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The past few months have seen enormous change and uncertainty brought about through the vote to leave the EU.

It polarised views across the nation, even divided families, and brought vulnerability in many guises from hate crimes to economic doubt.

Exeter hasn't been immune from this but I believe that the disruption and lack of confidence comes hand in hand with great opportunity. If capitalised on, it could even lead to greater growth and an even better future for us all.

Members, colleagues and I have been taking a moment to pause and reflect on the journey the city has been on, and the possibilities that exist both right now and down the line for our children.

I think it is useful to remember that Exeter has no permanent right to its place as the powerhouse of the Devon economy.

It is something that has been hard won and fought for.

The Exeter economy has proved to be resilient and successful, recording some of the fastest growth rates in the country in recent years. The city sits at the heart of the Greater Exeter economy with 34% more people employed in it in 2014 than 2004.

We have one of the best universities in the world, seen an international sporting event in the Rugby World Cup 2015, hosted Europe's biggest free-ticketed music festival with the Big Weekend and delighted in rugby premierships domination.

All these things have been earned through extraordinary people using planning, expertise, contacts, cajoling, blind luck and bloody mindedness. Working together with shared values we have achieved the best – and beyond.

The Council's budget is £16million a year and your average £2 a week council tax has helped to support, facilitate and deliver a city that rightfully stands tall among the best in the UK.

The greatest risk to all of this at the moment is apathy, misdirection, and a lack of focus on the values the majority of residents hold true.

Taking our growth for granted runs the risk of the economy stalling.

Focusing on what separates us, when we have so many shared values as a city, runs the risk of a self-fulfilling prophecy and those fears becoming a reality.

So here are some of the things I am asking the council to do to help keep and grow a stronger Exeter.

As a Labour council, I can assure you that we focus hard

on supporting people who need it most. Where we are failing, we will work out what else we need to do to fix it, and redouble our efforts. But we also realise the importance of growth, the importance of pride in the city, and the importance of loving life here, and so the big picture focus remains just as important.

We will continue to earn that place as the powerhouse of the Devon economy.

Whilst other councils are cutting budgets, it is a bold move to be creating a new bus station and world-class leisure complex. It would be the easiest thing in the world to accept the status quo, turn a blind eye, or focus on something else. We know through extensive consultation and huge amounts of listening that the vast amounts of people want it, and now just want us to get on with it.

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Big Weekend proves massive success



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Stars back St Sidwell's

The new St Sidwell's Point leisure complex will smarten up the area and bring huge benefits to local people and visitors, one of Britain's top chefs has declared.



Internationally-acclaimed chef, Michael Caines MBE (pictured below), has lent his support to the state-of-the-art scheme in the heart of Exeter.

"St Sidwell's Point is a hugely exciting development for Exeter," he said.

Caines, currently developing the new Lymptone Manor Country House Hotel, said: "I'm very excited to see this development progress, to tidy up this central part of the city centre, and to create something special for everyone for the 21st century."

St Sidwell's Point will be Britain's first Passivhaus leisure centre, built to exacting standards, it will deliver up to 70% savings on energy use compared to similar sized leisure developments. The complex will include a competition standard eight-lane

25-metre pool, a 20-metre teaching and recreation pool and a confidence pool for young children.

Olympic, World, Commonwealth and European medallist Rebecca Adlington OBE (pictured below) is also backing the scheme.

She said: "I'm always delighted when I learn about potential new swimming pool developments, such as St Sidwell's Point, which can provide the facilities for communities to learn this life skill and have fun as a family."

St Sidwell's Point, named after Exeter's local saint, will also include a crèche, soft play area, 150-station gym and luxury spa. It's due for completion in 2018. Watch a video on the project at exeter.gov.uk/stsidwellspoint



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Shrouds of the Somme



More than 60,000 people visited the 19240 Shrouds of the Somme exhibition.

The spectacular and poignant piece of art was created in Northernhay Gardens to remember those who lost their lives on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 100 years ago on 1 July.

