

# Transition Exmouth Newsletter for Members and Supporters

## May '19

Readers this might be the last Transition Exmouth Newsletter. If so, thank you for your attention over the years.

Our magnificent, albeit behind-the-scenes, work on the Neighbourhood Plan has ensured that it contains many aspirations as to sustainability. Some of our members are active in Extinction Rebellion and others in setting up educational opportunities that explain Exmouth's role in the natural world. Yet others are working with the Local Authorities on single-use plastic reduction, Wild Exmouth, and other initiatives. I don't fear that our demise will leave Exmouth without a voice for the environment and I trust I have been able to inspire some of you to action!

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### 29-minute Sessions

1<sup>st</sup> thanks to Kate Smith from the Exeter Deaf Academy who spoke so entertainingly at our April event. She left us with great expectations!

### Thursday 2nd May – Tomorrow!

Our speaker is Janet Cotter of MoorTrees a Dartmoor group.

Seeds to Saplings to Woodland - Janet will describe how the volunteer-based charity Moor Trees is creating native, broadleaf woodland across Dartmoor and south Devon - from the

raising of locally collected seed in community tree nurseries, to the of planting six thousand saplings a year. Creating new woodland benefits not only biodiversity and climate, but also allows volunteers to engage with a positive environmental project and connect with nature.

Please come along and give her a warm welcome. [www.moortrees.org/](http://www.moortrees.org/)  
[www.facebook.com/moortrees.org/](http://www.facebook.com/moortrees.org/)

Park Hotel, Exeter Road, Exmouth, 19.30 at the back of the bar. To be followed by our regular social. I expect to be there myself.

## **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Our very own Roger Gibson will be at the Park to tell us about Clean Street Exmouth. Did you pick up some funding recently Roger?

## ***Election Day - tomorrow***

Voting for Town & District Councillors takes place tomorrow. Time to read all those leaflets that have come through the door and to vote for the candidates who seem to have their fingers on the local issues that matter to us.

## ***Wild Exmouth***

In its first few months, the Wild Exmouth project has already had three Conservation Volunteering days, two at the 'Hillcrest Community Nature Reserve' site (the woodland area around the St John's Road playing fields and Withycombe Brook) and the planting of a sensory patch with herbs 'for people and pollinators' at the Bapton Park green-space (between Nutbrook and Bapton Lane) as well as a 'Bee Bumble' on The Maer.

Debs Ryland tells us that her conservation days run, as a rule, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month but not on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

She will be carrying out some wildflower enhancement later this month and is about to go live with their Big Exmouth Hedgehog Survey – participants will be able to use one of their mammal track tunnels for a week to survey their garden /allotment or other outdoor space for hedgehog (and hopefully other mammal) use.

More general information and an email newsletter sign-up can be found here:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/wild-exmouth/>

Please help spread the word about #WildExmouth - the more volunteers (physical help and general wildlife knowledge / advice), the more can be done to conserve and improve Exmouth's ecology and biodiversity. <https://www.facebook.com/WildExmouth/> and <https://twitter.com/WildExmouth>

## **COLP**

Was cancelled at the end of April, likely due paralysis in run up to this week's elections! Perhaps after the dust has settled we'll get some clarity about Neighbourhood Plan implementation and the ongoing Seafront development saga!

## **Tree Planting**

Following our (Simon Pardoe's) participation in the Lower Halsdon farm tree planting, we've had the following note from Rob Skinner the National Trust warden:

'Many thanks for this contribution [£50 ed]. The trees were looking all lush and green when I visited earlier this morning. Do let us know if you would like to work together in the future. I feel there could be some good links with the Transition group and Lower Halsdon in the future. Many thanks, Rob'

## **Exmouth LETS**

Your £5 annual subscription is now due. To find out more about this wonderful community facility: <http://www.exmouthlets.org.uk/?page=news>

## **It's the Sarah Allen show**

If you missed Sarah at our AGM, don't despair; pop along to Glenorchy Church on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00 and hear her latest rubbish adventures. To book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-rubbish-talk-a-journey-towards-zero-waste-living-tickets-57611094334>

## **Exeter Pride**

This year is on Saturday 11 May

## **Quaker Tree Planting**

Jane Habermehl and other members have helped with organising a special meeting with the Quakers focussing on local tree planting opportunities. 12.00 on Sunday 19th May at Open Door Centre on corner of South Street and Queen Street. Visitors are, of course welcome to attend their worship at 10.30 but otherwise 11.45 is a good time to arrive and join them for coffee and talk. The Quakers are stalwart environmentalists so lets help them in this initiative.

## ***Exeter Vegan Market***

EFFA tells me: 'We were overwhelmed by the response to the January and March markets - the upsurge in veganism certainly shows no signs of abating! Now that the market is well established we have also been able to develop the campaigning aspect, so that visitors can not only stock up on vegan essentials and treats, but also find out more about the issues involved - from the food we eat, to the cosmetics we use, to the clothes we wear. The iAnimal virtual reality experience is a regular feature, and the market "Fringe" has really taken off as a creative and welcoming space where people can chat, exchange ideas, find out more or browse the incredible range of vegan cookery books our members have put together. The sampling table also gives those new to veganism a chance to try meat and dairy alternatives and see which ones they like before they go shopping. Last but not least, the market is great for catching up with friends over a delicious lunch from regular caterer Fairfoods or our other guest caterers. All proceeds from teas and coffees and all profits from stallholder fees go to EFFA campaigns and other animal causes.'

The dates of their next markets are Saturday 25 May, Saturday 20 July, & Saturday 14 September. 10.00 – 14.30 at Exeter Corn Exchange EX1 1BW.

## ***Exmouth Festival***

The Exmouth free Festival runs again this year at the Imperial Recreation Ground from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. <http://exmouthfestival.co.uk/> Go along and have a great time. Alas there will be no Transition Exmouth presence this year.

## ***Social Media and Website***

Website: <http://www.transitionexmouth.uk>.

You can contact me Adrian Toole, Chair, on [transitionexmouth@gmail.com](mailto:transitionexmouth@gmail.com)

[@GreenManExmouth](#) continues his tweeting, not always on TE items but always seeking to entertain so be prepared!

We have a Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/15416577788/>

and a page: <https://www.facebook.com/transition.exmouth>

Not to forget the ever popular Green Drinks: <http://www.greendrinks.org/Devon/Exmouth>

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