



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 North Devon...



## Plan for harbour development

A MASTER plan for the Ilfracombe Harbour area will be drawn up to explore development, design and help potential investors to take decisions on future capital investment.

A grant of £63,000 will go towards the feasibility study which will look at improving the mooring facilities, encouraging tourism and improving access to the area.

## Multi-sensory school room

LAMPARD Community School is to receive £10,000 for relocation and refurbishment of a multi-sensory room for children with disabilities. Work will include preparing a room, with installation of electrics and plumbing, and decoration. A selection of audio, light and tactile equipment will be used.

## Calming influence

TRAFFIC calming measures at Goodleigh Rise, Barnstaple, will go ahead with the help of a £20,000 grant – bringing environmental and road safety gains to the local community.

# Funds for town 'youth caf'

DEVON County Council's Youth Service is looking for shop premises in Torrington to develop a "Youth Caf" drop-in centre for young people as well as office space that will also be used by the Council's Youth Offending Service and Connexions.

This is being made possible by a £300,000 grant from money raised by the sale of Exeter International Airport.

Local County Councillor John Rawlinson said: "This is a shot in the arm for the

youth service in Torrington. The support we are giving to youth provision in North Devon and Torridge will make a significant contribution to reducing perceived and actual anti-social behaviour."

● Meanwhile, The Plough arts centre at Torrington has been awarded a grant of £44,000 to pay for better seating in the auditorium.

The money will enable balcony seats to be replaced and the re-upholstering of stalls seating.

In addition, the grant will go towards funding a series

of health and safety measures.

As with many art organisations, funding sources for The Plough are declining and more demands are being placed on those funding streams.

Local County Councillor John Rawlinson said: "Torrington without The Plough is unimaginable. The town is incredibly fortunate to have an Arts Centre of this calibre.

"It attracts an audience not only from Torrington, but from the whole of Torridge and Mid and North Devon.



THE Queen's Theatre at Barnstaple (pictured above) has received £60,000 to replace five 25-year-old boilers with three new condensing boilers. The new boilers will save some

20% on electricity and gas usage costs. It will cut carbon emissions and provide extra warm air to the auditorium, rather than use the less effective electricity option.



THE Royal Horticultural Society Rosemoor garden is to have a new learning centre, thanks to a grant of £500,000. The centre, which will include a teaching garden and two in-door classrooms, will sit between three mature oak trees. Pictured is a view of Rosemoor's herb garden

## Boost for children's and young people's services

A GRANT of £450,000 has been awarded to fund new services for children and young people in and around Chulmleigh. It will pay for activities that promote personal and social development.

Chulmleigh currently does not have a dedicated space for providing these services. The County Council has identified a site but negotiations are not yet concluded.

Local County Councillor Joe Tucker said: "This is fantastic news for Chulmleigh. This is a project that I have been hoping to achieve ever since I became a County Councillor three years ago.

"My main aim is to help young people where I can in my ward.

I know that the young people of Chulmleigh will be really pleased, and will benefit greatly from this project."

● Meanwhile, £200,000 has been allocated for the development of a brand new purpose-built resource centre for young people at South Molton. It will include access to health services, activities that promote young people's personal and social development, youth offending services, Connexions, and drug and alcohol services.

The project is a joint initiative with South Molton Town Council and North Devon Council, with contributions also from local businesses.

## Soccer team nets grant

A £20,000 grant will enable Putfield AFC to build new changing facilities, toilets and a small parking area on Parkham's sports field.

The football pitch is a valuable asset to the village, has been home to Putfield AFC for many years and is used by many local groups including the local primary school, village groups and youth group.

## Expanding use of hall

ADMIRALS Hall at Chulmleigh Community College is used

extensively by young people throughout the year for sports but there are plans for the space to be used for concerts, plays and displaying art.

An allocation of £6,000 has been awarded to improve the acoustics and to repair and reseal the floor as well as improvements to the electrical supply for lighting and sound.

## Sweet cash for The Pill

THE Pill at Bideford – a building used by Devon County Council's youth service, social care and young carers – is to be refurbished with the help of a £140,000 grant.

The cash will provide a purpose-built facility for delivering services for children and young people.