



Hello from Jemima!



It's been a brilliant first six months as your Whipton Community Builder. Thank you to everyone who has shared ideas, and offered time, energy and skills to make great things happen locally.

I'm here to support anyone who wants to try something new or bring an idea to life – whether that's starting a group, planning an event, or building on something already happening.

It's been lovely see such a variety of things happening, including planting projects, a jumble trail, photography walk, family history research drop-in, little library launch and summer pop-up play sessions. I've also enjoyed attending the many brilliant local groups. There are plenty of exciting projects emerging for the months ahead, and I can't wait to see what people's ideas will lead to next.

If we haven't met yet and you'd like to share an idea or find out more about what's going on locally, my contact details are on the back page.

Best wishes

Jemima

Jemima Moore

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Listening Post

Listening is a key part of a Community Builder's role. Here's what I've been hearing about Whipton...

Whipton is the best place in Exeter. I've lived in other places but I loved growing up here and now I've come back.

This area used to have a lot of issues but things are much better now and it feels like there's a good community.

I feel so happy and proud to be part of the community champions.

I've lived here for four years and I didn't know any of these people.
It's great to bring neighbours together like this.

Nature Photography Walk



Two wonderful Whipton residents, Rich and Ayesha, led a lovely photography walk through Mincinglake Valley Park — a chance to slow down, enjoy nature, and capture some great shots. We also shared ideas for future walks, from foraging to listening to the dawn chorus. If you'd like to get involved, I'd love to hear from you!



Litter Pick & Planting - Sunday 9th Nov 2.00-3.30pm

We'll meet at Barberry Close Library/Leo's Bench
Join Community Champions from Barberry Close, Bennett Square and Widgery Road to clear and refill planters from Bennett Square, do some litter picking and plant some bulbs. All equipment is provided.

Jumble Trail

The Jumble Trail began with a chat at the Little Library launch and quickly grew into a fantastic community event. Neighbours leafleted, mapped the trail, and opened their stalls — with lots of visitors and great conversations along the way. There's already talk of another in spring or summer! If you'd like to organise one in your area, I'd be happy to help.



Community Champions Little Library Launch



This summer, residents of Barberry Close, Bennett Square and Widgery Road came together to celebrate the launch of the brand new Little Free Library. Funded by an ECC ward grant and beautifully painted by local artist Chloe Farrant, the library was officially welcomed with a "birthday party" celebration.

Neighbours brought out chairs, decorations, snacks, music, free plants, books to swap, and even hair braiding, while children played games and made new friends

From the day, ideas began to flow, from bulb planting and replanting the square's planters, to jumble trails, advent windows, and community litter picks. A growing group of Community Champions is helping shape what comes next, and there are plans to make the Little Free Library party a yearly tradition.

If you'd like to join the Community Champions group or get involved in future activities, we'd love to hear from you!



Connecting with Neighbours



Pop Up Play at St Katherine's and Summerway



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Pop-Up Play sessions and toy swap. It was great fun and a wonderful way to connect with families and share ideas. We're grateful to Devon Wildlife Trust for lending us their bug-spotting kits, and to Merry-Go-Round Toy Library for sharing some brilliant resources. It really was a fantastic summer of play – and many families have already said how much they'd love to see Pop-Up Play return next year!

Whipton History Research Group

Whipton History Detectives Wanted!

Do you enjoy following clues, spotting patterns, solving puzzles? Are you curious about what Whipton used to be like? Join our new History Group and help tell Whipton's story.

If you'd like to join Dr. Julia Neville's Whipton History Research Group, let me know and I'll pass your details on.



Bonville Close Community Evening



Bonville Close has its own Facebook page and a brilliant resident who regularly does litter picks. I met with some of the neighbours and together we planned a community evening – a chance to do a little litter picking and weeding, share cake and other treats, and enjoy a good chat.

It was a lovely way to connect, and lots of great ideas came out of it – including a Spring street party, an Advent window trail and a little library. If you'd like support with bringing your neighbours together in a similar way, do get in touch!

Whipton Shanty Singing

Are you interested in singing? A wonderful local resident, Rose, is looking to start a men's singing group at The Star Inn, Whipton, with a shanty-style feel. No experience is needed, just bring your voice and a willingness to join in. Singing together is a wonderful way to meet new people, lift your mood, and enjoy a sense of community. If you or someone you know might like to take part, we'd love to hear from you!





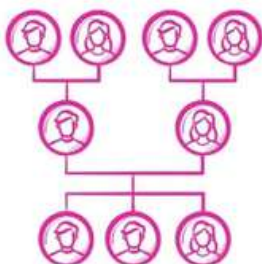
Do you want to start your family tree?

