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## **#Haveyoursay - East Devon launches consultation survey on outdoor public open spaces in Exmouth**

**Council urges local community to use Wild Exmouth questionnaire to tell them what improvements they would like made to outdoor public open spaces in the town**

East Devon District Council's Countryside team is asking Exmouth residents to help them develop an exciting three year project, called Wild Exmouth, which aims to benefit and improve outdoor public open spaces, including parks and nature reserves in the town.

As a starting point for the project, the team is keen to hear people's opinions and ideas about Exmouth's outdoor public open spaces and is asking residents to complete a short online survey at [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/wild-exmouth](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside/wild-exmouth), which opens on 15 January 2018 and closes at 5pm on 8 February 2018. Respondents completing the survey will have the chance to win a £40 prize of Marks and Spencer vouchers. If you need a paper copy of the consultation, or need one in another format, including large print, please email [countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk) or call 01395 517557.

The Wild Exmouth consultation questionnaire will allow Exmouth residents to tell the council how much they value and use the town's outdoor public open spaces and to say what improvements they would like made to these areas. The consultation will assess levels of support for Wild Exmouth and the information gathered will be used to guide the proposed project's aims and to support an application for a grant to help fund the work.

If the project is supported by local residents, as soon as funding has been secured, work can begin on Wild Exmouth, which will be run by East Devon's Countryside service. The project will offer opportunities such as new events and volunteering, enabling residents to enhance wildlife areas and to enjoy all the outdoor opportunities available in Exmouth. This could include creating new wild flower meadows, community orchards, tree planting or having a go at rock pooling or hedge laying for the first time.

Councillor Tom Wright, East Devon District Council's Environment portfolio holder, said:  
"This is a wonderful opportunity for Exmouth residents to have their say about their local green spaces and to show support for this project. I look forward to getting more involved as this work develops and would urge residents to have their say by completing the Wild Exmouth survey."

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