

March Report: Jackie Jackson, Town Councillor, West Teignmouth.

I was pleased to attend the Mayor's Awards Ceremony, and to cheer on Teign Aid as they received their awards. I had nominated them as a team and as individuals, in particular Marilyn Warrener who leads the work they do. The group voluntarily give huge amounts of time to individuals who need support to improve their situations relating to debt, rent, housing problems and benefit difficulties. They do this with a strong sense of justice and kindness and in a totally non-judgemental manner. It was wonderful, also, to see the many other individuals and teams, who contribute to making life better for so many people in our community, rightly recognised and awarded.

On another matter, I would like to thank all the staff of Bitton House for being supportive and kind in helping Teignmouth Community Larder to settle into their first weeks of working from Bitton House. The Larder are renting the Second Chamber for packing food parcels and for coffee and cakes sessions for larder users and volunteers, and the Old Toilet Block as a storage area, after their move from The Meadow Centre. My condolences go to the staff of Kingsway Residents Association as they lose their long battle to keep the centre going as a running concern, and as the people of Kingsway lose their community centre. It is an area which needs a community hub and I sincerely hope some opportunity will arise, indeed be looked for, that may help community groups in that area to find alternative accommodation.

Hope this is OK Iain, please let me know if not.
Best wishes, Jackie