Join our drop-in sessions

with Lorna, Associate of Association of Genealogical Researchers in Archives (AGRA)

STARTS SEPTEMBER 2025

This is a
FREE event



Starter pack included on your first visit!
Bring a pencil, sharpener and rubber

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
12.30-1.30pm

Tea, Coffee, Cakes and snacks available for purchase on the day.

For more information contact **Jemima** on:

07966 992393 or jemima.moore@eci.org.uk

St Katherine's Priory, St Katherine's Rd, Exeter EX4 7JY
next door to Morrisons Supermarket, Prince Charles Road, Beacon Heath



Exeter's

Painting for Pleasure

We aren't just about painting :)

A friendly social group where you
can bring along your own materials
to work in a social atmosphere.

All mediums and abilities welcome

Table & refreshment provided

No booking needed just turn up

Wednesday's 9.30 - 12 midday

Whipton Community Hall

£3 per session

Any questions contact
admin@whiptonhall.com
or call Andrew 07806529123



Stoke Hill Community Association
CHARITY NO. 283907

YOU ARE INVITED TO
OUR

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

AT
ST KATHERINE'S PRIORY

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY | 23 | 11am - 3pm

LOCAL ARTISANS. CRAFTERS. TRINKETS & GIFTS
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EX4 7JY (Next door to Morrisons, Stoke Hill)
All proceeds go to Stoke Hill Community Association Charity No. 283907

UP COMING EVENTS
@ ST KATHERINES PRIORY

Prize Bingo

7th November 2025 6.30pm to 9.30pm
(First Friday of the month)

Craft n Chat

1st November 2025 11am until 2pm
(First Saturday of the month)

Exeter Miniature Railway (EDMES)

&

The Junction Model Railway (72a) Public Running Day

2nd November 2025 11am until 3 pm.
(First Sunday of the month)

Skittles Saturday

22nd November 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

23rd November 2025 Christmas Fayre
11am until 3 pm.





What's on: Whipton

Monday

- 10am-12pm Volunteer Gardening & Maintenance - St Katherine's Priory
- 10.30am Solo Parents Coffee Catch Up at Chapters Coffee House Warwick Way 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
- 1.30-3.30 Whist (Part of Isca Bowls) Isca Centre
- 5-8.15pm Doryoku Ryu Karate - First two sessions free. Children 5-5.45pm, Family class 6-7pm, Adult Class 7.15-8.15pm Whipton Social Club
- 7pm-9.30pm The Junction 72A Model Railway Club - St Katherine's Priory

Tuesday

- 10am-3pm Exeter and District Model Engineers - St Katherine's Priory
- 2pm Whist - Alternate Tuesdays from 30th October - St Katherine's Priory
- 6.15pm The Bridge Club Isca Centre - contact 01392 462833
- 6.45pm-9.15pm Dragon Slayers Dungeons and Dragons Gaming - Whipton Hall
Contact Tony 07860375557
- 7-8pm Women on the Run - Exeter Arena
- 7.15-9.30pm Social League Skittles - Whipton Social Club
- 8.30 -11pm Tuesday League Darts - Whipton Social Club

Wednesday

- 9.30am-12pm Painting for Pleasure - Whipton Hall
- 10am-12pm Community Coffee Morning - The Star Inn, Whipton
- 3pm-4.30pm School Run Cafe - St Boniface Church
- 5pm-6pm Premier League Kicks - St James School (ages 11-18 yrs)
- 6.45-10.30pm Free Pool - Whipton Social Club
- 7-9pm Netball - St James School

See venue information on the last page.



What's on: Wipton

Thursday

- 10am-11.30am The Well Community Cafe - St Boniface Church
- 10.00-11.30am -Parent and Toddler Group - Wipton Chapel
- 11am-11.45am Age UK Seated Exercise - Wipton Hall
- 7pm-8pm Walking Netball - St James School
- 7pm-9.30pm The Junction Model Railway Club - St Katherine's Priory
- 7.30-9pm Community Voices Choir. Alternate Thursdays - Wipton Community Hall
communityvoiceschoir@gmail.com
- 7.30 - 9.30pm Prize Bingo £1 per book Wipton Social Club

Friday

- 10am-2pm Community Café - St Katherine's Priory
- 12.00-3pm Lunch club (part of Isca Bowls Club) - Isca Centre
- 12.30-1.30pm Family History Research Drop In - St Katherine's Priory 1st Friday of the month
- 4.30pm-5.30pm Isca Church Football Academy - St James School
- 6pm-7pm Under 8's Wipton Youth FC - Willowbrook School
- 6pm-7.30pm Launch Pad Children's club - Willowbrook School
- 6.15pm - Junior Youth Group (Year R - Year 6) - Wipton Chapel
- 7.45pm - Senior Youth Group (Year 7 - Year13) - Wipton Chapel
info@whiptonchapel.org
- 6.30pm Bingo - St Katherine's Priory (first Friday of the month)
- 6.45-9.00pm Tag Rugby - Exeter Arena
- 7.00-8.00pm Walking Football - St James School
- 7.15pm and 9pm Skittles (in house league) Wipton Social Club
- 7.30-11pm Darts - Wipton Social Club

Saturday

- 11am-2pm Craft & Chat - St Katherine's Priory (first Saturday of the month)
- 7pm Quiz Night St Katherine's Priory email st.katherinespriory@gmail.com

Sunday

- 11am-3pm Exeter Miniature Railway - St Katherine's Priory (first Sunday of every month)

Christmas is Coming!



