

Yeo Ward Newsletter

SUMMER EDITION



CELEBRATING WHAT WORKS

Mid Devon is gathering examples of good practice from across the district. If something is working well in Yeo Ward, please share it. It will ensure your ideas are acknowledged and circulated, and we may also be able to highlight common challenges across our rural communities.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT MID DEVON

At the May Full Council meeting, Cllr David Wulff was appointed Leader with Cllr Guy Cochran as Deputy Leader. Cllr Gordon Czapiewski continues as Chair, and I am pleased to continue serving as Vice-Chair of

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The Government's decision on the future structure is expected before **16 July**. Councils are already preparing for potential change, including mapping assets, contracts and staffing.

Indicative timeline:

- **May 2027** - Elections for new shadow councils
- **1 April 2028** - New councils go live

Further detail will follow once the Government confirms its decision.



NEW WEBSITE

A new Visit Mid Devon website has launched, showcasing events, walks, attractions and local businesses across the district – including our rural villages.

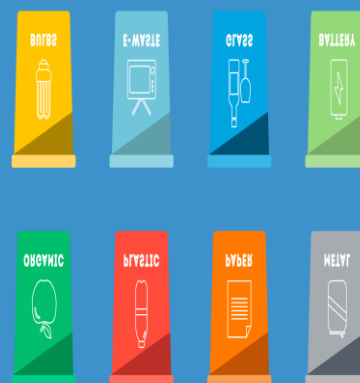
Local groups, venues and businesses can add their own listings to increase visibility.

<https://www.visitmiddevon.co.uk>

Recycling performance now directly affects council funding. If all recyclable materials were placed correctly, Mid Devon could gain up to £660,000 in additional income.

Upcoming improvements include:

- Extra collections at peak times
- Replacement food caddies available on request
- Trials of new recycling sacks
- Potential soft-plastic and nappy collections
- More support for residents to use the Bin It 1-2-3 system



NEW COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Two new schemes are now live for residents facing financial hardship:

- Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)
- Oil Support Scheme

Full details: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/new-financial-support-schemes-now-live-for-mid-devon-residents/>

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) is offering grants for training and development in traditional and modern

crafts. Applications close Monday 12 August, 5pm. Free online “How to Apply” sessions are available via the QEST website.

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