



Devon Community Resilience Forum

Resilience Event 23rd May 2022

Welcome!

Laura Dixon, Devon Communities Together

Housekeeping Programme



About Devon Communities Together

Devon Communities Together is an independent charity engaged in a wide range of projects and services that support our vision of dynamic Devon communities shaping their own futures.

Our team is focused on inspiring, upskilling, training, supporting and advising groups and individuals to make changes and achieve positive outcomes for their communities. We work with a very broad range of people, from rural and coastal communities to more urban centres, and support them across a wide variety of areas including community buildings, community resilience, affordable housing, entrepreneurship, neighbourhood and community plans, sport and play, health and wellbeing and much more - but our work is always designed to **help communities help themselves**.



- 09:30 *Registration opens Refreshments and networking*
- 10:00 *Welcome: Celebrating Devon's Resilience* Nora Corkery, CEO, Devon
Communities Together
Awards: 6 volunteers who have made a difference over the last few years
- 10.20 *The South West Resilience Hub* Tom Dauben, Environment Agency
- 11:00 *Behind the scenes at the Met Office* Penny Tranter, Met Office
- 11:30 *National Preparedness Commission and Community Resilience* Paul Netherton
OBE - Risk and Resilience Consultant
- 12:00 *Social prescribing for 'time in nature'* Anya Gopfert, Public Health Registrar,
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

12:30 **LUNCH**

13:15 ***'Managing Big Problems in Small Places (in rapid response type catchments), FCRIP'***

Mikaela D'Souza Assistant Flood and Coastal Risk Officer, Devon County Council

13:45 – ***WORKSHOPS*** (please sign up at registration)

14:30

Repeated

14:45-15:30

- Flood Warden Training Kate Pearson, The Environment Agency***
- Writing a good grant application Martin Rich, DCT***
- Helping communities help themselves Becky Maynard, VCS Emergencies Partnership***

Information stands - Devon County Council, Environment Agency, Devon Communities Together, North Devon Biosphere

Devon Land Use Framework; Resilience Forum advice directory; product recommendations.

Nora Corkery, CEO, Devon Communities Together

Celebrating Devon's Resilience



Volunteer Awards

Di Mitchell from Lynton

Nominated by Kevin Harris

- Ran the Food Bank
- Ran Community support services
- Facilitated vaccination centre in Lynton Town Hall

Volunteer Awards

Richard Bence from Welcombe

Nominated by Mick Gates

- set up an online ordering system for the village shop
- helped coordinate the team of volunteers for tasks such as prescription collection/ delivery
- designed and ran a weekly quiz night via zoom
- ensured we had an up-to-date list of vulnerable and shielding parishioners
- provided advice for a neighbouring parish to assist them to do similar things.

Volunteer Awards

Paul Bailey from Burrington

Nominated by Angela Snell

- been on the Parish Council and hall committee for more than 40 years
- organising, obtaining grants and collaborating with others
- Treasurer at the Methodist Chapel
- worked with his wife Susan to raise awareness of Alzheimer's in the Parish
- very hands on with practical work
- someone to go to for help or information.

Volunteer Awards

Chris Underwood from Welcombe

Nominated by Mick Gates

- went out weekly to collect and deliver prescriptions to parishioners at a time when the pandemic was at its most dangerous; this meant visiting two doctors' surgeries in Hartland and Bradworthy

Volunteer Awards

Tanya Hussell from Filleigh

Nominated by Martin Rich

- co-ordinated Hallshare, the communications network for community buildings in Torridge & North Devon
- kept the e-communications between halls operating
- helped halls manage the covid regulations and apply for support funding
- enabled many halls to receive covid relief funding that they initially thought was not applicable to them

Volunteer Awards

Mick Gates from Welcombe

Nominated by Ellen Weaver

- planned and implemented Welcombe Parish Council's Community Emergency Response Plan in the pandemic
- led the CER Team with great skill
- make sure that everyone, especially the most vulnerable people, in the village was as safe as possible
- advised community projects and individuals how best to ensure their health safety
- ensured that the CER Team had the relevant training and equipment



And the winner is..!

Acts of kindness/supporting each other/no selling just giving page

Public group · 4.1K members

Chudleigh Come Together Celebration



Queen of the Rabbits - Laura tries out the 'bucking bronco'.



Having hula hoops of fun (above) and coloured hair braiding (see right) were all part of the fun at the Chudleigh Come Together Celebration.



The best day ever as community comes together

BY REBECCA WEBBER

CHUDLEIGH 'came together' in a community celebration, the idea child of Laura, the founder of the 'Acts of Kindness' Facebook group.

The group Facebook group, one of its kind, was set up by Laura in October 2020.

It helps to share acts of kindness, whether it be offering quality unwanted items or services to local people - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/410998873231768/media>.

Each morning, come rain or shine, a positive message will be posted to the group which brings a smile to the many followers.

The group has grown strength to strength and now has more than 2,000 followers. The group does not exchange money, all items are gifted only in the hope that however small the person receiving the items pays the kindness forwards.

Following the set up of this group, Laura had a 'vision' to create a community coming together celebration which would raise money to support the wellbeing of our local community.

The event, months in the planning, was hugely supported by the local community, with hundreds of people attending.

There was a huge selection of stalls selling local



What the Resilience Forum can offer you

- As part of our commitment to resilience by building the skills of Devon's rural communities to help their organisations thrive, DCT is offering through May and June to community groups and social enterprises
 - Free 1:1 online or phone support discussion about your organisation to help make a post covid plan for the future
 - Free Workshops on finding funding, innovative thinking about new directions for your organisation, thinking about how to save energy and cut down your organisation's carbon footprint.

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Martin and Bradley from DCT are here (give us a wave) , if you've like more information or want to sign up, just speak to them.

**SUCCESS WITH FUNDING,
FINANCE & GRANTS!**



SCAN ME

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS ...

Innovation: Creating a New Idea - 26 May, 10:30-12:30

Decarbonisation: Planning your First Steps Towards Net Zero - 7 June, 10:30-12:30
Even the smallest business should have a plan to reduce its carbon emissions. This is increasingly important to customers and is becoming key to winning contracts and attracting funding

Funding, Finance & Grants: Dos and Don'ts, W. Devon - 22 June;
Torridge - 23 June, 16.00-17.00

To book your FREE space, scan the QR code above or contact Mark Brownbill on the details below.

DO BUSINESS DIFFERENTLY!



Devon Social Entrepreneurs Programme is led by the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) in partnership with Devon Communities Together, Stir to Action and New Prosperity Devon. It is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund, which is managed by Devon County Council within the Devon area.



Open forum and final remarks

- Please turn to the person next to you and share a few thoughts about what you learned today and what you enjoyed most
- Any comments/questions?