

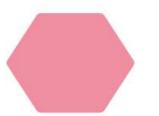
Y3 Allocated Budget £52,000

Year 3 Activity (April 2024 – March 2025)

In Year 3, the Cultural Programme predominantly focused on three activities;

- 1. The continued support for and development of the Arts and Culture East Devon (ACED) network; through network meetings and training opportunities
- 2. The continued delivery of the Creative East Devon Fund grant scheme.
- 3. Funding support of the newly established Screen Devon.

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ACED **MEMBERS**

Join the ACED Network to make local connections and collaborate with other creatives.

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ACED CHAMPIONS

What is an ACED Champion?

Our ACED Champions are passionate about supporting the ACED Network and help to raise awareness of ACED and the East Devon Cultural Strategy, engaging with cultural projects and events.





ACED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2025

Honour a volunteer's outstanding contribution to your arts / heritage organisation or festival and recognise the invaluable impact they make through the ACED Volunteer of the Year Award 2025.

Nominating is easy. Just submit up to 250 words about your volunteer and three words to describe them.

Deadline: Friday 9 May, 5pm.

- The award recognises an outstanding contribution to culture for a volunteer who has gone above and beyond their role.
- Open to residents of East Devon who perform a volunteer role benefiting the arts and culture sector in East Devon.

















"Thank you for the excellent training. Lots of super tools to use - making life easier and accessible for many more people, including me."

Maggie Irving, ACED Inclusion Champion









What is the Creative East Devon Fund?

The Creative East Devon Fund (CEDF) provides discretionary financial support to local art and culture initiatives and projects that can demonstrate a commitment to developing the East Devon Cultural Strategy. This scheme is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.





Round 2 (2024 - 25):

Alright Mate? CIC: Blind Spot (£1495)

Two performances of Blind Spot, a pop-up comedy show performed in a car, will be performed at the Dog and Donkey in Budleigh on 28 & 29 March 2025. The script was developed through interviews with men in Devon, using humour to explore some of the roadblocks that men face when trying to open up about their feelings. The public performances are used as a conversation starter to engage the wider general public, to reduce stigma & barriers to engaging with the arts and to normalise conversations about men's mental health.

For the Love of a Railway: Celebrating the Legend of Lyme Billy (£2784)

A new visitor centre, previously an empty shop in Axminster, now hosts a model of the famous old Axminster to Lyme Regis Railway as its centrepiece. The grant will go towards creating the Lyme Billy Lounge – a flexible space that is capable of converting quickly from a work area to a comfortable lounge for presentations and meetings and will also 'Celebrate the Memories' – bringing many golden memories to the surface, ensuring that an important slice of social history is properly recorded and made fully accessible.

Sustainable Project Live CIC: SPL Community Radio (£2700)

This project will establish a community radio station to serve as a platform for local musicians and DJs to showcase their music and upcoming events, while also spotlighting touring acts performing in Seaton and neighbouring areas. Although the primary focus is to support the local music scene, the radio station will also serve the community: disseminating local news and information, and providing a platform for organisations to collaborate with the community and connect with a wider audience by engaging with residents. Operated by volunteers, the station encourages local people with ideas for shows to participate in the station's activities.

<u>Dreadnought South West CIC:</u> East Devon Women and the Sea (£3000)

An opportunity for local women to learn how to make a podcast and audio content for digital broadcasting, exploring their relationship to the sea around them in Exmouth. A call out will be made in Exmouth to two initial groups as an early stage exploration for this work, including wild swimmers and climate change activists. There will be three open days for workshops, skills sharing, storytelling and sharing audio content. Listen out on Phonic FM Exeter's Community Radio on International Women's Day, 8 March 2025, where the stories will be shared.

DAISI: Arts Workshop Subsidy for Schools - East Devon

Daisi's purpose is founded upon the evidenced benefits to children and young people of having the opportunity to work alongside a professional artist. Many young people do not have access to the arts either in school or in their local youth setting. This grant will support the delivery of seven workshops in visual arts and music led by local, highly experienced and inspirational artists to East Devon schools.

