

One Communities focus group for Evaluation

Exeter Uni have completed a thematic analysis of past place/OND project reports, they now want to run a focus group to gather feedback from CDs, Chairs and partners

Update - Exeter Uni researcher, Michelle, is ill and so a new set of dates will be circulated for focus group – please confirm your availability via the Doodle Poll.

Tackling inequality

Access

- [Digital Inclusion Network](#) offers a network that is trying to improve access for 1 million people by 2025
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Reports, Policy & strategy

- NDDC is developing a new district wide [Air Quality Strategy](#). This initiative aims to address broader pollution concerns and will involve active engagement with residents and businesses to ensure a collaborative approach to maintaining and enhancing air quality standards in North Devon. Currently, 16 areas are monitored and there is a single Air quality management area in Braunton.
- The latest annual report '[Turning the Tide](#)' produced by the South-West Social Mobility Commission. This report presents vital insights into the state of social mobility within the South-West peninsula, highlighting the critical challenges and exciting opportunities in our region.

The report shows that, once again, **poorer children in the Southwest have the worst educational outcomes in the country**, from their early years to post-16 study results – as mentioned in The Times on Tuesday (article attached) and [today's press release](#).

This year, we have also [analysed multi-academy trust](#) performance for their under-resourced students. The goal of the Commission remains the same: tackling the poor education and early career outcomes faced by children and young people from under-resourced backgrounds across the peninsula. Please find a copy of the report attached and linked [here](#). Your support and engagement are crucial as we strive to make a meaningful impact on opportunities in the Southwest.

Help your community (and vulnerable residents) prepare for an emergency

In a newly launched [website](#), the government is encouraging people to think about what they would do if they and those around them were exposed to risks ranging from floods to fires to power cuts.

The website provides simple and effective steps people can take to be more prepared, at gov.uk/prepare. Acting in advance will make it easier to manage an emergency if it does happen.

Five simple things you can do now

1. Find out if you are eligible to sign up to your gas, electricity and water supplier's [Priority Service Registers](#), so companies know that you need additional support. The Priority Services Register (PSR) is free to join. It

helps utility companies, including energy suppliers, electricity, gas and water networks like us to look after customers who have extra communication, access or safety needs

2. Set a reminder in your phone or make a note on your calendar to check your smoke alarm once a month.
3. Write down important phone numbers on paper such as the number to report a power cut (105) and the numbers of anyone you might want to contact in an emergency.
4. Talk to your children about how and when to call 999 and what they should do if there's an emergency, such as a fire at home.
5. [Check your long term flood risk](#) and sign up for [flood](#) and [weather](#) warnings.

The North Devon Community Lottery had its first BIG WIN!

The North Devon Community Lottery had its first local winner....

One lucky player won £2000 cash on the draw in June. They were supporting the Woolacombe Surf Life Saving Club as their chosen 'good cause'!

The lottery was set up by North Devon Council as a way for local charities and good causes across North Devon to raise money. There are more than 70 good causes on board, including local charities, sports clubs and community groups.

All of these groups can take advantage of this opportunity to gain extra funding for their projects and running costs - receive 50% of their ticket sales!

The first North Devon Community Lottery draw took place in April 2024, and has been drawn every week since then!

Tickets are available to buy online on the North Devon Community Lottery website at a cost of £1 each, and winners can scoop a top prize of £25,000.

If you are interested in becoming a good cause apply here: [North Devon Community Lottery - Good causes](#)

If you would like to buy yourself some tickets to be in with a chance to win please visit: [North Devon Community Lottery - Support a good cause](#) where you can choose from 70 local organisations to support.

You can even buy a gift voucher – so if you are stuck for a gift idea for a loved one you can buy them the chance to win a cash prize – whilst also helping raise money for good causes. Gift vouchers start from just £5 and include your choice of colour and a personal message. [Make it personal - Customise your lottery gift voucher - North Devon Community Lottery](#)