



Cllr Kathryn Pike blog post

Hello everyone - my name is Kathryn Pike and welcome to my first blog!

The results of our recent community consultation showed that many residents do not know who their councillors are and do not always feel informed about town council activities. So, I would like to use this blog to share with you some of the projects the town council has been supporting.

Seaton Youth Group

We were delighted to award funding of £2,000 to assist with the costs of this new group. Along with some of your other town councillors, I visited the youth group on their opening night and witnessed the sheer enthusiasm the young people showed for all the activities on offer. The number of young people attending demonstrates just how valuable this group is to our town. The leaders have worked really hard to create this safe and welcoming space and this shows just how much difference community-led projects can make.



Seaton Primary School Swimming Pool Appeal

We have also supported this funding appeal with a £2,000 community grant. The pool is such an important resource, not many local schools have their very own heated pool. Learning to swim is so important, particularly as we have this vast beach with sometimes challenging seas and rivers. I visited the pool with Mel Barrand, Chair of Seaton Primary School PTFA, and met the swimming coach, Kelly Lawrence, who showed me the work needed to refurbish the poolside. It has been heartening to see so many other community groups and local businesses contribute to the fund - fundraising activities are ongoing, as the target has not yet been reached.

Seaton Library

Devon County Council, through Libraries Unlimited, are proposing an overall 30% cut in opening hours across all libraries but the proposed change to Seaton Library is actually a 65% cut in opening hours. A public consultation has taken place and closed on 22nd February. Many of you approached town councillors asking for our support. The library is not just for books but is an important resource for research and education. It is also a warm, safe events space and hosts the community fridge, and community larder. This issue was discussed at length at the town council meeting in February, resulting in the town council sending a strongly worded letter to Devon County Council expressing opposition to the proposal. A copy of this letter is on the town council's Facebook and Instagram pages. This is only the beginning, and we will need your support when the consultation results are published.



Upcoming community activities

There are two more community-led events coming our way in 2026, which have been supported by funding from the town council. Grizfest was awarded £2,000 to ensure young people can take part free of charge and receive a medal. The Seaton Outdoor Cinema event, which will take place at Seaton Cricket Club, in September, was also given £2,000.

Your councillors are not remote figures - we live here and volunteer our time because we hope to make Seaton a strong community. A community will become stronger and more connected when everyone gets involved. You can do this by letting us know what you think, sharing your ideas for events and activities or improvements or simply coming along to meetings and taking part.

If you see me walking around Seaton, please say hello to me and little Mickey!

From pool repairs to youth projects - how your town council supports Seaton