Sidmouth School of Art: Sidmouth Sensory Garden Outdoor Art Space (£2800)

This project is to create a new art space venue, featuring reusable gabion baskets to display micro artworks, and support costs of the first exhibition by JJ Waller of the Sidmouth Your Town My Town photographic collection. The exhibition will consist of portraits of community groups celebrating the diversity of civic groups who are the fabric of our community.

Villages in Action: Get Together (£2805)

Working with Honiton Memory Café, TRIP, Devon Music Education Hub and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the project will deliver 4 accessible daytime concerts for people with dementia and their carers through what are considered the most miserable months of the year. Villages in Action will recruit emerging musicians aged 18-25 who will receive mentorship alongside paid performance opportunities to develop their musical practice to be more accessible, inclusive and influenced by audiences with dementia.

B Sharp: Journey Songs (£2958)

The project will enable children and young people in Seaton to write and perform their own original music, based on the culture and natural environment of their local area, with and for their community. The music will be inspired by a Seaton Tramway ride, and bird migration at Seaton Wetlands with support from Tramway volunteers and East Devon education rangers. Children, workshop participants and Seaton Acapella community choir performed the pieces at Seaton Tramway on 24 October 2024.

One Small Barking Dog: Exmouth Film Festival (£1430)

Funding will create an exhibition of local archive films, "Exmouth on Film" about the town, alongside film posters / memorabilia from films and TV shows filmed in Devon, hosted at Ocean, Exmouth 16 – 20 November 2024 as part of Exmouth Film Festival.

Four of Swords: Immersive Theatre School (£1225)

Building on the success of last year's Immersive Theatre School at Beer Quarry Caves, this funding will create x3 bursary placements for young people who would normally be unable to access the activity due to their socio-economic backgrounds, offering a unique activity to develop their skills in theatre and art.

Sidmouth Folk Festival: Free Folk for Families (£2000)

For 2024 all the Children's Festival events at Peacock Lawn/Blackmore Gardens will be free. 100+ workshops bringing young people together creatively, some of which progressively lead up to main stage showcases and engage with the wider festival (2–9 August). The aim is to make the festival more affordable to local families and creatively engage with more young people.

Creative Beings CIC: Biocycles By The Grove (£3000)

"When the giant tree falls in the forest, it lets in light that spurs a thousand seedlings."

This integrated arts project through workshops, soundscape and dance explores how an ending can be a beginning. Movement workshops will take place in Poltimore House Gardens on 27 + 28 August 2024. This pilot project will develop and test a creative intervention / provocation that can then be refined and scaled-up for touring around East Devon in 2025 and beyond.

Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival: Words on Wildlife (£1680)

Free, family fun offered in and around the mini marquee during the festival weekend (21-22 September,). Celebrating this year's theme of wildlife, come and discover a range of activities for all ages based around nature and the natural world. There will be craft with artist Anna Fitzgerald, storytelling with Jo Earlam, facts to discover and the chance to plant your own seeds and test your knowledge of our wonderful world of birds, insects and animals. Drop in – no need to book!

The Lympstone History Society: Lympstone Legends (£1000)

"About the village, by the village, for the village."

A specially commissioned, community musical with dramatized narration, based on the rich and varied history of Lympstone village over the past 800 years. This will be performed in June 2025.

Telling Our Stories: Artist Commission (£1350)

Telling Our Stories aims to unearth Honiton's multicultural heritage with stories, and interviews. This funding enables an artist commission to run schools' workshops in Honiton library to create an artwork/s, inspired by the collection of stories. It will be presented at the final project exhibition at Thelma Hulbert Gallery in November 2024.

Sidmouth Science Festival: Sidmouth Science Festival 2024 (£1000)

"Exciting curiosity in people to explore Science in their lives"

The festival (4-13 October) inspires and educates the community about how science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines impact our everyday lives by integrating art, music, comedy and drama with serious technical events.

