

As a current member of Devon Senior Voice, please contact us to ensure we have the correct contact details for you.

We'd also love to welcome back previous members who would like to re-join – please get in touch using the details below.

To confirm your details or re-join, all you need to do is email [info@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:info@devoncommunities.org.uk), call 01392 248919 or complete the tear-off slip below and return it to Devon Senior Voice, Devon Communities Together, First Floor, 3 & 4 Cranmere Court, Lustleigh Close, Matford Business Park, Exeter EX2 8PW. *Please note, the previous DSV contact phone number will no longer operate so please use these contact details for all future enquiries.*

- ☐ I/my organisation would like to become a member of Devon Senior Voice
- ☐ I/my organisation has previously been a member and would like to re-join Devon Senior Voice
- ☐ I/my organisation is a current Devon Senior Voice member and I would like to confirm correct contact details

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To ensure compliance with data protection regulations, we need your express permission for us to continue to communicate with you on all the things we think will be of interest. After May 24th 2018 you may stop receiving information from us if you have not given us your consent.

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# Devon Communities Together welcomes Devon Senior Voice



## Welcome

Devon Communities Together and Devon Senior Voice are merging. This leaflet contains everything you need to know about our future plans and how you can be involved.

### A message from DSV Chair, Carol McCormack

We have successfully been the ‘Older People’s Voice’ throughout Devon for 10 years. Our Members have represented senior people in every aspect of service delivery, social change, community provision, health and social care. We spoke up in every committee, forum, information occasion, engagement event, wherever we could influence the decision makers. And we made sure that our voice was heard. We were, and still are, the voice for older people. We represent ALL older people, those that have difficulty in being heard, and those with protected characteristics.

We have much to be proud of. Our reputation is respected throughout Devon. As we stand beside Devon Communities Together and look forward to the challenges ahead we can only anticipate how much more we can achieve. We will share the work, plan together, look at things from a different angle... but we are and always will be the voice of older people.





# A message from our Chief Executive

## Elaine Cook

I am very grateful for this opportunity to introduce Devon Communities Together to the Devon Senior Voice membership. At the time of writing, I am busy with the arrangements for the merger of our two organisations and it is likely that by the time you are reading this the transfer of Devon Senior Voice to Devon Communities Together will be imminent.

It has been a pleasure meeting with local branch representatives, the focus groups and many of the volunteers who make up the DSV network and I am looking forward to getting to know more of the network over the next few months.

Devon Senior Voice has many achievements of which it can be rightly proud. It has been a voice for Devon's older people as well as starting and delivering many projects and services, which have and continue to benefit older people. I am looking forward to building on this legacy and would like to extend a very warm welcome to Devon Senior Voice members, the branches and the focus groups on the merger of our two organisations.

Devon Communities Together is the Community Council for Devon helping Devon's communities with a wide range of projects and services. In three years' time, we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary.

I am sure that members will be pleased that the name of Devon Senior Voice will continue together with the magazine and all the activity for which Devon Senior Voice is well known.

Working with Devon Senior Voice volunteers, we want to grow the network of older people. We will be supporting the existing branches so that they can grow and thrive. We have an ambitious programme to re-establish and set up branches and local groups across the county.

We want to hear from older people about what is important for them and continue to ensure that policy makers and service providers hear older people's views and concerns.

We want to celebrate the contributions that older people make to society and this year we will be celebrating Older People's Day in October with a road show of events and activities throughout Devon. We will continue to support the work of existing volunteers and offer new and interesting volunteering opportunities.

A Devon Senior Voice Strategy Group will be meeting regularly to help steer the network forward and to identify new projects and funding opportunities. We will continue to run the 100 club and will be looking to set up other fundraising activity to support the network.

## Devon Senior Voice

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS in the last 10 years...



Had  
**2300**  
Members



Represented on the  
Dementia Partnership  
Strategic Group

Supported

Local Branches



Worked with Adult  
Social Care & Health  
Services



Interviewed  
**50**  
care home residents

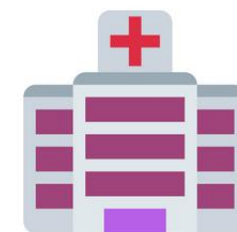
Been members of  
Patient Participation Groups



Been members of Patient  
Liaison Groups in

**2**

Hospitals



Organised and held many events  
for issues around ageing

Completed  
over

**400**

Speak Out  
forms for  
Healthwatch

Distributed a newsletter  
to

**3500**

older people



Assisted the  
development of day  
care provision

Had input into  
equality & diversity  
strategies



Provided energy  
efficiency information



Elaine Cook and the Devon Senior Voice Board of Trustees



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