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**with Torre and Upton
Community Partnership**

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community partnership

we don't just talk - we do!

Community Partnerships were set up in every ward across Torbay, so that you, the public, could have a voice. In Torre and Upton, we meet 10 times a year at Endeavour House, 228 Union St, Torquay. We would love to see you at any of the meetings, and remember, this is YOUR Community Partnership. If you have concerns about particular issues, if you would like support for a community project, or if you just want to meet others who care about where we live, then get in touch.

In recent times we have been pushing for the redevelopment of B&Q, for the wasteland and water problem on the Torre Marine site to be sorted properly, stopping fly tipping at Lymington coach station, and now we are hoping to connect the various areas of the community together by publishing this magazine three times a year.

Our meetings, (6-30pm start), for the beginning of 2016 are:

20th January • 24th February • 30th March

If you have suggestions for the next issue of the magazine, or would like to help put it together, please email or phone us.

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We are running a photo competition for your favourite views of Torre and Upton. The winning photo will feature on the cover of our next issue. Email your entries by 1st March 2016.

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UPTON PARK



Hoar-frost December 2010 Photo by Paulene Stone

The Park was created in the late 1920s on what had been little more than a public tip. The bowling green opened in May 1928. In 1944, prior to D-Day, a US Army field-kitchen was set up in the park to serve meals to troops before they marched down to Torquay Harbour to embark onto the ships that would take them over to the beaches of Normandy.

In the 1980s, part of the park was dug up to provide a 'holding tank' for the water which builds up during heavy rainstorms. The River Fleet, which has run through the Stoney and Upton valleys from time immemorial, still flows through a large pipe below the ground.

The "Friends" are a long established group of volunteers who try and represent the interests of local residents, local businesses and visitors by working with Torbay Council to ensure that the Park is a safe; well maintained; and welcoming place. We consult the local community and other interested parties about how the Park can be improved and developed.

In recent years we have influenced the installation of lighting; the creation of the Galaxy Play Area; challenged and overturned inappropriate building development and championed several local causes affecting the Park community.

Please visit our website at www.friendsofuptonpark.org.uk
or for more info e-mail info@friendsofuptonpark.org.uk



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Endeavour House – 228 Union Street, Torre.

Endeavour House is the old Church of Christian Science building and is now run by Shekinah. There are lots of different groups and activities at Endeavour House that are accessible to the community in Torbay.

Torre and Upton Community Hub group meet on Wednesday afternoons between 1pm – 3pm. Local residents get together to build and strengthen community networks, help each other by problem solving and we often do different craft activities and creative writing sessions. We also have jigsaws for people to borrow or exchange for free. Come along for a cuppa and chat sometime.

Endeavour House also hosts Unleashed Theatre Company who run a drama group on a Thursday morning 10:30am – 12:00pm and Jamtastic which is a music jam group who meet on a Sunday at 2:30pm. You are welcome to turn up and join in with either of these groups.

We have recently received grant funding from the Big Lottery which will allow us to have permanent staff at Endeavour House to ensure that we can run personal development courses and hopefully more activities in the near future.....so watch this space! We also host several other organisations that run groups or activities at Endeavour House so drop-in anytime or contact 01803 203895 to find out more.



Meet Your Councillors

Cllr. Mandy Darling (mandy.darling@torbay.gov.uk)

Mandy Darling lives in Torquay with her husband, two sons and guide dog Coral. Her interests include walking, camping, sea kayaking and reading. Mandy works at Torbay Hospital as a co-ordinator in the Elderly Care Department. Mandy said, "My top three priorities are tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in the ward, improving housing within our community, both by the provision of more affordable housing and dealing with rogue landlords, and finally to improve the economic prospects for our area, the heart of Torquay. I am keen to support employment opportunities in our area."



Cllr. Robert Excell (robert.excell@torbay.gov.uk)



I have run a photography business in Torre since 1973 and have been actively involved in many local business organisations, Torbay Federation of Small Businesses, South Devon / Torquay Chambers of Commerce, and Torre Traders. I am a Governor of Upton St James School.

