

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SEATON

Monday, 29 April 2024

Summary of Seaton Town Council projects and events

- **Beach access** - working in partnership with EDDC, the Council extended the length of the beach matting increasing access to the beach for all. This attracted enquiries from across the UK and resulted in a national daily news programme visiting over the Spring and Summer to engage with local residents and visitors and culminating in a positive news feature.
- **Seaton Summer Celebration 2023** – in its second year, the event was another great success with some 2,500 people attending, 4 live acts and numerous community groups taking part.
- **Children's Festival 2023** – this was the town's first children's Festival, held at the Underfleet in August, and attended by about 1,200 people including children and their families and friends.
- **Bus shelters** – working in partnership with DCC, EDDC and with the benefit of central government funding, the town's 11 bus shelters have been replaced with the final site on Fisherman's Gap due to be re-sited shortly.
- **Seaton Beach School** – this entered its third successful year with different activities evolving each year to keep the children attending, engaged and interested. A further 3-year contract has been entered into with Crazy Crabs
- **Local Council Award Scheme** – the town council was awarded Quality standard in these awards, one of under 100 councils, of the Council's 10,000 town and parish councils to have done so.
- **Marshlands** – the refurbishment work is ongoing and it is envisaged that the first floor will be completed and ready for occupation by the end of the Summer. Discussions are ongoing with other sectors as to how the building can be fully utilised for the benefit of the community.
- **Community engagement** – this is improving all the time with regular meetings being held with the town's community groups to deliver projects, such as the Seaton Celebration and £7,500 has been awarded in community grants.
- **Grounds maintenance & planting** – a tender process was carried out and Scalwell Lane Nurseries have been awarded a 3-year contract to maintain town council-owned parks.
- **Allotments** – a significant amount of general maintenance has been undertaken, replacing bridges and improving tracks at the allotment site.
- **Play parks** – similarly, extensive maintenance happens on an ongoing basis in the play parks to ensure safety and longevity

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- **Storm support** – officers work with colleagues at EDDC to assist in clearing up damage incurred by the various storms and offer assistance to residents by way of sandbags.
 - **King's Coronation** – provided grants to local groups to support the funding of commemorative activities and distributed a packet of wildflower seeds to all children within the town
 - **Seaton Outdoor Cinema** – Jurassic Park was screened in Cliff Field Gardens as part of the inaugural Jurassic Weekend which included a Jurassic themed quiz at the Gateway and the Children's Festival
 - **Devon Carers** – the Council supported Devon Carers' campaign for Seaton to become Devon's first Carer Friendly town and signed up as a carer friendly organisation and employer itself.
 - **Water Safety Starfish Project** – the Council worked with the RNLI and EDDC to provide water safety information along the esplanade together with the installation of a lock box on West Walk containing safety equipment for wild swimmers / kayakers and paddle boarders etc.