



After selling Exeter International Airport last year for £60 million, Devon County Council has made available £48 million to enable hundreds of projects to take off. Here, *DevonTalk* features some of the initial beneficiaries from one-off cash grants in East Devon...

Funding the return of the valued village shop

VILLAGERS in East Budleigh are celebrating the return of their village shop, opened with the help of a £12,300 grant from Devon County Council.

The area had been without a local shop since Christmas 2005, but last year a project team, backed by strong public support, was formed to bring it back.

The result is the new community shop which is located in the village hall car park and managed by local resident Colin Weston, helped by 40 volunteers who keep the shelves stocked with a wide range of fresh local produce as well as day-to-day items.

The shop is open Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sunday 8am to noon.

Funding for the shop has also come from East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council, Otter Valley Association, Viscount Amory's Trust, the Norman Family Trust and East Budleigh with Bickton Women's Institute.

Linda Florey, Chairman of the project management team, said: "Since we started to look at establishing a village shop again we have had a great amount of local support."

"With our membership scheme and bonds scheme, our shop is truly owned by the community and run by the community."

Visitor centres will be world-class

PLANS to develop World Heritage site interpretation centres on the Jurassic Coast at Exmouth and Seaton have been awarded £500,000.

The money will help create first-class facilities celebrating the unique geology and associated wildlife. As well as being visitor attractions, the centres will create employment and education opportunities.

The £500,000 from the sale of Exeter Airport is in addition to £500,000 already committed to these projects by the County Council.

Both centres will be important

parts of the two town's regeneration programmes.

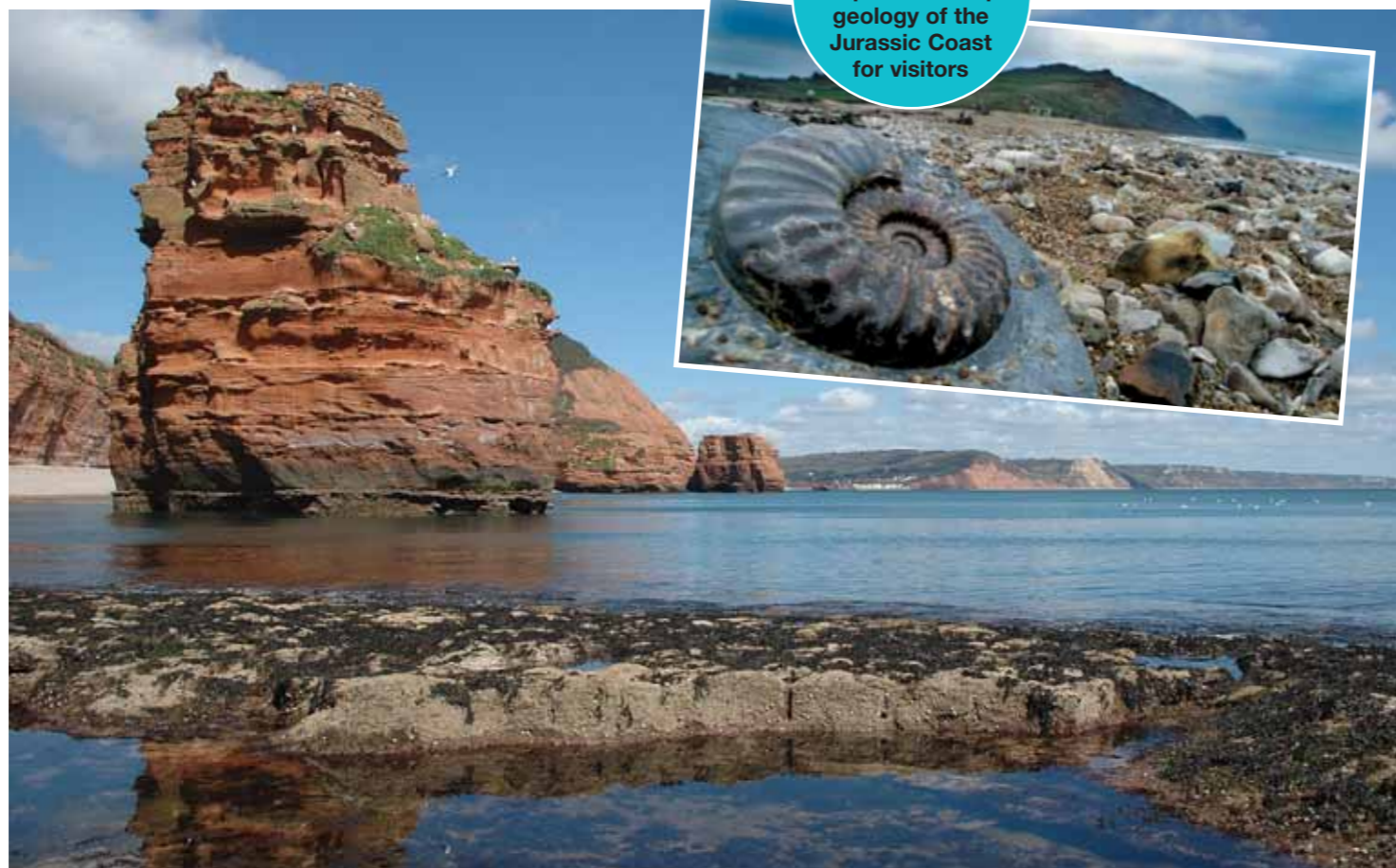
Margaret Rogers, Seaton Coastal County Councillor and Executive Member for Environment, said: "This is great news for the Gateway Towns in order to progress and promote the Jurassic Coast. These centres will provide information about the Jurassic Coast while linking with other projects such as the Stop Line Way cycle route from the Bristol Channel to the English Channel. They will be important to the work, leisure and tourism features of the area."