Each of the 19,240 soldiers who lost their lives was represented by a 12 inch figure wrapped and bound in a hand-stitched shroud and arranged in rows on the ground. The display was the work of Somerset artist Rob Heard and illustrated the enormity of the horror and loss of life on that one day a century ago. Individual figures can be purchased by going to www.thesomme19240.co.uk



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Thousands of people have responded and so far the results reveal an overwhelming desire for a future free of congestion. The team at ECF turned to the arts to spark new ideas and stimulate conversation on the theme. Princesshay was recently transformed into a performance and exhibition space, where poetry, music and dance performances, inspired by the public's feedback, featured alongside artists who worked with visitors at the event to visualise their visions of the future in a collaborative artwork.

that cultural and creative expression can be an effective way to communicate and affect the kind of deep and lasting change that is going to have to happen if our cities are to cope with the pressures they face. Ever Increasing traffic is unsustainable, but we do have choices, and through continued conversation and collaboration with the city's communities, Exeter can lead the way in delivering a congestion-free, energy-independent future."

To find out more and to have your say on the city's future, visit exetercityfutures.com

Matthew Skilton, of Exeter City Futures, said: "We believe

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TripAdvisor, which is the world's biggest online travel review website, has awarded its coveted Certificate of Excellence to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), the Underground Passages, and the Red Coat Guided Tours.

Now in its sixth year, the TripAdvisor award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to services that

consistently achieve great reviews on TripAdvisor by continually delivering a high quality customer experience.

2016 is the second year in a row that the three attractions, all run by the City Council, have won the accolade.

Further details on the RAMM, the Underground Passages and the Red Coat Guides, go to exeter.gov.uk



Dog walkers can now put their dog waste in a number of litter bins around the city.

Previously, bagged-up dog poo had to be placed in the red dog bins located around Exeter. But in a move to make things easier for dog owners and dog walkers, standard litter bins can now be used to dispose of the waste.

Cllr Rob Hannaford, Lead Councillor for Health and Place, said: "With more and more people owning a dog, we want to make it easier for people to get rid of their dog waste responsibly.

Allowing people to use ordinary litter bins, which are in more locations around the city, gives people more options to dispose of their pet's waste and no excuse for dog fouling."

Old and damaged dog bins will be replaced with litter bins, except in a few areas such as the Valley Parks. This will provide an increased capacity across the city. Look out for stickers on bins advising where dog waste can be disposed of.

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Recycling Times

A lighter look at recycling

How much rubbish can we take?

If it's in your grey bin, and the bin isn't overfilled, we will collect it. If it isn't, we won't.

We limit the amount of grey bin rubbish we can collect from households, because a) getting rid of rubbish is expensive, b) at least half of waste generated is recyclable, and c) rubbish is rubbish for the planet.

Seagulls in Cornwall can smell a bag of rubbish on a street in Exeter. Rats and foxes won't wait until someone throws out Angus steak or fresh lobster. Recycling, on the other hand, doesn't smell, so it won't attract animals; you can put out as much of it as you

like as long as it's contained in a bin or bag.

Our crews empty 13,000 grey bins each per month. Rubbish disposal costs over £100 per tonne. In one day, we might collect 80 tonnes of domestic rubbish. That's over £9,000 per collection day, or £2.4million per year.

Recycling actually makes £1.1million a year for Exeter, helping to fund public services. Given that nearly half the contents of the average Exeter

grey bin could have been recycled...well, it hardly takes Rachel Riley to do the sums.

And, of course, burning stuff means having to make more new things from scratch – like plastic from oil. Recycling a 2 litre pop bottle will save enough energy to keep your TV on for just shy of two episodes of the world's favourite Australian soap – a whopping 52 minutes. It's 59 minutes for an empty deodorant can, and that's not to be sniffed at.

HAS YOUR BIN BEEN MISSED?

If it was our fault...

WE CAN HELP!

Visit exeter.gov.uk/misssedbin and report it on our missed-bin tool for an instant answer.

Just follow the simple two-step instructions. If the crew didn't log a reason why they didn't collect your bin, the system will send them back automatically. It's as easy as one, two, three - except there's no three!

Terms & Conditions: Bins must be reported before midnight of the following working day. Bins reported after this time will not be collected and, if you still want a collection, you may be charged. If the crew reported that your bin wasn't available for collection then they won't be able to return until the next scheduled collection. All crew reports will be considered accurate since each waste collection vehicle is fitted with a computer and a GPS more accurate than a laser-guided hawk in a Robin Hood costume.

