

Whipton

Community Newsletter Summer 2025



Hello from Jemima!



I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new Community Builder for Whipton. It's been a pleasure to start to explore the area, and I want to thank everyone I've met so far for such a warm welcome. I've already had the chance to connect with a range of people and discover some of the brilliant things happening locally.

My role is to map local resources, create new networks, and connect people, ideas and opportunities. I'm here to support anyone who wants to try something new or bring an idea to life whether that's a community garden, a little library, or something else entirely. If you've got an event or activity you'd like featured in this newsletter, or 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...

> I've lived in Whipton all my life. It's changed a lot over the years but I love it here.

I've got amazing neighbours. Everyone looks out for each other.

It's quite but still close enough to get to town easily - a perfect balance!

There's a strong community here and when things are difficult people really show up for each other.

Barberry Close Little Free Library





The Barberry Close Little Free Library is now in place next to Leo's memorial bench — a wonderful new resource for the whole community to enjoy. It was very kindly painted by Chloe Farrant, a talented Exeter-based artist who creates vibrant murals and regularly brings art into community spaces. www.chloefarrant.co.uk

The Community Champions are planning a celebration on Saturday 19th July, 4.30-6pm to mark the library launch — expect books, bubbles, cake, and a free plant giveaway!

Community Champions

Bennett Square Community Champions are a group of local residents passionate about improving their neighbourhood. Their ideas include adding a bench and planters to the green space, planting trees, and addressing unsafe parking on pavements. They will be sharing these ideas with local residents at the upcoming Little Free Library launch and look forward to hearing the views of the community.

The group is open to anyone who lives locally and wants to get involved. If you'd like to join or be added to the WhatsApp group, please do get in touch.

If you're interested in setting up a community group to improve your own area, this is something I can support with.



Summer Holiday Pop Up Play at St Katherine's Priory



Pop-Up Play is running every week Friday over the summer in the lovely grounds of St Katherine's Priory, 12–2pm. There's free play for all ages with bubbles, crafts, toys, and games—plus special sessions including ride-on trains (on selected dates), bug-hunting with kits from Devon Wildlife Trust, and sporty fun with Georgie, our Community Physical Activity Organiser. The café will be open too. Come along and join the fun!

Pop Up Play Fun!







Pop Up Play

Friday's 12-2pm @ St Katherine's Priory

Meet neighbours & share ideas with your local Community Builder The Community Cafe will be open or bring a picnic.





St Boniface Gardening group



The St Boniface Gardening Group has been meeting regularly to look after the green spaces around the church — and they're always happy to welcome new people to join in. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just keen to get stuck in, it's a lovely way to spend time outdoors and help care for a community space.

There's talk of adding planters and even growing some vegetables, and they'd be especially pleased to have families and children involved.

Whipton Walks

We recently tried out some Lunchtime Walks, setting off from Summerway Park — it was a really lovely way to spend time. The pace was gentle, the conversation easy, and it was a great chance to connect with nature and with others in the community.

If you're interested in joining in future walks, please let me know. There are plans for more walks through Whipton and Beacon Heath, and I'll share the details as they're confirmed.



Our Exeter Craft Group



Our Exeter CIC is planning a Craft Taster Day in Whipton and would love your input! The idea is to explore setting up a regular Whipton Craft Hub—a welcoming space for creative, practical, and low-cost activities.

What kinds of crafts would you enjoy? Sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, jewellery-making, floral crafts—or something else entirely? And what days and times would suit you best to come along?

Our Exeter CIC helps connect people, share local information, and support community-led wellbeing projects across the city.

Please let me know what you think—your ideas would be really helpful.

Painting for Pleasure



Painting for Pleasure runs every Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 12 at Whipton Community Hall. It's a relaxed, welcoming group where you can bring your own art to work on in good company. Whether you're into watercolours, sketching, or something more abstract, all styles and skill levels are welcome.

It's just £3 to cover costs, which includes a hot drink, making it a great way to enjoy a peaceful, creative morning with others.

Star Inn Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, a lovely, friendly group gathers at The Star Inn for coffee, chat, and cream teas.

It's a relaxed and welcoming space where everyone's invited. There's always a warm atmosphere and good conversation to enjoy.



Strive 25 Rugby in Summerway Park



Strive '25 is part of England Rugby's Impact '25 programme, which brings T1 Rugby to communities across the country. T1 Rugby is a fun, non-contact version of the game that's suitable for all ages, fitness levels, and abilities. It's designed to build confidence, improve fitness, and help women connect in a supportive, friendly environment. There's a free T1 Rugby session happening at Summerway Park in Whipton on Tuesday 22nd July from 11am to 12pm. It's open to all women aged 16 and over—no experience needed. If you'd like to come along, please let me know and I'll sign you up.

