

## Yeo Ward Newsletter – September 2025



### A Positive Month for Mid Devon

Mid Devon has been nationally praised for cutting costs while boosting services and green initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Leisure Success – Active Mid Devon membership has hit a record 7,000 while costs have been reduced by £540,000.
- Improved Services – Resident satisfaction with local services has risen to 52% (+11%).
- Better Communication – 60% of residents now feel well-informed (+15%).
- Housing – Tenant satisfaction remains high at 70%.
- Greener & Growing – Environmental projects and economic development are moving forward across the district.

### Health & Wellbeing

- Trial Wellbeing Walks have begun in Crediton, Cullompton, and Tiverton – building confidence for volunteers to lead local walks.
- Junior Park Runs have been approved, with funding bids underway.

### Planning Updates

- The Planning & Infrastructure Bill will change how planning decisions are made. Most small-scale applications will never go to committee, while larger developments may require head of planning and chair approval.
- Mid Devon's Local Plan, adopted in July 2020, remains in effect until 2033. However, the Council is actively preparing a new Local Plan, "Plan Mid Devon," to ensure compliance with legal requirements and address emerging challenges. This process includes evidence gathering, consultations, and alignment with national planning reforms. The new plan is expected to be adopted by 2028 .
- The Nature Recovery Strategy will soon be out for consultation – mapping local habitats and biodiversity priorities.

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