

## WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

**WEDNESDAY WELCOME:** Sidford Methodist Church. 10am-12noon. Chat, table games, craft, occasional speakers.

**EAST DEVON DAY TIME BAND:** Sidmouth Rugby Football Club Pavilion, Byes Close, Sidford, EX10 9PY. 10.15am - 12.15pm Wednesdays. Brass ensemble.

**GUIDED GEOLOGY WALK:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. 10.30am. £2.50 per person (under 16s free). Along the Esplanade to learn about the Jurassic Coast, geology and formation. No booking required. 1.5-2hrs.

**COFFEE AND CHAT:** Sidmouth Methodist Church Hall. 10.30am – 12noon. Hot drinks, biscuits and good company. All welcome.

**HOSPISCARE COFFEE MORNING:** Otter Vets, Chandlers Lane, Sidmouth EX10 9BX. 11am-2pm. Come and meet the team.

## NORMAN LOCKYER OBSERVATORY OPEN

**AFTERNOON:** Salcombe Hill. 2.30pm. Famous telescopes, planetarium, meteorology. Enquiries: 01395 579941 or email [enquiries@normanlockyer.org](mailto:enquiries@normanlockyer.org).

**POETRY PLEASE!** Leigh Browne Room, Dissenter of Sidmouth, corner of All Saints Road and May Terrace. 2.30-4.45pm. Friendly, informal group for those who enjoy reading, writing or listening to poetry. Poems by Jackie Kay and poetry on the subject of journey. No subscription - voluntary donation welcome. Further information 01395 743460.

**ANDERTON & ROWLAND FUN FAIR:** the Ham, Sidmouth. 5 -9.30pm today to Friday. Saturday 1pm to 10.30pm.

**SIDMOUTH RUNNING CLUB JUNIORS:** St John's School field and sports hall. 5.45-6.45pm. Term time Wednesdays. See [www.sidmouthrunningclub.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthrunningclub.co.uk)

**SIDMOUTH MODEL RAILWAY GROUP MEETING:** Sidford Social Hall, Byes Lane, Sidford, EX10 9QX. 7-9.30pm.

**SIDMOUTH PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB:** All Saints Church Hall. 7.30-9.30pm. See [sidmouthphotoclub.org](http://sidmouthphotoclub.org).

## THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

**GUIDED EASTERN SIDMOUTH WALK:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. 10.30am. £2.50 per person (under 16s free). Discover the history of Blackmore Gardens and tunnels, the Poorhouse and Jail, Elysian Fields and a Hospital in a Cottage. No booking required. 1.5-2hrs.

**TOUR OF ST GILES' CHURCH, SIDBURY:** 2.30pm. Guided tour of this ancient church including the Saxon Crypt. £3.50 cash only. Thursdays to September 28.

**SIDMOUTH UKULELE BAND:** Twyford House, Coburg Road. 7-9pm. Band rehearsals. To come along, please

first contact Sylvia Brownlee 01395 514011.

**SID VALE FOLK CHOIR:** The Dance Studio, The Unitarian Old Dissenting Meeting House, (located at the top of High Street on All Saints Road, EX10 8ER and on the approach to the hospital). 7.30-9pm.

## FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

**AUTUMN ANTIQUES EXHIBITION:** Kennaway House. 10am-5pm. Runs to 27<sup>th</sup> September. Parkside Antiques with a display ranging from eighteenth century furniture and works of art to textiles and lighting. Free entry.

**GUIDED TREE WALK LED BY SIDMOUTH ARBORETUM:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. Meet 10.30am for stroll through hidden paths and historic parkland. £2.50pp (under 16 free). c2hrs – fairly level walk on tarmac footpaths.

## SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

**INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY COURSE:** Norman Lockyer Observatory, Salcombe Hill. 10am. Enquiries: 01395 579941 or email [enquiries@normanlockyer.org](mailto:enquiries@normanlockyer.org).

**SIDMOUTH REPAIR CAFÉ:** Sidmouth Youth Centre, Manstone Lane. 10am to 1pm. Bring along any computers or electronic equipment to be seen to, any clothes or textiles needing a little TLC, and any machines or furniture to be fixed. Free entry to all. Refreshments. Find us on Facebook: [sidmouthrepaircafe](https://www.facebook.com/sidmouthrepaircafe).

**CRAFT@KENNAWAY:** Kennaway House. 10am-4pm. Variety of craft stalls selling locally made crafts. Tea and coffee available. Further details from [crafterkennaway@gmail.com](mailto:crafterkennaway@gmail.com).

**SIDMOUTH CLASSIC CAR SHOW:** Sidmouth Cricket Club. 11am-4.30pm. Cars and motorcycles on display from 1920s to the present day. Cream teas, local ale, jazz band. Free admission – donations welcome.

