



## Cllr Amrik Singh blog post

As I reflect on the past year in my role as Seaton's Mayor & Chairman of Seaton Town Council, I am struck by just how much has been achieved in the town by the town council working with our many wonderful community groups, organisations and volunteers. It has been a year defined by hard work, community spirit, and a shared determination to make Seaton an even better place to live, work, and visit.

As a town council, we are committed to listening to our residents and understanding their key priorities. As part of this we launched a town-wide consultation in November. One of the priorities that came out loud and clear was the importance of maintaining and improving the town's public spaces and amenities, such as the seafront, parks and public toilets, to ensure that Seaton continues to be a welcoming and attractive destination. These amenities are not only vital for tourism but also for the wellbeing of residents who rely on them. Our dedicated staff are therefore working closely with East Devon District Council (EDDC) to consider transferring more of those assets to the town, so they are not lost when a new unitary authority comes into existence in 2028.



Supporting local events and community groups has also been a major focus. Over the past year, the town council has funded our spectacular Christmas lights display and worked closely with Seaton Chamber to deliver the switch-on event. Events like this bring people together, support local businesses, and help foster the strong sense of community that Seaton is so proud of. We have awarded £11,902 in grants to support various community groups in the town and have worked with EDDC, Seaton PTFA and Seaton Cricket Club to secure money from developer contributions to improve facilities in the town.

We are keen to continue to strengthen engagement with residents. The town council exists to serve the people of Seaton, and your views and ideas are essential in shaping priorities. As part of our ongoing efforts to work cohesively with partners to support the needs of the community, we are pleased to have welcomed the relocations of both Seaton Library and the Public Health Nursing Team to Marshlands in the last year. Both provide essential services to Seaton residents, from the youngest to the oldest. Over the next year, we hope to engage further so that more people feel informed about and involved in local decision-making. A good opportunity to come and talk to your local councillors will take place on Thursday, 14 May at the Annual Town Meeting, which we are holding at the Gateway. Please come along and meet councillors, staff and also several of our community groups who work tirelessly for the town.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors, our town council staff, and the many volunteers and community groups who give their time and energy to Seaton. Their commitment and enthusiasm make a real difference and are a constant source of inspiration.

### Annual Town Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at the Gateway Theatre



#### GUEST SPEAKER

**James Chubb**

EDDC Countryside Manager on the Wild about Seaton Masterplan

- Meet your town councillors - ask questions and learn more the town council's plans for the year ahead

- Chat to Seaton Chamber, Restore CIC, Cycling without Age, Operation Rudolph, Axe Valley Christians against Poverty, Seaton Museum, Gateway Theatre, Seaton Community Larder & Repair Cafe, local police team and more!

Refreshments provided!  
We look forward to seeing you

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

It has been an honour to serve as Mayor over the last 4 years and, whilst there is always more to be done, I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can build on the progress we have made and ensure a positive future for Seaton.

# A Busy Year for Seaton Town Council – Reflecting on the Last Year and What Lies Ahead