

Monthly Performance Snapshot – February 2019



This monthly performance snapshot shows our performance over the last month:

- An estimated **59%** of all waste collected was recycled in February
- **95%** of invoices received by us are paid within 10 days
- Total sales for the South West Academy Exhibition (12 Jan- 9 Feb) reached £ 3,589 taking February sales are up +2% YOY
- Thelma Hulbert Gallery Friends' Memberships have already exceeded last year's total with still a month to go (£1,175)
- We welcomed 363 visitors to the East Devon Business Centre (EDBC) in February (compared to 455 last year). Although this represents a drop it is still a significant increase on 2016 and 2017 visitor numbers. EDBC offices continue to be fully let. We welcomed a new tenant in February to fill an office which had only just been made vacant

Latest headlines:

- Each day the UK government's digital team, rank the best tweets sent out by councils across the country. Our tweet about the official opening of the new building was ranked at 27th in the country.
- The second comedy night at the Manor Pavilion Theatre was a huge success, and the classic period whodunit Dead on Arrival completely sold out. The theatre has become so popular with local and national promoters, local groups, hirer's that it has already got some bookings confirmed for 2021.
- The Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019-2023 was formally adopted at the Cabinet meeting on 6th March 2019.
- The purchase of an 8 bed property in Exmouth, for use as temporary accommodation to meet the rising demand, has been completed.
- Queen's Drive Space in Exmouth granted planning permission for a further three years - Planning Permission has been given to extend the temporary uses at Queen's Drive Space, which means East Devon District Council can move forward with an exciting events programme for 2019 as well as an attractive food and drink offer for the summer months. The 3 year permission also means that there will always be some entertainment on this part of the seafront for residents and visitors whilst the permanent development of Queen's Drive takes place. More information about the forthcoming programme will be available on www.queensdrivespace.co.uk and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/queensdrivespace/.
- February's edition of the Economic Development team's Business and Economy Bulletin summarises government guidance for business preparing for Brexit. This edition also celebrates the early successes of social enterprise Propeller Exmouth which is aiming to drive forward a

new generation of technology businesses in the district. Also featured is the East Devon Enhancing Productivity Programme which is a business support initiative delivering free workshops and one-to-one support for pre-start and existing businesses across East Devon.

- Honiton 'Gate to Plate 2' to be held on Sat 10th August - Save the Date! - Back by popular demand, Honiton will again play host to what is becoming an annual celebration of East Devon's finest food and drink. Visitors can expect to see an even more diverse selection of local produce of the very highest quality. Event planning is well underway with preparations being made for a professional cooking demonstration featuring many of the products available to try and buy at the event. More details to follow.
- Following handover, the Relocation Team have now completed installation of furniture, fittings and equipment and Strata have now incorporated the new IT and AV systems into Blackdown House. The final two tranche of Officers have been relocated from Knowle and Blackdown House was open for business on Monday 11 February 2019 as required. Worksmart Workshops have been undertaken and useful comments advised which are now being considered and associated actions taken. Similar Workshops are due to be held in March. The Relocation and Strata Teams are now turning their attention to the clearance of the Knowle in readiness for Vacant Possession at which time PegasusLife will take ownership of the building.