Plastic: we're the whole package

Not just the bottle, but the top as well. Not just the cream tub, but the flimsy lid that will keep the contents fresh in the fridge. Not just the strawberry-stained strawberry punnet, but the strawberry-stained film lid. And for those of you who don't just eat strawberries and cream, this goes for the packaging that other stuff comes in: mince, ham, sandwiches, posh cheese that comes in wedges, etc., etc..

Hand-sorting the recycling in our recycling plant in Marsh Barton allows us to separate plastic into different polymers for reprocessing.

Milk bottles get made into more milk bottles, plastic furniture, pipes, bins, rope, toys....

Plastic bags become new plastic bags.

Pop bottles, in the main, get turned into textiles. The fleece jacket has been a permanent fixture in most wardrobes since the 80s, although some have actually been taken out and worn in the intervening years.

Tubs, trays and film, etc., become things like road

traffic cones. Imagine how dangerous road works would be if we didn't recycle cheap plastic.



...and remember: keep your tops on!



Join Denis the Dustcart on Twitter!

@DustcartDenis for all things recycling in Exeter, through the life and times of the city's most famous dustcart.



Get your collection calendar at exeter.gov.uk/bincollections

The unusual suspects



Now in its 13th year, the aim of Recycle Week is to encourage everyone to think about all those items that often get forgotten about when recycling at home. It's always the ones you suspect the least....

Someone had gone to effort to scrub the scene clean. The air was bitter with the smell of bleach; I found the empty bottle dumped in the rubbish and checked it for fingerprints. No-one so careless would have used marigolds.

What were they trying to hide?

How could they be so careful to clean up and yet so careless with their waste?

A quick search in the bin revealed more clues: an empty spray-bottle with the nozzle still attached; an empty aerosol can of odour-neutraliser; an empty packet of wet-wipes.... Why had they just thrown this stuff in the rubbish?

It was time to call in a favour.

I phoned the City Council. A lady answered. It was the bottom of the ninth and I was pitching the curve ball: 'Can't these things

be recycled rather than thrown in with the rubbish?'

She hit it out the park: 'So long as the bottle or can is empty, it can go in your green bin. Lids, too. Even if it says, "not currently recycled".'

I bagged the evidence and took it back to HQ, where someone put it out in the green bin.



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Where does it all go?

Your recycling gets delivered all over the place to be turned into new things.

Our recycling plant manager is particularly shrewd when it comes to selling materials for the best prices. He has three phones on his desk, never sits down and wears shades indoors.

Where does glass go? I t's actually Cwmbran (South Wales) and Nottinghamshire. It becomes new bottles and jars.

We only collect glass from bottle banks, which is good for four reasons: 1) colour-separated glass sells for a higher price; 2) we can collect more plastic, tins, paper and cardboard from your doorstep in compacting vehicles; 3) we can use the same vehicles on the alternate collection week for rubbish; 4) our drivers don't

have to readjust their seats every week and move all their toy-mascots from one truck to another. (See exeter.gov.uk/recyclingbanks for glass bank locations.)

- **Plastic bottles** are bound for the Midlands (see previous article for what it becomes).
- **Aluminium cans** go to Warrington to become new aluminium cans.
- **Steel cans** enter the automotive industry via reprocessing in South Wales.
- A company in Norfolk makes newsprint from our **paper**.

- Ships exporting goods from China fill up with our **cardboard** for the return journey they would otherwise make empty. We see it again as packaging for electrical goods.



Got any composting questions?

Devon's composting guru will be with us for a clinic on Sat 17 September, 10am-12noon – Oakwood House, Exton Road, Marsh Barton, EX2 8NR.

Exeter residents can buy composters on the day for the hugely-discounted price of £3 each! (Gates open at 9.30am and close at 12.30pm.)

Ask Rhys



Rhys Ikelit,
ECC's recycling expert,
answers your questions:

I put my black bin out too late, so now I've got extra waste. How do I get a collection?
Ron Gweek

We won't be able to return if the bin was not out for collection when the crew arrived. Each crew empties 26,000 bins per month, so the rounds are finely balanced to cope with this workload and to reduce emissions and costs. The crew will only take extra rubbish on your next black bin collection day if you report the missed bin at exeter.gov.uk/missedbin. (They will take extra recycling on any green bin week, so long as it is presented in a bag or bin.)