Christmas is just around the corner, and it's a wonderful time for neighbours to come together. I'm already working with two groups planning Advent windows, and there are lots of festive events happening locally, including Christmas discos and children's parties at Whipton Hall and Whipton Social Club, as well as St Katherine's Priory Christmas Fayre.

If you have a festive idea for your neighbourhood, such as, carol singing, a decoration trail, a pay-it-forward gift swap, or coming together for mince pies and mulled wine, and would like support to bring it to life, please get in touch!

What else would you like to see in Whipton?



I've heard some fantastic ideas from local residents, including a Family Rounders game, Tree Walk, Family Open Mic sessions, Whipton Bake Off, Dawn Chorus walk, a school holiday playgroup, ladies' clothes swap, a women's group, book club, jumble sale, butterfly walk, and a dog walker social. There's clearly a lot of imagination and care in the community.

If any of these sound like something you'd like to be part of, I can help connect you with others and offer support to get things started. Or if you have a different idea for a group or event you'd love to make happen, I'm here to help —just get in touch!

Meet Georgie

This is Georgie your local Community Physical Activity Organiser (CPAO), she works across the whole of north Exeter and knows all things Physical activity and sport. Her role is to assist residents with their ideas of forming a group or to sign post them to groups that already run in the local area. CPAO's also help individuals to overcome barriers they may face stopping them from accessing physical activity.

Save the date for the Community Sports Day on August 31st in Summerway Park 12-3pm



If you have an idea or need support to access physical activity. Please contact Georgie via this email: georgie.barbour-gresham@ecct.co.uk

Get Social



Keep up-to-date by joining these local Facebook pages and groups.

- St Boniface Church
- St Katherine's Priory
- Friends of Summerway
- Widgery Road and Bennet Square
- Whipton Community Group
- Whipton Hall
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Whipton to Wonford Community Group
- Polsloe to Pinhoe
- Barberry Close Little Library

Contact Details for Venues

- Holy Trinity Church- office@whipton.church
- Whipton Hall admin@whiptonhall.com
- St Katherine's Priory 07467079452
st.katherinespriory@gmail.com
- Isca Centre-Summer Lane - 01392 265390
- St Boniface Church - info@whipton.church
- The Star Inn - 01392 466128/ 07497578661
- The Whipton Social Club 01392 201273



Useful contacts

Exeter City Councillors

- Liz Pole - 07485 194779
cllr.liz.pole@exeter.gov.uk
- Ruth Williams - cllr.ruth.williams@exeter.gov.uk
- Tony Payne - cllr.tony.payne@exeter.gov.uk.

Devon Country Councillor:

- Jack Eade - jack.eade@devon.gov.uk
- St James School 01392 209922
- St Lukes School 01392 204600
- Willowbrook School 01392 466208
- Whipton Barton School 01392 467566
- Report a problem- Exeter City Council
<https://exeter.gov.uk/clean-safe-city/>
- Report a problem- Devon Country Council
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

Useful Information

- Parental Minds gives support to families who are struggling with their mental health
<https://parentalminds.org.uk/>
Tel: 07907 614 516
- Domestic Violence Splitz Devon Helpdesk
Tel: 0345 1551074.
- Talk works Tel: 0300 555 3344
www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk
- Mental Health Mind charity
Tel: 0300 123 3393
- The Moorings @ Devon - Out of hours mental health support for 16+. www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon
Tel: 07990 790 920
- Andy's Man Club - Talk through problems that men face. Monday evenings, 7pm.
www.facebook.com/AndysManClubExeter/
- Age UK Exeter Tel: 01392 202092
- Adult Social Care team Tel: 01710 424000
Out of hours Tel: 01720 422699
- Care Direct - 0345 1551 007
- NHS Chat Health - Health Visitor confidential text messaging service www.chatline.nhs.uk
- Home-Start - Support for families with young children www.homestarteemd.org.uk/
- Exeter Food Bank exeterfoodbank.co.uk/

About Wellbeing Exeter



Wellbeing Exeter is a collaborative partnership of organisations working together to promote and improve the wellbeing of people individually and in their neighbourhoods, to make the community a better place to live.

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