**BABY & CHILDREN SALE:** All Saints Church Hall, Sidmouth EX10 8ES. 11am-2pm. Toys, books, games, dvds, clothes. Refreshments available. In aid of Barnardo's charity.

**SIDMOUTH TOWN AFC HOME GAME:** Manstone Lane Football Club, Sidmouth. 3pm. Bovey Tracey.

**SIDMOUTH ILLUMINATED CARNIVAL:** floats and walking groups leave Woolbrook 7.30pm and process into town. Route is Woolbrook Road, Arcot Road, Temple Street, Vicarage Road, High Street, Esplanade.

**THE DELLATONES - LIVE MUSIC:** Sidmouth Conservative Club, Radway. 8.30-11pm. Guests welcome (nominal entry fee of £2) - search [www.sidmouthconservativeclub.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthconservativeclub.co.uk) - find us on facebook or call 01395 578389.

# WHAT'S ON

September 15 to 23 2023

# IN SIDMOUTH



The poster for the Sidmouth & East Devon Walking Festival features a vibrant landscape with rolling green hills, a blue sky with white clouds, and a winding path. A small inset image shows a person walking on a path. The text on the poster includes the festival name, dates (16-22 September 2023), and contact information for booking and more details.

Sidmouth & East Devon Walking Festival  
**WALKING FESTIVAL**  
Discover glorious East Devon  
16 - 22 September 2023  
Sidmouth Walking Festival  
Booking: [tic@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:tic@sidmouth.gov.uk) or 01395 516441  
[www.visitsidmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitsidmouth.co.uk)

VISIT  
SIDMOUTH  
— DEVON'S COAST IS CALLING —

The 'What's On' is compiled each week by Sidmouth Town Council. Last entries to be received on the Monday prior to the Friday publication. Notices can be posted to Sidmouth Town Council, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9EB or sent by e-mail to [reception@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:reception@sidmouth.gov.uk), or by phone to 01395 512424

Please note: What's On Events Listing Service is provided for clubs/organisations which are non-profit making and/or have charitable status.

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## **FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

**SONGS & STORIES:** Childrens' section, Sidmouth Library. 10-10.30am Fridays. Free Devon Libraries event suitable for children under 5. Enquiries: 01395 512192.

**FRIENDS FRIDAYS AT SIDMOUTH LIBRARY:** 10am-12noon. Meet the Friends of Sidmouth Library for different activities and events. Coffee Mornings, Craft-a-Longs, Speakers, Scrabble mornings and much more.

**SIDMOUTH MUSEUM:** Church Street, Sidmouth. Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm. Saturday 10am-1pm. Closed Sundays. From Jurassic Coast to arrival of the railways, via fishing village, Regency & Victorian times. Admission £2.50 per person (under 16s free).

**BUMPS & BABIES:** Primley URC Hall. 10-11.30am. A group for pregnant mums and those with a babe in arms. Support, coffee/cake and friendship. Free entry.

### **GUIDED TREE WALK LED BY SIDMOUTH**

**ARBORETUM:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. Meet 10.30am for stroll through hidden paths and historic parkland. £2.50pp (under 16 free). c2hrs – fairly level walk on tarmac footpaths.

**SIDMOUTH RFC OPEN DAY:** Blackmore, Heydons Lane, Sidmouth. 12noon – 11pm. Come along and have a look around your local rugby club (men's, women's, junior teams). 6.30pm Sidmouth O35s vs Devon Wooden Spoons. Live rugby 8pm on the big screen – New Zealand v Namibia.

**SIDMOUTH CANASTA GROUP:** Sidford Methodist Church EX10 9RL 7.30pm. Experienced players, or beginners; all welcome to our friendly group. £2.50 each. Free parking behind Spar. Further details 01395 579856.

**DISCO:** Cellar Bar, Kennaway House. 8-11pm. Dance hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s and 00s with DJ Mr T. Adults only. £5 entry.

## **SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

### **SIDMOUTH & EAST DEVON WALKING FESTIVAL:**

runs to 22 September. Free guided walks. Programmes, booking and tickets at the Tourist Information Centre – 01395 516441 or email [tic@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:tic@sidmouth.gov.uk). Festival launch event 1pm Kennaway House.

**ST FRANCIS FLOWER SHOW:** St Francis Hall, Woolbrook. 10am-4.30pm. Exhibits in both St. Francis Church and the Hall. Classes will cover cookery, arts and crafts, floral arrangements, cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and vegetables.

**FRIENDS OF THE BYES COMMUNITY GROUP:** meet on Saturday mornings. 10am - 12 midday. New volunteers welcome.

**SIDBURY FAIR DAY:** from 10.30am with local produce, craft fair and street stalls. Coffees, ploughman's lunches and teas served in the Village Hall throughout the day. Horticultural Show. Photo exhibition in the church. 1pm Traditional Auction of Livestock & Poultry + local produce. Jordan Cross Memorial Duck Race. Raffle. Fun dog show.