I had a party and I've got some extra bags of waste. Can I put them out with my grey bin?
Maud Anwillfit

No, I'm afraid you can't. It's to do with environmental health considerations, rubbish disposal costs and the need to increase recycling. Most of the waste from the party will probably be tins, bottles and packaging, which can be recycled; if not then you can take up to 8 bags per year free of charge to the recycling centre in Marsh Barton, but you must book them in beforehand by phoning 0345 1551010. Or you can book a chargeable special collection by phoning 01392 265010.

My bin's been Stolen! How do I get a new one?
Shirley Knot

If a bin goes missing or is stolen (or is removed, if it was left on the pavement between collections), then a charge applies for a replacement. The Council's current prices are here: exeter.gov.uk/bincharges. To help prevent your bin from being stolen, it's a good idea to personalise it with stickers or a painted house number. Blank stickers available from Civic Centre.

Bins out by 6am on collection day but not before 6pm the night before

Community NEWS



Citizens Advice Exeter honoured with highest volunteering accolade

Citizens Advice Exeter has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. The award is the most prestigious available to voluntary organisations and is the equivalent of an MBE for an individual.

The only Citizens Advice to win the award in the region, the volunteers of Citizens Advice Exeter join a handful of Citizens Advice organisations nationally to have been honoured with the award.

Steve Barriball, Chief Executive of Citizens Advice

Exeter said: "We are thrilled and delighted with this award. It's testament to the dedication of both our volunteers and employees during a time when demand for our service has been amongst the highest ever. The work the team does is so vital, often providing support in times of uncertainty or crisis for our clients. We want to use the award to further raise awareness of what we do and how people can access our services or support us, either as businesses or individuals."

Volunteers at Citizens Advice Exeter gave more than

35,000 hours in the last year. It is estimated that the financial value of this time is worth in excess of half a million pounds. Support from businesses has also been vital in delivering the service, either through gifts in kind or donations and fundraising.

Citizens Advice Exeter is an independent registered charity. It relies on grants and donations to maintain its core activity and implement new projects. Anyone wishing to support the work of the charity can donate on-line by going to the Support Us section of their website (www.citizensadviceexeter.org.uk).



Getting into a pickle

Surplus fruit and veg from shops, farms and allotments is being turned into tasty jams, chutneys and healthy meals thanks to dedicated bunch of community volunteers.

St Sidwell's Community Centre has secured Big Lottery funding for its new venture, Pickles and Preserves, Casseroles and Curries.

The community café, which sells home-cooked, nutritious and affordable food five days a week, has long been at the forefront of local work to tackle food poverty and food waste. Last year the café started pickling and preserving and as many as 30 volunteers have come together to peel, chop, cook, jar and label.

The group is always looking for new volunteers and would like to hear from those that might have a favourite recipe that they would like to share. Call 01392 666222 or email café@stsidwells.org.uk



Active in Exeter

People in Exwick have been tidying up their local community.

Young, old and middle aged joined forces to carry out a recycling litter pick in the area. Separate dual bag collections allowed for recyclables to be collected as well as standard waste.

The event was carried out in partnership with the City Council, Exeter Community Initiatives, Exwick Community Association and the Exeter Police Cadets.

A free community lunch was held for all helpers and volunteers and this was followed up with a tidy-up, prune back, weed and planting of the shrub areas around the Exwick Community Centre in Kinnerton Way.

The event was supported by Tesco, Cost Cutters, Bernaville Nurseries and Exeter Lions made donations to cover the cost of refreshments and equipment.

City Councillors Rob Hannaford and Ollie Pearson were involved during the day and some ward grant funding was used to cover costs and future events are planned for other areas later



in the year.

Ideas to be looked at include the sprucing up of a local play area in Redhills, planting some community fruit trees in Farm Hill, new wildflower meadows near the river, further improvements to the Community Centre, and possibly getting young people to repaint the Multi Use Games Area.

For more information on the community development work in Exwick, email the community organiser at SuebulledCo@eci.org.uk or call 07929 339865.

Bloomin' lovely

The hanging baskets have been hung, the bedding plants watered and the judging has taken place. Now organisers of Exeter in Bloom must wait for the results to be announced in October.

Exeter is the National Finalist representing the South West Region in the RHS Britain in Bloom 'small city' category.

