

Mid Devon Update for Yeo Ward

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Local Government Reorganisation

Devon County Council and DALC recently hosted a workshop for larger towns and parishes to share the latest timeline and process for Local Government Reorganisation. The message was clear: the challenges ahead will be best met by working together across all levels of local government. For any queries relating to the LGR workshop, Yeo Ward councillors should contact our DALC representative via the parish clerk

HELAA Published

Mid Devon District Council has released its updated Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). It reviews land submitted through the 2021 and 2025 Call for Sites and assesses suitability for housing, employment, renewable energy and habitat creation. Inclusion in HELAA **does not** mean a site will be allocated or granted permission; it simply informs the evidence base for the new Local plan.

Plan Mid Devon – Consultation Open

Work has begun on a new Local Plan to shape development over the next 20 years. The early scoping consultation is open until **10 July 2026**, inviting views from residents and parish councils on priorities, infrastructure needs and environmental considerations. Further consultations will follow in 2027 and 2028, with adoption expected in 2029.

Affordable Homes in Tiverton

The first 25 affordable homes at Post Hill are now occupied, with 70 homes planned in total through a partnership between Allison Homes South West and LiveWest—supporting local housing need.

Recycling Performance

Mid Devon remains one of England's top-performing councils for recycling—6th lowest residual waste and 10th highest recycling rate nationally. Upcoming improvements include soft-plastic trials, additional containers and food-waste education in primary schools.

New Residents' App

A new free Mid Devon app is now available, offering easy access to council services, waste reminders, planning applications and local updates.

Apprenticeships

The Council currently supports 17 apprenticeships across services including plumbing, procurement, housing and environmental health, helping build local skills and future workforce capacity.

Strategic Sustainability Grants

A new £80,000 Strategic Sustainability Grants scheme has launched to support community organisations delivering climate action, biodiversity projects and nature recovery.