



Villages in Action

Combined Arts & Culture: East
Devon

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UPDATE SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Recruited Devon based worker



Secured funding for Jaw Jaw project



Expansion of international programming content



Hub & Spoke – Paddleboat tour



Made in Devon – Hefted

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

There are 65 venues promoting events in the Villages in Action network – 20 of them are in East Devon

Awliscombe

Axminster

Buckerell

Clyst Hydon

Colyford

Dunkeswell

Farringdon

Lympstone

Membury

Exmouth

Sheldon

Shute

Stockland

Talaton

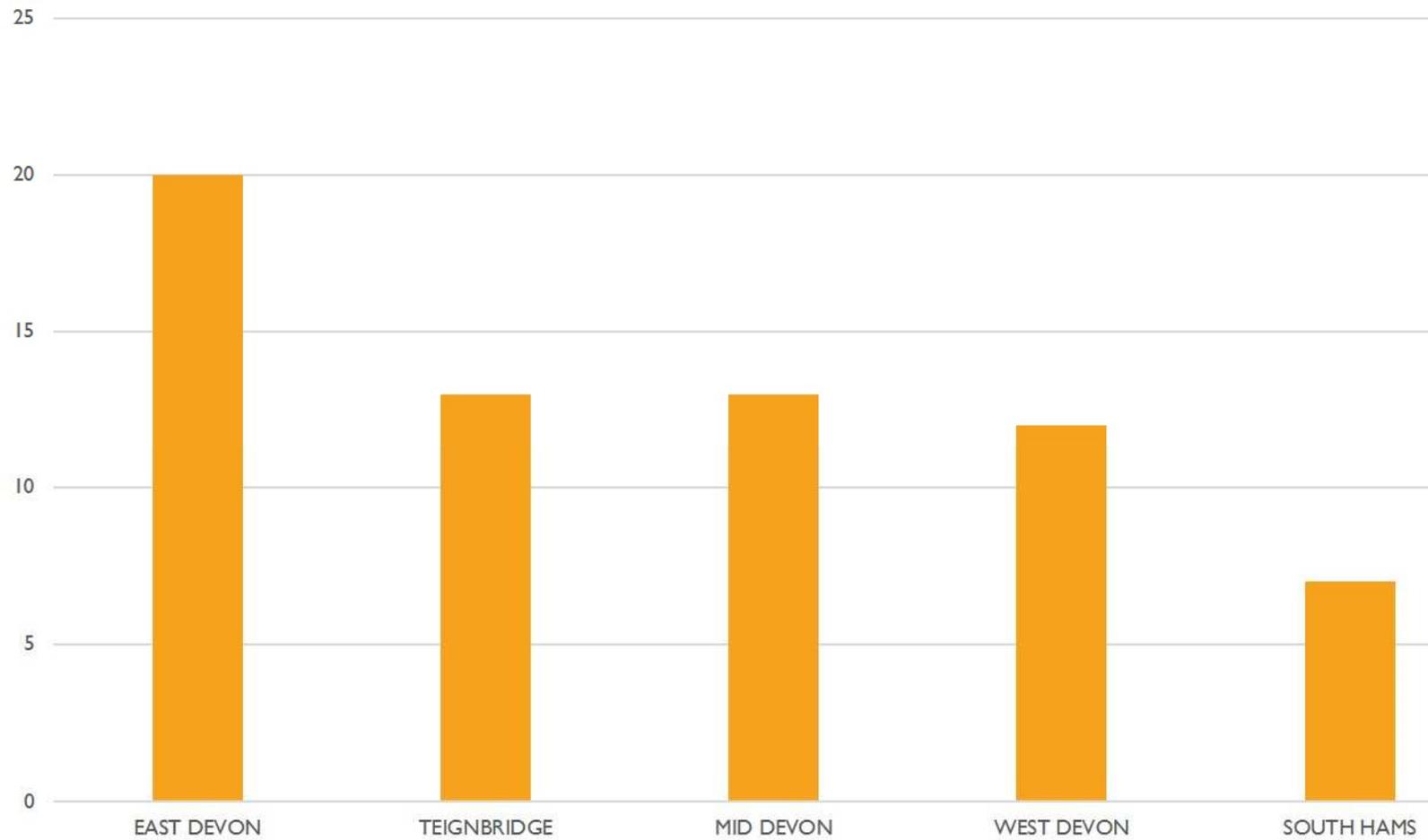
The Beehive

Whimble

Yarcombe



VILLAGES IN ACTION - VENUES



FACTS AND FIGURES



£20,618
earned

- £3598 in East Devon



2525
audiences

- 517 in East Devon

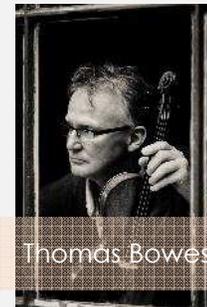


50 events
hosted

- 21 in East Devon



EAST DEVON EVENTS 2019



INTERNATIONAL TOURING



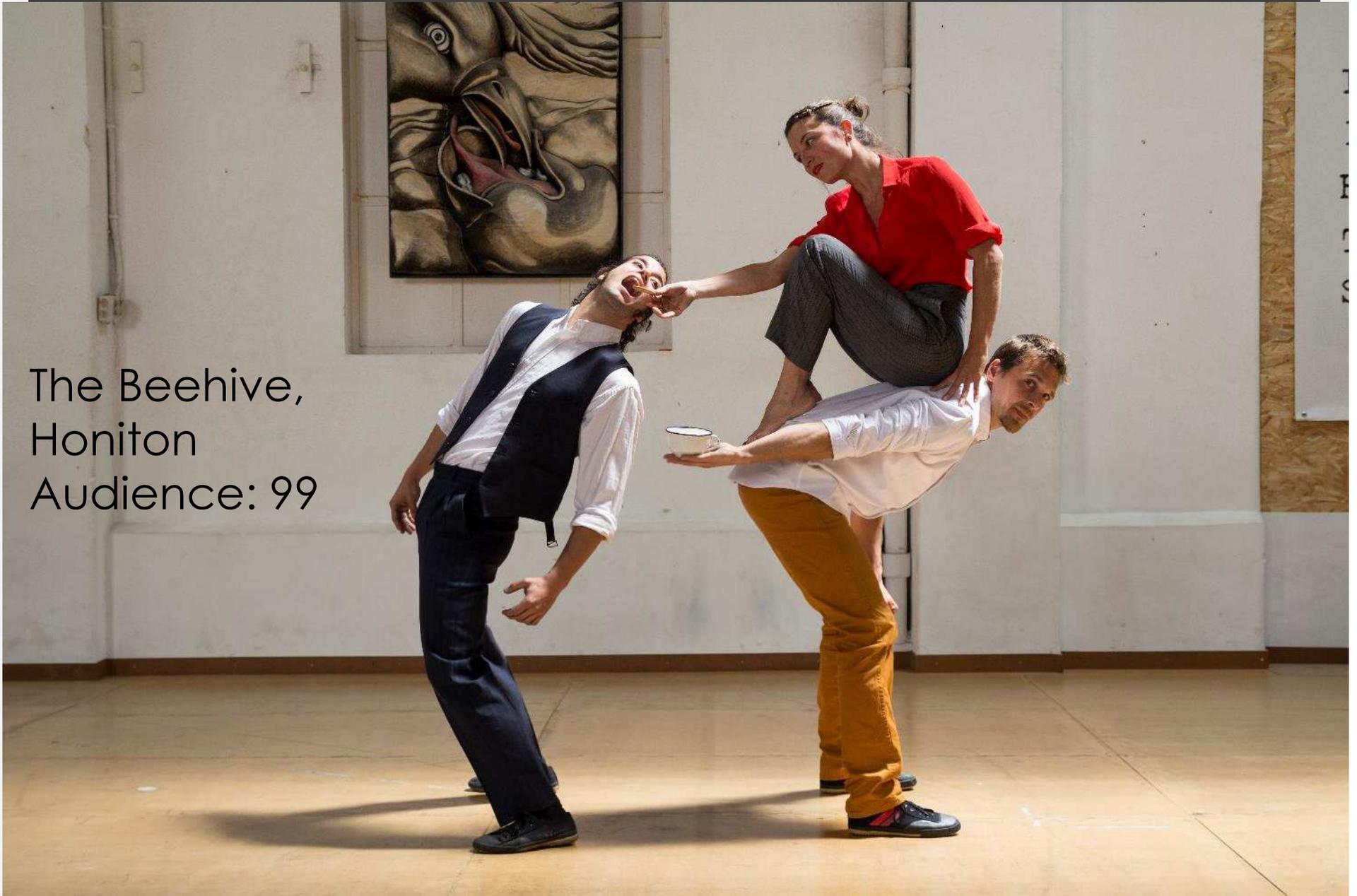
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AWLISCOMBE

Performance feedback: Almost unbelievable to hear and see what was happening in front of us. It was magic!