Since being elected as Councillor in the last two elections, my main aim has been to continue to work for the good of the local community of Tormohun Ward, and the wider community of Torbay. Honesty and Transparency are of utmost importance to me, in order that the public are made aware of local issues, and can be better involved in decision-making processes affecting their livelihood and/or residential environment. My future aims are to continue to serve as a team with the community - particularly in sport for

all, parking / highways / environment, community well-being / housing standards / antisocial behaviour and further enforcement in tackling dog fouling and fly-tipping Responsibilities I have been given as Executive Lead for Community Services encompass a broad range of services for our communities.

Cllr. Andy Lang (andy.lang@torbay.gov.uk)

I was born in Torquay and lived in Torre until the age of 21. I played in Upton Park as a child and as a family we shopped entirely in Torre where there was everything you needed. After a brief time working away I opened a business in Torre in 1993 and I have run businesses in Torre ever since. I have been married for 26 very happy years and have two wonderful sons.

I wanted to become a Councillor after years of trying to make a difference in Torre and felt that it would be an opportunity to influence positive change. I have been given the Executive lead for Corporate Services which amongst other things, includes Business Services and Governance.

Since becoming a Councillor it has been very difficult to be immediately

faced with having to find huge budget cuts, so in my time as a Councillor and Executive Lead I will work to find ways to increase the amount of income generated by the Council in an attempt to lessen the impact of the cuts. I will work to find ways of improving our Ward for residents and businesses and try to find positive changes that will make living and working in Tormohun better for us all.



The Streets of Torre and Upton

See how well you know where you live by doing the wordsearch below. All the streetnames are hidden in the box – they maybe horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Some might even be spelt backwards, just to keep you on your toes.



Once you have found them, why not go out and have a walk to see where they all are!

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BRUNSWICK	NEWTON	STEFRIDES	UNION
CHURCH	PALM	STJAMES	VINE
EAST	SNOWBERRY	STKATHERINES	ZION

Did You Know?



If you walk down St Efrides Road, or wander through the original parish churchyard of Torquay, then you might have noticed these stunning arches. Now Grade 2 listed structures, there are many rumours about why they were built, even if they were part of a railway.

It is much simpler than that—in about 1840, Sir John Theophilus Lee had a large villa built and the arches were the supporting structure for the gardens in front of this house. Sir John was one of Nelson's boy sailors and had a distinguished career in the navy and admiralty. Unfortunately he died here at Lauriston Hall at the end of 1843. However his widow and several of his adult children remained in Torquay for many years.

The house was sold by auction in 1850, and the interior of the arches were landscaped by Veitch and Sons of Exeter in the 1880s for the then owner, a surgeon called Louis R. Cooke. They made full use of the original rock formations, creating paths and waterfalls, with appropriate planting.

The house came into the hands of the Mallock family, and was inherited by the

famous novelist and economics writer, William Hurrell Mallock. In the early 1900s, the house became a private school run by the Misses Viccars. It continued to have this use until it had a direct hit by a bomb on August Bank Holiday in 1942. The house disintegrated, with only one small section of a column now left. However as the brick arches were built onto the bedrock they survived, and are a much talked about feature in this part of Torre.

Sir John Theophilus Lee 1787 – 1843





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Ageing Well in Torbay

Ageing Well is a 6 year, Torbay wide, Lottery funded programme aimed at reducing isolation for those over 50 years old.

As a Community Builder, my role is to work with isolated older people to reconnect them with their neighbourhood and the wider community. I know that older people have diverse skills and knowledge to share and that they should be given the opportunities to do this, raising their profiles across Torbay, and enabling them to improve the image of ageing. Having recently contributed to the first of 3 planned Ageing Well Festivals, it's clear that there are many creative ways we can promote growing older in Torbay in a positive way.

Some of the activities I have been involved in over the past months include:-

- Working with the Torquay Town Centre and Torre & Upton Community partnerships.
- Working with a therapeutic music group.
- Involvement with local community groups and street parties (Torre, Warren Road and St Lukes).
- Working closely with local churches and the homeless hostel.
- Working with Community Interest Companies (art, woodwork, creative writing, bike refurbishment, and much more)
- Helping set up Open mic/Jam nights at the Noble Tree Café and at the Clipper pub in Melville Street

Our focus for the beginning of 2016 is Time Banking. This is a system where people can offer their skills and talents for free, and in exchange, make use of the skills of other members. For example, you may wish to offer 2 hours of dog walking for someone, but need help with gardening.