The Arkham Dispatch: Devonshire Shadows: a Lovecraftian mystery game evening (£3000)

The Arkham Dispatch is a thrilling mystery subscription leading to a Lovecraftian-style adventure set in 1930s Devon. Monthly subscribers receive a mysterious envelope with clues and puzzles to reveal a chilling historical tale. Funding will enable a "play-test" prequel to a longer game blending in-person and digital experiences for local residents and gamers. Participants will play and help develop a unique game tailored with local East Devon references. The project will connect local creatives with local audiences and allow networking opportunities for local role-playing, gaming community.



GENERAL NEWS

EAST DEVON MUSEUMS TO BENEFIT FROM GRANTS FOR DIGITAL EQUIPMENT

4th March 2025

ACED is pleased to announce that the following East Devon museums will benefit from grants totalling £2,800 to provide much-needed digital equipment:

- Axminster Heritage Centre
- Exmouth Museum & Heritage Centre
- Ottery St Mary Heritage Museum
- Seaton Museum
- Sidmouth Museum
- Whimple Heritage Centre

The money will go towards equipment including humidity and temperature sensors, audio and camera equipment as well as display screens. These items will enhance the quality and appeal of collections making them more accessible for all to enjoy.



Discover the best of culture across East Devon



For an up-to-date list and more info, please scan the QR code or visit eastdevonexcellence.co.uk/culture







© Four of Swords theatre performance at Beer Quarry Caves

Explore our award-winning festivals, heritage, galleries, theatres, music and experiences.



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CREATIVE HUBS

- Beehive | EXI4 ILZ
 - Award-winning community venue hosting performing arts, visual art exhibitions & live events.
- Community Waffle House | EX13 SAP
 Weekly live music & events programme designed to spark
 conversation & create connection.
- Creative Beings | EX14 3PJ Sustainable social enterprise that runs creative courses, wellbeing projects & events in nature.
- East Devon Art Academy | EX10 8LS Year-round art workshops by local, national & internationally renowned artists.
- Poltimore House | EX4 0AU
 Historic 18th-century country house hosting various cultural events throughout the year.
- River Cottage HQ | EXI3 8TB

 Creative workshops, cookery classes, and a café, all in the heart of the foodie HQ.
- School of Art and Wellbeing | EX14 9TT Art classes, workshops & events set in 15 acres of wild meadows, gardens & orchards.
- The Old Kennels | EX14 4RW
 Offers a wide & eclectic mix of art courses & creative experiences.
- Westpoint Exeter | EXS IDJ
 Venue hosting year-round events from concerts to the renowned Devon County Show.

- Devon Open Studios | MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

 Annual exhibitions through September welcoming visitors to engage with a range of artists across Devon.
- Libraries Unlimited | MULTIPLE LOCATIONS Hosting cultural events in Axminster, Budleigh Salterton, Colyton, Exmouth, Honiton, Seaton, Sidmouth & Ottery St Mary.
- Villages in Action | MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

 Brings live performance, arts & cultural events to rural communities across Devon.

FESTIVALS

- Beautiful Days | EXTLILU Family friendly, weekend camping music festival offering entertainment across six stages. | AUGUST
- Budleigh Music Festival | EX9 6LT Celebrates some of the finest classical musicians in the world – in piano recitals, choral groups, string quartets. | JUNE - JULY
- Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival | EX9
 Outstanding SW literary festival with a varied programme of authors, broadcasters & poets. | MARCH & SEPTEMBER
- Exmouth Festival | EX8

 A free summer festival celebrating local talent & international culture across music, theatre & science, | JULY
- Hot Pennies Festival | EX14 IDG 13th-century-old tradition with a procession & fair where 'hot pennies' are thrown to the gathered crowds. | JULY
- Ottery St Mary Carnival & Tar Barrels | EXI | Internationally renowned, 17th-century tradition of flaming tar barrel procession on Bonfire Night. | NOVEMBER
- Sidmouth Folk Festival | EX10
 A summer festival showcasing the very best in folk music, dance & song since 1955. | JULY AUGUST
- Sidmouth International Jazz & Blues Festival | EX10 A festival presenting the best in Jazz, Swing, Blues, Soul, Funk, Latin & Cuban music. | MAY
- Sidmouth Sea Fest | EX10
 A coastal community celebration with dance, live music & art, promoting environmental awareness. | MAY