This year Exeter has entered 28 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups plus four self-proclaimed 'Villages' in the Pennant category. The city and University has also come together to enter the SW Tourism Cup.





Report Hate Crime

Emergency: **999**
SMS/Text: **999**

Non-emergency: **101**
SMS/Text: **67101**

Email: **101@dc.police.uk**

To make a 'third party' report visit:
www.report-it.org.uk/
report_a_hate_crime

Exeter - a community for all

Exeter's open and welcoming community is a key reason for this city's prosperity and its significant cultural value in the South West.

That's the message from civic leaders looking ahead to National Hate Crime Awareness Week, which runs from 8 to 15 October.

The city is home to people from many parts of the world, of many faiths and of none. Civic leaders are keen that everyone continues to stand shoulder to shoulder and that Exeter remains welcoming safe and inclusive.

Since the EU Referendum there has been a rise in hate crime

across the country, according to the National Police Chiefs' Council.

Cllr Paul Bull, Lead Councillor for Communities and Neighbourhoods, said that hate crime has no place in Exeter. This follows reports of some migrant communities being abused in the city.

"In the main Exeter is a tolerant city and our open and welcoming community has a rich mix of cultural heritage, as exhibited by the recent success of the 2016 Exeter Respect Festival in Belmont Park. So I want to reassure all people living in Exeter

that they are valued members of our community."

"However, there is a small minority that believe as a result of the recent referendum that all migrants should be repatriated - and are making their racist and xenophobic views known in violence towards those migrants.

"It is vital that we all work closely to promote the message that any instances of 'hate' such as abuse, harassment or violence are completely unacceptable and will be dealt with robustly, with a zero tolerance approach."

New to Exeter

There's a new face and name to get used to out and about in Exeter.

Mahi Ahmed has joined the City Council's Communities Team and is meeting with groups and organisations around Exeter to find out how he can help. Mahi teams up with Dawn Rivers, who has been supporting community groups in the city for the last ten years.

Dawn and Mahi offer a wealth of help and support, including the distribution of grants to community groups (see below) and working on projects like the Integrated Care Exeter (ICE) initiative, which aims to help people be more active and live happier and healthier lives. The ICE project is recruiting more community workers in partnership with Exeter Community Initiatives to help link doctors' surgeries to local communities.

The team also support Exeter Community Forum www.exetercommunityforum.net helping community groups take a lead role in issues for their local neighbourhoods. They also support the Exeter Board, with the development of a Youth Strategy for the city.

To find out more, email dawn.rivers@exeter.gov.uk or mahi.ahmed@exeter.gov.uk or call **01392 265531/265541**.



Help is at hand



Help is just a press of a button away for the elderly or vulnerable.

The City Council run a Home Call Lifeline service, providing support and reassurance 24 hours a day, 365 days a week.

The personal alarms are available to rent for as little as £3.77 per week. The service is aimed at the more vulnerable in the community, including the elderly, those with mobility problems, medical conditions or vulnerable people in sheltered housing.

An alarm is fitted to the existing phone line and enables people to continue to live in their own homes with the knowledge that help is just a button push away.

Whether it's help needed in an emergency, reassurance or just a friendly voice, Home Call Lifeline is there to assist. All calls are prioritised to ensure that emergencies are dealt with rapidly and professionally.

For more information contact **01392 682349** or email homecall@exeter.gov.uk

Living so far away, we needed peace of mind, and knowing that my aunt had a life line to the control room was very reassuring for us and for her.

Cash for the community



Messy Church is one of the latest groups to benefit from the City Council's Community Grants.

The group, which is based at St Michael & All Angels Church, Pinhoe, is aimed at children under 11 who attend after school with their parents.

The group successfully applied for a £200 grant. The money will be spent on equipment and materials for play or craft activities.

Community groups can apply for the latest round of community grants from Exeter City Council.

There is £3,000 available for each ward in Exeter to support community initiatives. Groups can apply for up to £300 to support local projects.

Community groups are encouraged to discuss their plans with their local city councillors and then submit an application form that can be downloaded from the City Council website at exeter.gov.uk/communitygrants

There is also a fund of around £20,000 available to support cross city initiatives, where groups can apply for up to £2,000. Again, applicants are advised to discuss their ideas with their local city councillors before an application is made.