St Katherine's Priory



St Katherine's Priory is a fantastic local hub with something for everyone. From craft and bingo to a lively model railway club, there's plenty going on in this beautiful historic building and its lovely grounds. The community café is a great place to meet others, and a wonderful group of volunteers help keep everything running smoothly. If you'd like to get involved, whether helping out in the café, gardening, or supporting events there are plenty of opportunities to join in.









ECI Charity Quiz Night

We're thrilled to invite you to Exeter Community Initiatives' Charity Quiz Night at David Lloyd Exeter on Friday 11th July at 7pm – an evening packed with fun, friendly competition, and fundraising!

- PQuiz teams of up to 6 just £10 per team
- J BBQ, drinks, live music
- Exclusive access to David Lloyd's outdoor pool and bar before the quiz
- Bring your family it's the perfect night out for all ages!
- Quiz team prizes include a case of wine and a one-day David Lloyd guest pass for each team member
- f Amazing raffle prizes also up for grabs! It's a brilliant opportunity to connect, relax, and support a vital local cause.



All proceeds go directly to ECI, helping us continue our vital work supporting families, improving mental health and wellbeing, and empowering communities to thrive across Exeter.

- Learn more about the people we've supported:

Click here

We'd love to see you there - let the quizzing begin!







Summerway Park Pop Up Play Tuesday 6th & 20th August 12.00-1.30pm

Join Jemima, Whipton Community Builder, and Georgie, Community Physical Activity Organiser, for a fun pop-up play session with loads of active games for the whole family come along, get moving, and meet your community!

Contact: 07966 992 393 jemima.moore@eci.org.uk

Jemima Moore -Whipton







Are you the primary (or only) caregiver, raising your children without co-parenting breaks or support?

This group is for single parents navigating it alone, whether due to absence, unreliability, or challenging dynamics.

Join us for a coffee and a chat with others who truly get it--no judgment, just sharing the load.

We meet term time 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am @ Chapters Coffee House (Warwick Way Exeter). Next dates: 7th July, 21st July, 8th September, 22nd September.





What's on Whipton: Summer 2025

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.
- · 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 St Katherine's Priory Contact Phyllis 01392 259211
- · 6.45pm-9.15pm Dragon Slayers Dungeons and Dragons Gaming Whipton Hall
- · 7-8pm Women on the Run Exeter Arena

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)

Thursday

- 10am-11.30am The Well Community Cafe St Boniface Church
- 10.00am -Parent and Toddler Group Whipton Chapel
- 11am-11.45am Age UK Seated Exercise Whipton Hall
- 7pm-8pm The Well Youth St Boniface Church (years 7-11)
- 7pm-9.30pm The Junction Model Railway Club St Katherine's Priory

Friday

- 10am-2pm Community Café St Katherine's Priory
- 12am-2pm Pop Up Play -St Katherine's Priory
- 4pm-5pm Free Netball for Year 5/6 St James School
- 4.30pm-5.30pm Isca Church Football Academy St James School

(50p to cover refreshments)

- 6pm-7pm Under 8's Whipton Youth FC Willowbrook School
- 6pm-7.30pm Launch Pad Willowbrook School
- 6.15pm Junior Youth Group (Year R Year 6) Whipton Chapel
- 7.45pm Senior Youth Group (Year 7 Year13) Whipton Chapel info@whiptonchapel.org
- 6.30pm Bingo St Katherine's Priory (first Friday of the month)
- 6.45pm-9pm Exeter Tag Rugby Exeter Arena



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Saturday

- 11am-2pm Craft & Chat St Katherine's Priory (first Saturday of the month)
- 7pm Quiz Night St Katherine's Priory Saturday 5th July & Saturday 2nd August email st.katherinespriory@gmail.com

Sunday

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

What else would you like to see in Whipton?



I've heard some fantastic ideas from local residents—things like film nights, book clubs, women's groups, walking groups, a family history research group, fitness classes for mums with children, more for families, litter picks, and activities for teenagers. 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.barbourgresham@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 Association
- Whipton Hall
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Whipton to Wonford Community Group
- Whipton Area Collection

Contact Details for Venues

- Whipton Hall admin@whiptonhall.com
- 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



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 School01392204600
- 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/themoorings-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 <u>www.homestarteemd.org.uk/</u>
- Exeter Food Bank <u>exeterfoodbank.co.uk/</u>

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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