Exmouth Festival



Thelma Hulbert Gallery, photo credit Simon Tutty

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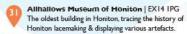
- Ark Pottery | EXTLIPY
 Studio displaying a range of handmade pottery. Book the pottery wheel and make your own pot.
- Kennaway House | EXIO 8NG
 Historic Regency mansion at the heart of Sidmouth offering art exhibitions & various events.
- 21) Marine House at Beer | EX12 3EF Showcases original paintings, limited editions, ceramics, studio glass & sculpture of South West artists.
- Sea Dog Art | EX8 IPB

 A unique gallery & community hub. With High Tide cafe providing refreshments and Temple Bar cocktails.
- Sidmouth Wallspace Public Art Gallery | EX10 8BW Billboard near the Ham which features changing art displays by Sidmouth School of Art.
- Theima Huibert Gallery (THG) | EXI4 ILX Award-winning public art gallery hosting an inspiring programme of contemporary art & craft exhibitions.

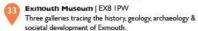
HERITAGE

- A La Ronde, National Trust | EX8 5BD A unique 16-sided house, featuring a 200-year-old shell gallery.
- Beer Quarry Caves | EX12 3AS Historic 2,000-year-old caverns, home of the famous Beer stone, hosting immersive theatre performances & concerts.
- Branscombe Forge, National Trust | EX12 3DB Discover an 18th-century thatched working forge & restored watermill, managed by the National Trust.
- Cadhay | EXTT | QT Historic Tudor Manor House & beautiful gardens. Open to the public on Fridays, May - September.
- Killerton House, National Trust | EX5 3LE Georgian house & grounds of 2,600 hectares, home to the National Trust's biggest fashion collection.
- Seaton Tramway & Jurassic Discovery | EX12 2WD Explore the Axe Valley on heritage trams & visit the immersive exhibition featuring lifelike animatronic dinosaurs.

MUSEUMS







Fairlynch Museum | EX9 6NP
Celebrating East Devon's heritage, it hosts nationally important costume & geological collections.

Micro Museums of Contemporary Art & Antiquities | EX10 8XR Discover exhibitions in two telephone boxes in Market Square curated by Sidmouth School of Art.

Ottery St Mary Museum & Heritage Centre
| EXIT IUF Celebrates the rich history of Ottery St Mary
over the last 2,000 years.

Seaton Museum | EXI2 2LD
Collection of artefacts & photos about the lives of local people from prehistoric times till today.

Sidmouth Museum | EX10 8LY Jurassic coastline, geology, archaeology, lace & social history collections, new displays every year.

Sidmouth Toy & Model Museum | EX10 8ND Unique collection of vintage & modern toys, models & memorabilia for the whole family.

Whimple Heritage Centre | EX5 2TA Devon's only cider museum, celebrating the history of the village & cider-making.

THEATRES & MUSIC

Axminster Guildhall | EXI3 5NX
Entertainment venue in the heart of Axminster specialising in wellbeing classes & nightly entertainment.

Exmouth Pavilion | EX8 2AZ

Seafront located theatre, offering a diverse programme of events including musicals, comedy & ballet.

Manor Pavilion Theatre | EX10 8RP
Theatre showing a wide range of entertainment: plays, musicals, dance, lectures, circus & comedy.

Otterton Mill | EX9 7HG
Historic working watermill. The site features a gallery & hosts live music events.

The Gateway Theatre | EX12 2LE Home to performing arts, live music, films & community activities in a fully accessible venue.



© Sidmouth International Jazz & Blues Festival

VINEYARD EXPERIENCES



17-acre farm with award-winning cafe, orchards & kitchen garden. Hosts vineyard tours & tastings.

Tity Farm Vineyard | EX9 7AH
Family-run, producing award winning single vineyard wines.
Cellar door open all year. Tours available Spring/Summer.

48 Lyme Bay Winery | EXI3 7PW
The Cellar Door offers tasting experiences from a range of international award-winning English wines.