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When finished, Princesshay's new section alone will create 750 jobs let alone the construction jobs involved. So we will deliver it.

The issue of student accommodation, affordable housing and student parking is certainly a valid one and provides food for thought.

The university adds £600million a year to our economy and foreign students alone add £88 million. Simply put, the city wouldn't be anywhere near as strong without them. The economic benefit is important, but so is a city that people feel they can call their home. That's home if they be student, a newcomer or life-long resident.

It is an emotive topic and emotion sits at the heart of all political decisions, whatever side of the spectrum you sit on. It is worth saying it is independent companies driving student accommodation growth in Exeter – not the council. We will listen to all sides of the debate and ensure that Exeter continues to be a city that everyone can lay claim to with a tremendous sense of pride.

We will work hard on what is important to people. That includes both protecting and promoting a sense of identity here in Exeter and creating civic pride at every stage.

Affordable housing and creating a place people can live remains vitally important.

Last year 130 social housing, shared ownership or affordable rent houses were built. Another 400 in Exeter have full planning permission granted.

We've enabled people to find new homes but we will continue to do more.

At this moment there is a chance to grab that instability, and turn it into ambition, moving the city onwards. That is what Exeter does.

Haven't we been a city that always makes the seemingly impossible – possible?

Tell Tony Rowe 20 years ago that the team would be in the running for the Premiership and some may have laughed.

Princesshay is now the envy of many a city across the South West. You'll remember people campaigned vigorously against it when the scheme first emerged, something that would be incomprehensible now.

If we get it right, all the hard work we have been doing on creating data-based jobs is going to mean that Exeter will have a say on how the UK economy works in the coming years.

Some things are out of the city's scope to fix, but we can and will be doing our part over the next few years in keeping confidence here.

That's confidence that Exeter can deliver on its promises, confidence that Exeter can buck trends, confidence that people's concerns will be listened to – and that Exeter remains the city to invest in and do business with.

Change has challenged our values, but also brought another chance for growth. I am certain it will once again reveal the city's strengths."



Latest designs were seen by more than 1,100 people who attended an exhibition. The City Council said it was delighted with the public response.

The new, modern bus station will replace the tired and dated bus station in Paris Street and will be built alongside the new St Sidwell's Point leisure complex.

Cllr Phil Bialyk, Lead Councillor for Sport and Health

& Wellbeing, said: "It's fantastic that so many people are taking an interest in the new bus station. I'd like to thank everyone who came along to this exhibition."

"We will soon have a modern bus station fit for the 21st Century that, along with the St Sidwell's Point leisure complex will form a dramatic gateway to the city. The new bus station forms part of a long-overdue regeneration of this much run down part of the city."

Plans for the new bus station are likely to include the following

features identified by members of the public who attended two exhibitions and filled in feedback forms.

- A covered waiting and boarding area
- Departure information screens
- Seating and wheelchair spaces
- A staffed information counter
- Same bus usually going from the same stand
- Audible information announcements
- CCTV
- Car/taxi drop off point
- Refreshments kiosk
- Cycle parking

Whilst the new bus station is being built, people will be able to catch buses from Sidwell Street, Paris Street and Cheeke Street.

For more information go to exeter.gov.uk/busstation



"We will soon have a modern bus station fit for the 21st Century"



Free graffiti removal

Householders can have graffiti removed from the side of their properties free of charge.

As part of a community clear up tackling graffiti head on, the City Council is offering the free service, subject to the approval of the home owner.

Whilst it is extremely unlikely that any damage will be caused to the property in carrying out the graffiti removal, it is necessary for the homeowner to sign a disclaimer form so that work can proceed. If graffiti appears on a painted surface, the solution may take some of the original paint away.

To find out more go to

Exeter.gov.uk/graffitiremoval

Coin hoard stays in Devon



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) acquire a hoard of almost 23,000 Roman coins.

The Seaton Down Hoard will now stay in Devon and be available to view and enjoy at the RAMM for visitors and future generations.

It was discovered by a metal detector enthusiast in November 2013 and is the third largest Roman coin hoard ever discovered in Britain.

The coins were buried around AD348, possibly by a private individual or soldier for safe-keeping; we may never know but the coins will help unveil the rich story of Devon in Roman times and provide a fascinating glimpse into the world of 4th-century Roman Britain.