Exmouth Littleham and Town

County Councillor Eileen Wragg said: "This is very welcome news for Exmouth, and for Devon as a whole.

"A great deal of work has been done over the past two years to try and bring the project to fruition, and this money will be a significant step forward in achieving that aim. It will bring visitors to the town and surrounding areas who will learn how wonderful our environment is and that in turn will be good for regenerating the local economy."

Centres at Exmouth and Seaton will interpret the unique geology of the Jurassic Coast for visitors



County Councillor Eileen Wragg joins members of the Exe Sailing Club for a trip on the Sailability boat which is being adapted for disabled people to use

Sailing boat will carry up to three wheelchair users

DISABLED people wanting to follow the example of local Olympic sailing silver medallist Joe Glanfield are one step closer after Devon County Council granted £23,350 for a specially-adapted boat.

The boat, which will belong to Exe Sailing Club for their Sailability project, will be adapted for up to three wheelchair users with a remote control steering mechanism so the craft can be steered from a fixed seat, and a hoist to enable wheelchair users to embark and disembark from the boat.

"I'm delighted that we have been able to obtain this funding," said local County Councillor Eileen Wragg. "This gives many people, some of whom have severe disabilities, the chance to experience an activity that would otherwise be unavailable."

Support for young people

A PLANNED centre at Colyton for 1,000 young people aged from 11 to 19 will be receiving £160,000. The centre will be used to deliver a range of youth support services including positive activities to promote personal and social development.

Sports boost at Honiton

TOWER Road in Honiton is one step closer to a new sports complex – thanks to a £50,000 grant towards the project. The complex will consist of 22 hectares of land made into football and rugby pitches, a cricket pitch, changing rooms and pavilion.

Pavilion gets a makeover

THE pavilion at Newton Poppleford has received £12,000 towards repairs and improvements. Work will include repair and replacement of the flooring, the heating and hot water system. There will also be new furniture and improvements to the kitchen.

New slide at playground

A PLAYGROUND at Uplyme has been given £4,000 for a new slide – an item of equipment that was chosen by the children at a local primary and secondary school. The playground is essential for local children and attracts a large number of visitors in the summer including children from Lyme Regis.