49 Lympstone Manor | EX8 3NZ Grade II listed Georgian manor. Vineyard tours run May -Seotember with Michelin star or casual dine lunch.

Pebblebed Vineyard | EX3 0QH Rare single estate producer: Vineyard tours & tastings run May - September:

FOOD FESTIVALS - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Eats Boutique

Pop up street food markets across East Devon on a Friday evening. | MAY - SEPTEMBER

Gate to Plate

Bringing the best West Country food & drink producers & artisans together in town centre festivals in Axminster, Exmouth & Honiton. | APRIL - OCTOBER

Taste East Devon

Local food & drink festival showcasing the region's best producers, chefs, restaurants & venues. | SEPTEMBER

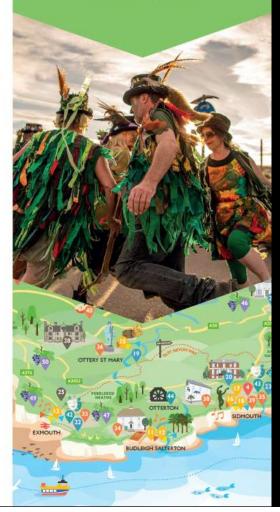


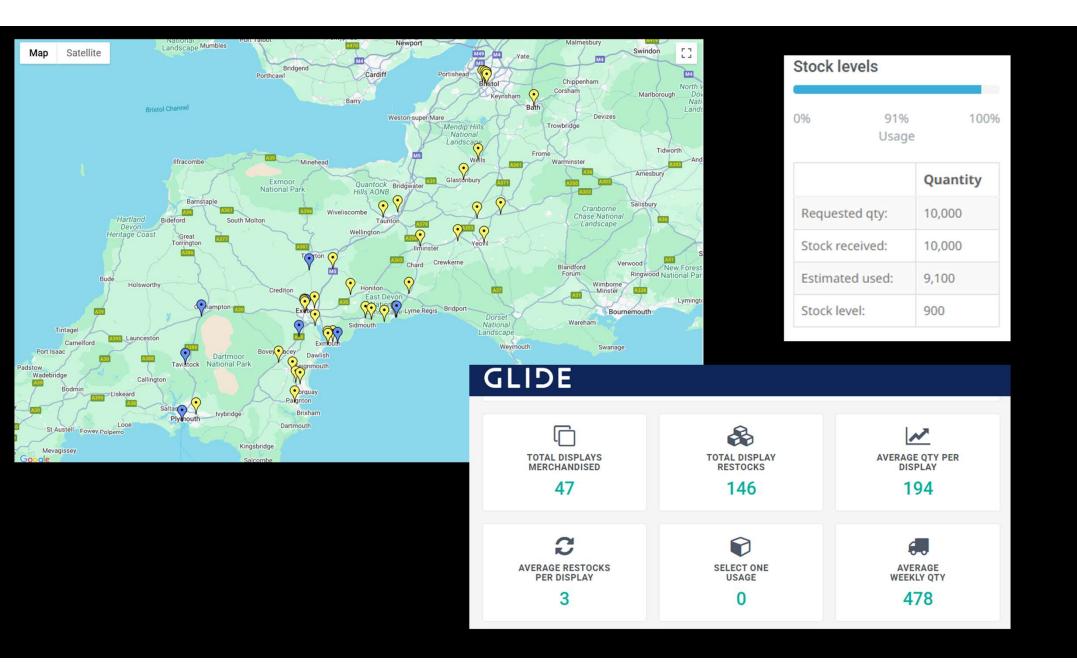


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Y4 UK SPF Cultural Programme

Item/Activity	Description	Cost
Creative East Devon Fund	Grants between £500 and £3,000 to ACED members for activities aligning with the Cultural Strategy.	£20,985
ACED Network	Maintain the ACED website, ACED Volunteer of the Year Award and deliver ACED Network meeting x3 times a year (venue hire and refreshments)	£2,000
Screen Devon	Development of a regional screen agency to support the local film industry and emerging talent.	£10,000
Villages in Action	An uplift to EDDC's core contribution to enable the recruitment of a Culture Network Lead for the area.	£5,000
Total		£37,985