For more information on Ageing Well or Time Banking call or email me.

All the best:

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Xmas Tree Festival All Saints Church 6th to 12th December. Up to 50 decorated trees capture the magic.

Torre Abbey Garden Open to local residents **FREE** between 10am and 4pm on the first three Tuesdays in December



Civic Carol Concert 2015 RICC 8th December, Join us for an annual carol concert to get you in the mood for the festive season.

Torre Academy Santa Walk 13th December 3pm at Grosvenor Hotel. Visit www.torre-primary.torbay.sch.uk for details.

Riviera Brass Christmas Concert for Combe Pafford School. Central Church 16th Dec. 7-30pm

St Mary Magdalene Church Christmas Live 20th Dec. 7 to 8-30pm
Christingle All Age Fun 24th Dec. 5-30 to 6-30pm

U3A Central Church Tor Hill Road, 2-15pm 9th December, 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 9th March info@torbayu3a.org.uk

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Fed up with panto? Then head to the Little Theatre in St Marks Road for this production, 14th-19th December. Phone 01803 299330

Christmas at the Model Village, Babbacombe 12th Dec – 1st Jan 2016

Torquay Library Sessions for pre-schoolers on Mon, Wed and Fri. Book discussion - Fourth Thurs of the month at 14.00.

Upton Park Saturdays 10.30 - 12 noon enjoy Upton Social Club's free Fun Football for 5-8 year old boys & girls. Children must be accompanied

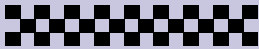
Torre Abbey Music Makers Vocal/instrumental group for young people run by Torbay Music Hub. If you are interested in making music, why not get involved. 30th January 2016 10am - 1pm for 9-19 year olds. £5 per session.

Circus of Horrors The breathtaking circus acts with a twist, that you saw on Britain's Got Talent are here at the Princess Theatre on 17th Jan 2016, with their new show, The Night of the Zombie

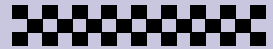
Brendan Cole. A Night to Remember One of Strictly Come Dancing's most charismatic choreographers and performers, will lead his cast on a journey of music and dance in a spectacular night of theatrical entertainment. 7th Feb 2016 at the Princess Theatre

Choral Classics & Schubert Mass in G The South Devon Choir will be performing at Central Church on 12th Mar. 2016 at 7-30pm. (01803 846058)

If you have any events you would like to include in the next issue, covering April - July, please email details by 1st March.



Our Local Police



Our Local Policing Team for Torre & Upton are:

PC 12671 Lee Collings

PCSO 30688 Bradley Williams

PCSO 30618 Adam Jonas



A quick message from the team:

During the winter months as the temperatures drop, we would like to advise the community to keep a look out for the vulnerable people in our community. Should there be any safeguarding concerns, please report them to the Police using the usual contact methods: 999 (emergency), 101 & on our website (non emergency), or stop us whilst on patrol. As usual we would like to remind the community to remain vigilant and report suspicious, anti-social, and criminal behaviour to the Police.

Useful Numbers

Ambulance	999
Fire Brigade	999
Police	101
Police emergency	999
Missed rubbish collection	701316
Council out hours emergency	550405
Fly tipping	701318
Torbay Young Carers – under 18	208657
Young Adult Carer supports- 16-25	208455
Samaritans	08457 909090

Green Waste Collection

PLEASE NOTE: There are **NO** collections in December and January. Collection commences in 2016 at Lymington Coach Station from 9am to 1pm on the following dates:

February 14th • February 28th • March 13th • March 27th

Christmas Tree Collection

This will take place on Sunday 10th and 17th January 2016 between 10am and 2pm



UPTON SOCIAL CLUB

46 Upton Road, Torquay, TQ1 4AX
01803 328 423

The Upton Social Club was founded in 1906, it was known those early days as a Working Men's Club where locals would meet to play snooker, cards and have a social drink. Its main objective is to provide a central meeting point and a relaxing environment for its members and guests.

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