

A selection of activities and groups in the Newtown and St Leonards area – April 2023

Some groups / organisations may operate a waiting list

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Baby and Toddler	Baby	The Baby Room Exeter, Paris St https://thebabyroomexeter.co.uk	Community Interest Company offering workshops, groups, support and baby items.
	Baby and Toddler Groups	Belmont Chapel, Western Way www.belmontchapel.org.uk St Matts Church, Newtown https://stmattsexeter.org/polo	

Arts and Crafts	Craft workshops	Craft Hub, Sidwell Street https://exetercrafthub.com	A variety of workshops and a space for crafters to sell their products.
	Knitting and crochet	Newtown Knitting and Crochet Group, daytime meeting T. 07933 776210	Bring a project.
	Woodwork and other crafts	Co Create, Sidwell St https://cocreateexeter.co.uk	
	Craft and photography workshops, talks	Positive Lights, Sidwell St https://www.positivelightprojects.com	
	Repurposing project	Inky Fingers, Paris St https://www.magiccarpet-arts.co.uk/inky-fingers	

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Dance	Children and adult classes	DanSci Dance Studio, Summerland St https://www.dansci.co.uk	
	Salsa	Southernhay URC Church Hall https://www.facebook.com/salsa.exeter	
	Scottish Country	Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Southernhay URC Church Hall www.rscdsexeter.org.uk	Intermediate classes at this venue. For beginner classes see website.

Leisure	Board Games	Clifton Road Board Games https://www.cliftonroadgames.co.uk	Board game events
	Bridge	Victoria Park Bridge Club https://www.bridgewebs.com/victoriapark	
	Cookery Lessons	St Sidwells Community Centre https://stsidwells.org.uk/what-we-do/events	
	Café Theatre Company	Barnfield Theatre https://www.facebook.com/CafeTheatreCompany	For the over 60s Amateur dramatics group writing own sketches
	Gardening	Volunteer gardeners, St Sidwell Community Centre https://stsidwells.org.uk/what-we-do/events	
	History	Exeter Local History Society Leonardo Hotel, Western Way http://www.exeterlocalhistorysociety.co.uk	
		Dissenters Graveyard Trust, off Magdalen St https://www.edgt.org.uk	
	Photography	Exeter Camera Club, Coaver Club, Topsham Road https://www.exetercameraclub.co.uk	
	RSPB Group	Southernhay URC Church Hall https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/exeter	
U3A	https://u3asites.org.uk/exeter/welcome https://www.u3a.org.uk/	Peer led groups and activities for retired folk.	

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Music	Bands	Newtown Roots Band, Newtown Community Centre https://www.facebook.com/Newtown-roots-band-351440708713637	All age acoustic band
		Exeter Jazz Orchestra, Newtown Community Centre https://www.facebook.com/ExeterJazzOrchestra	Experienced musicians
	Choirs	Exeter Festival Chorus https://www.exeterfestivalchorus.org.uk	Audition Ability to read music
	Clubs – folk	Exeter Folk and Acoustic Music Club https://www.exeterfolkclub.org	
	Groups - children	Doremi Devon Newtown Community Centre https://www.facebook.com/doremidevon	Musicianship classes using the Kodály approach.
		Exeter Community Children’s Choir Friar’s Gate https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077895643932	
		Monkey Music, Newtown Community Centre https://www.monkeymusic.co.uk/why-us	
	Samba Drumming	Street Heat https://www.street-heat.co.uk	
	Ukulele Club	Exeter Ukulele Club Coaver Club, County Hall, Topsham Rd https://exeterukuleleclub.com	

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Social Cafes and groups	Social cafés	Newtown Community Association, Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park www.newtowncommunity.org.uk	3 rd Friday of the month 1.30-3pm, £2 suggested donation.
		Coffee Connection, Mount Radford Pub, T. 07933 776210	Fortnightly Monday 12noon to 1pm
		Shalom Wellbeing Café Belmont Chapel, Western Way https://belmontchapel.churchsuite.com/events/s8wc9zyw	2 nd Friday of the month from May 23 Free
		Christadelphian Church, Heavitree Road	Thursday following the 1 st and 3 rd Sunday of the month, 10.30am to 12noon. Free, optional donation to local charity. 5 minute religious reflection
	Social groups	Friday Club, St Sidwell's Community Centre https://stsidwells.org.uk/friday-club	
		Tuesdays at Belmont Social group for retired people www.belmontchapel.org.uk	