**ROLLER SKATING SESSION:** LED Leisure Centre, Primley Road. 11.15am-12.30pm. All ages and abilities. £3.50. Skate hire £1.50. To pre book by email [sidmouthskating@outlook.com](mailto:sidmouthskating@outlook.com) (walk ins possible). Every Saturday.

**SIDMOUTH TOWN AFC HOME GAME:** Manstone Lane Football Club, Sidmouth. 3pm. Torrington AFC.

**SIDMOUTH RUGBY MATCH:** Blackmore Field, Heydons Lane, Sidmouth EX10 8NJ. 3pm. Sidmouth Chiefs v Teignmouth.

**NORMAN LOCKYER OBSERVATORY OPEN EVENING:** Salcombe Hill. 7.30pm. Theme: the Discovery of Neptune. Famous telescopes, planetarium, meteorology. Night sky viewing, only when dark and clear at night. Enquiries: 01395 579941 or email [enquiries@normanlockyer.org](mailto:enquiries@normanlockyer.org).

**JANET JAMES - LIVE MUSIC:** Sidmouth Conservative Club, Radway. 8.30-11pm. Guests welcome (nominal entry fee of £2).

## **SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** St Giles Church, Sidbury. 7.30pm. Light refreshments served in the Church after the service.

**SIDBURY FAIR WEEK – HIGH ON A HILL WALK:** Sidbury Castle Hillfort walk. 2-3.30pm. Free event – donations welcome. Rare opportunity to explore Iron Age Hillfort (privately owned site). To book go to Sidbury Village website <http://www.sidbury.org.uk/>.

**TEA DANCE:** Stowford Centre EX10 9YL. 2.30pm. 50/50 ballroom and sequence dancing to strict tempo CD's ; £4 in aid of Childrens Hospice SW, hosted by Jean and David. Tea, coffee & biscuits available. Further details 01395 579856.

## **MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING:** St Peter's Church, Sidford. 8.30-11.30am. Coffee area in the Church every Monday with fresh coffee, tea and cakes. Children welcome - toys to play with, book and puzzle swap, bring and buy. All very welcome.

**GUIDED SIDMOUTH CENTRALTOWN WALK:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. 10.30am. £2.50 per person (under 16s free). Pay at the Museum. Knowledgeable guides – around 2 hours.

**ST FRANCIS' PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** St Francis Church Hall, Woolbrook. 1 - 3pm. Entry £1. All welcome.

**BOARD GAMES IN THE LIBRARY:** Sidmouth Library. 4-5pm every Monday. Suitable for all ages and abilities - Scrabble, Connect 4, Dominos, Uno and many more. Refreshments - free event, donations welcome.

**LEGO CLUB:** Sidmouth Library. 4-5pm. Free, weekly session, suitable for children ages 4 and up. Drop in and get creative with bricks. Unsupervised session - children under 8 must not be left unsupervised.

**SIDMOUTH & HONITON STAMP CLUB:** Twyford House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth. 6.45 for 7.15pm. Members present 'Favourites from my Collection'. Visitors always welcome.

**SIDMOUTH ACOUSTIC FOLK CLUB:** Blue Ball Inn, Steven's Cross, Sidford EX10 9QL. 7.30-9pm. £2 entry. Acoustic open performers nights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

## **TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

**ORIGINAL ABSTRACT ART EXHIBITION:** Kennaway House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth. 10am - 4.30pm. George Porter. Free entry. To 29 September.

**SIDFORD W.I COFFEE MORNING:** Sidford Social Hall. 10 - 11.30am. Tea/Coffee Biscuits £1.50 Raffle, Sales Table, Books. A warm welcome awaits you all.

**SIDMOUTH WELSH SOCIETY:** The Balfour Arms, Woolbrook. 10.30am. Are you Welsh or have Welsh connections? Why not come and join us for a coffee. Telephone 01395 519876 for further information.

**GUIDED WESTERN SIDMOUTH WALK:** Sidmouth Museum, Church Street. 10.30am. £2.50 per person (under 16s free). Guided stroll around the Western side of town, hearing about a Royal Death, King Chit and the Field by the Fort. No booking required. 1.5-2hrs.

**CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE:** Cellar Bar, Kennaway House. 3pm. Professor Alan Gadian will talk about 'Is the planet really being cooked; if so what can be done about it quickly?'. All welcome £2.50 to include a hot drink <https://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/events/cafe-scientifique-1>

**EAST DEVON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP MEETING:** Twyford House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth. 7.30pm. All welcome.

**SIDFORD FOLK DANCE CLUB:** Sidford Social Hall, Byes Lane. 8pm. New members always welcome. Partners not necessary. Contact: 01395 514161.