', family fun day on Saturday 15th August!

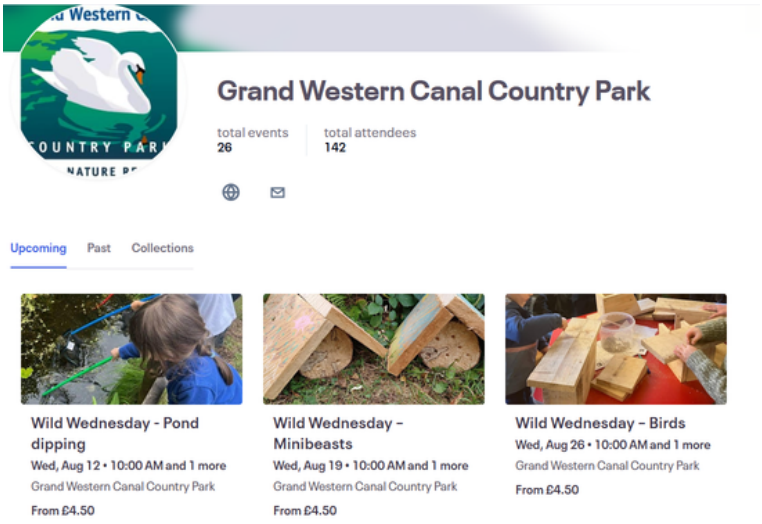
There'll be loads of FREE family fun, with just a small charge for a few games and attractions.

Whether you're a lone ranger, a desperado for delicious food, or just looking to rustle up some family fun, Blazin' Saddles has got you covered.

Saturday 15th August, 9am–3pm, Tiverton Pannier Market

The Grand Western Canal Country Park are running a series of fun activities for your little ones to get involved with.

All events are listed on their Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1443099742617183/user/100000589968629/





Every Thursday throughout their Food, Glorious Food summer programme, Tiverton Museum are laying on a different hands-on food activity, all included in normal admission.

The programme includes flour grinding; find out how people in the past ground grain to make flour, and have a go yourself with their quern stone. Satisfying and surprisingly hard work!

A different activity every week from 30th July to 3rd September, including ice cream making, butter making, seed planting and more.

Just turn up, no booking needed for Fun Thursdays.


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