Each coin will be examined, and a selection will be conserved to reveal precise details of their date, type and place of mint.

A few of the coins will be on display for visitors to enjoy while conservation work continues on the main collection. A special new display will be created for the entire hoard in 2017.

The purchase and conservation of the Seaton Down Hoard has been made possible with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, donations from Clinton Estates and staff of Thomson Reuters, and many contributions by members of the public, including a significant donation by Patrick Long.



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What's On

Enjoy stunning displays and fabulous exhibitions at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM), Exeter City Council's world-class museum.



Kurt Jackson: Revisiting Turner's Tourism

10 Sep to 4 Dec

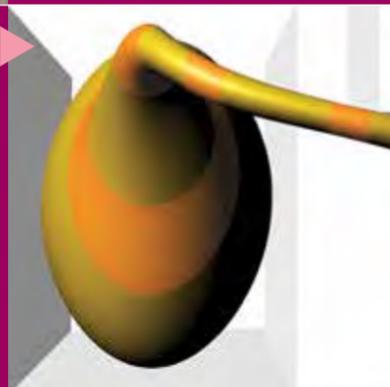
From Lands End to Exeter – Jackson's new works with the J.M.W. Turner engravings that inspired them.



Michael Shaw: Sculpting the Museum

17 Sep to 13 Nov

Original, dynamic and fun: a massive, inflatable sculpture inhabits RAMM's gallery.



Flower Power Botanical illustrations from India

Until 11 Sep



Beautiful early 19th-century illustrations of Indian flora exploring the plants' usage in traditional Ayurvedic and modern medicine.



Exeter's Fine Art Collection Summer and Autumn

Until 20 Oct

Drawings, watercolours and oil paintings from RAMM's collection on the themes of summer, autumn, Devon landscapes, Exeter and people.

What do you Collect? Miniature Menagerie

Until 25 Sep



Plastic wild animals reflect a local collector's passion for biodiversity.



Cafe: Jude Freeman Efflorescence

Until 2 Oct

Etchings and drawings celebrating the constantly shifting cycles of growth and decay, focussing on wild and cultivated flowers. Framed works and unframed prints for sale.

Join in the lively programme of family activities, talks and tours. Admission free.

Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. Closed Mondays and bank holidays.

Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery
 Queen Street, Exeter EX4 3RX

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How do we make Exeter the most active city in the South West?

'Find more time' was the answer most people gave at the Get Active Exeter Summer Festival.

Unfortunately it isn't possible to magic up extra hours in the day, but here are a few real questions and answers from the Get Active Exeter Facebook page of ways to fit ten minutes of activity here and there during the day, without it feeling like a chore.

"I'm a mum of four children and I don't have any time to spare but I want to be more active - HELP!"

Get Active says: "Active travel to school - walk the children to and from school. Get them onto scooters and then try and keep up - it will encourage you to walk faster! new.devon.gov.uk/travel

Or try Active mums - confidence building sessions on your bike with your baby - equipment provided activedevon.org/activemums



"I care for a relative, have a bad back and my knees are not too strong. What ideas can you suggest to help me get a bit fitter?"

Walking for Health - free walks, graded by time from

30 minutes upwards and led by trained volunteers, these are a perfect gentle way back into better health, with lots of emphasis on chatting and having fun. Use the walk finder at walkingforhealth.org.uk to

find the nearest Exeter walk

Tai Chi - gentle movements to strengthen and tone muscles, often done outdoors. See exeterTaiChi.com for more details

BID scrubs up well

Shops and businesses in Exeter city centre are going that extra mile to make sure they scrub up to the satisfaction of their customers.

Exeter Business Improvement District (BID) has clubbed together to fund extra cleaning outside shops and on the pavements.

BID has taken delivery of an electric vehicle to wash down pavements and collect waste. This is over and beyond what the City Council is already providing.

BID also has a gum removal machine to clear the pavements of sticky mess within the city centre. It is being complemented by a pressure washing machine which is being rented from the City Council on days when it is not being used.

Craig Bulley, BID Manager, said: "I'm pleased to say that this partnership between BID and the Council is working very well and proud that BID has made this one of its priorities in improving Exeter's city centre."



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