Promoter motivation: Sharing the

COMPANIA D'CLICK

The Beehive,
Honiton
Audience: 99



WITCHAM CIRCUS COMPANY - ISLA

On 5 Apr 7.30pm Adult £9.50, Student £7.50, Family £26

An outstanding physical circus show from Spain. Isla is based on the dreams and hallucinations of three shipwrecked characters.



Fabulous, unexpected & very funny -
we loved it!
unexpectedly so and bawny - Absolutely
fantastic! 😊

Absolutely LOVED the show it was
super duper cool with amazing skills and
humour. ✓ Amelia, Phil, Sharon, Thomas
xxx

More Circus Here, Please! Awesome
Show!

Lovely show - great to see circus being
what it is - more please!

Absolutely BRILLIANT - EVEN THE KID
loved it - bring them back again!!

Fantastic - great show - agree with all
the comments above

Brilliant - come again please

Absolutely fab! More like this please!

Amazing performance would love to see
more circus. Absolutely amazing company

Very good. I enjoyed it a lot - ~~Thank you~~

Thanks for having these wonderful
visitors! Fantastic skills wrapped around a great story

AMAZING! It was awesome
to see 3 fabulous people.

A fantastic aerial Circus Spectacle
We enjoyed all of it and so
gripped to the Stage
Casper (5) Lehani (3) giggled
all the way through!
hope to see you guys again!!!

ANOTHER FANTASTIC PRODUCTION!

would have expected such a beautiful show,
Thank you so much!

MORE CIRCUS PLEASE!

Totally amazing! Beautifully performed, touching
Funny, Quirky & incredible! We loved it
Come back & click!

MADE IN DEVON MULTI STORY THEATRE - HEFTED



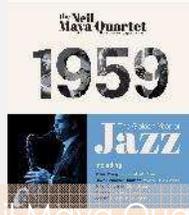
The performance was one of the most memorable theatrical experiences I've ever had. The set, the company, the venue and the audience reaction all came together to make the evening just brilliant. I'd book Multi-Story again in an instant. A Theatrical Treat!

PROMOTER MOTIVATIONS

We have felt so privileged to have been able to experience such amazing performance for so many years, and in the lovely intimate setting of village halls and churches. I have been pleased also to introduce such a variety of music and shows to people in our village, particularly to those who may never have had the chance to go to live shows and performances like this before. I have to say that the scheme has also helped us over the years to raise funds for the hall through the extra ticket income and the refreshments and raffles.

To raise a greater cultural awareness within the community and to support the use of the venue by the whole community. It was clear from this and a previous event we put on that our local community want more of these type of events. The building which was gifted to the community benefits from this increased use.

EAST DEVON EVENTS 2020 - SPRING



Neil Maya Quartet



Rag Mama Rag



Wassail Theatre



Mr and Mrs Clark



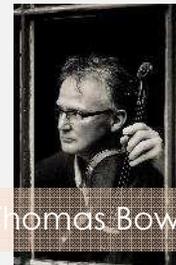
David Myrre



Zulu Tradition



Ninebarrow



Thomas Bowes

LONGER TERM GOALS

From Devon With Love – there is an opportunity to revitalise this well-known and valued festival originally established at the Bike Shed, and to redefine its reach (non-urban communities) and scale (diverse artforms). Reconceived as a Devon-wide scheme, Villages in Action is well-positioned to extend performance opportunities into villages, market and coastal towns through existing promoter networks in

Young Promoters - to secure the future of rural touring and ensure the sustainability of artistic excellence reaching all communities in Devon, we will partner young promoters with experienced promoters in both new and existing locations to support not only the existing programme, but to trial new approaches.

International Touring – the work that has been done during the lifetime of the project thus far has resulted in some amazing performances and new partnerships with promoters and venues amongst the SW group, and we would like to continue this strand

FLIGHT - A south west regional live performance and environmentally inspired project to raise the profile of both rural touring work and environmental issues in the SW region and share the learning at the end of the project