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Sport and Fitness	Badminton	St Leonards Badminton Club www.badmintonexeter.co.uk	For experienced players
	Bowls	Belmont Bowling Green, Belmont Park T. 01392 422979	Seasonal
	Capoeira Libertacao	Newtown Community Centre Email: latinamericauk@gmail.com	Brazilian martial art combining elements of dance, acrobatics, and music.
	Circuits - outdoor	Freemoovement, Belmont Park www.freemoovement.com	Free, booking required
	Dragon Boat Racing	Exe-Calibre https://www.execalibre.co.uk	
	Golf Driving Range	Clifton Hill Driving Range https://cliftonhillgolfrange.wixsite.com/website	
	Gymnastics	Exeter Gymnastics Club, Bull Meadow Park www.exeterymclub.org.uk	
	Hockey	Isca Hockey Club, Exeter School http://www.iscahockey.co.uk	Children's and adults' teams
	Korfball	Exeter City Korfball Club, Exeter School https://www.facebook.com/exetercitykorfball	A fast paced game similar to netball and basketball played in mixed teams.
	Nordic Walking	Exe Nordic Walking https://exenordicwalking.co.uk	Walking with poles
	Pilates	Exe Valley Pilates Victoria Park Tennis Club https://www.exevalleypilates.co.uk	Beginners and intermediate classes
		Lotus Loft, corner of Barnfield Road http://www.lotus-loft.co.uk	
		Exeter University, St Lukes, Heavitree Road https://sport.exeter.ac.uk/facilities/stlukessportscentre/	
Qigong	Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park www.newtowncommunity.org.uk/qigong	Chinese practice combining slow graceful movements with mental concentration and breathing.	

	Skiing	Exeter Ski club, Clifton Hill www.exeterskiclub.org.uk	Seasonal Adaptive sessions available
	Swimming club	Exeter City Swimming Club, St Sidwells Point www.exeterswimming.com	
	Swimming lessons	Exeter University, Heavitree Rd https://sport.exeter.ac.uk/programmes/stlukesswimschool/	
		St Sidwells Point Leisure Centre https://www.exeterleisure.com/what-we-offer/swimming-lessons	
	Tennis	Tunnels Tennis Club https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TunnelsTennisClub	
		Victoria Park Tennis Club https://vptennis.net	
	Walking	Walking for health https://www.westbank.org.uk/walking-for-health	
	Walking circuits	Newtown Community Centre https://www.sarahdilleypilates.co.uk	Over 50s
	Water Polo	Exeter Water Polo Club https://uk.teamunify.com/team/ewp/page/home	
	Yoga	Yoga in the Garden, Coaver Club and Riverside Valley Park https://www.facebook.com/yogainthegardenexeter	
		St Sidwells Point Leisure Centre https://www.exeterleisure.com/centres/st-sidwells-point-leisure-centre/group-exercise	
		Exeter University, St Lukes, Heavitree Road https://sport.exeter.ac.uk/facilities/stlukessportscentre/	
	Zumba	Newtown Community Centre Run by Inclusive Exeter, free class Contact: admin@inclusiveexeter.org.uk	Saturdays

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Peer support and community groups	Mental Health – Library and crafts	Devon Recovery Learning, St Sidwell's Community Centre https://devonrlc.co.uk/drlc-libraries/exeters-recovery-library-recovery-drop-in-and-creative-skills-share/	
	Mental Health – men's peer support	Andy's Man Club, St James Park https://www.facebook.com/AndysManClubExeter	
	Girlguiding	5 th Exeter Guides, St Matts Church Guides and Rangers Email: fifhexeterguides@hotmail.com	
	Scouting	Southernhay Church http://www.7thexeter.org.uk/join	
	Women's Institute	WI in the City, The Headway Centre, Exeter Quay https://devon.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/wi-in-the-city	
	Youth Clubs	Belmont Chapel, for children aged 5 to teens www.belmontchapel.org.uk	