



Celebrating Devon's World-Class Heritage

Saturday 10 May 2025 9:30am registration – 4pm
Petroc College, Mid Devon Campus, Bolham Road,
Tiverton EX16 6SH

The Devonshire Association's President, **Simon Timms** invites you to his 2025 Presidential Symposium on the theme of **"Celebrating Devon's World-Class Heritage"**

About Devon's World-Class Heritage

Devon stands out among English counties as being home to no less than six heritage assets that have been recognised by UNESCO as having global significance. These are:

- **The Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site** (Tavistock and the Tamar Valley in West Devon form one of its recognised Areas)
- **The Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site** (the first WHS in England to be designated for the significance of its natural environment)
- **The English Riviera Global Geopark** (encompassing the whole of Torbay)
- **The North Devon Biosphere Reserve** (a pilot site in UNESCO UK's Climate Change project)
- **The Exeter City of Literature** (part of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network but covering all of Devon)
- **Exeter Cathedral's Exeter Book of Anglo-Saxon Poetry** (an entry in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register)

About the Symposium

Our 2025 Symposium will offer a rare opportunity for you to hear speakers from each of these six UNESCO assets sharing their views on their global significance and how they also enhance the social, economic and environmental life of Devon.

The Symposium forms part of the Devonshire Association's 2025 programme of Celebrating Devon's World-Class Heritage events which is supported by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Further details of this programme can be found on our website at devonassoc.org.uk/s25

The Symposium is open to all, whether you are already a member of the Devonshire Association or someone who is interested in discovering more about Devon's heritage and the Association's activities. The event is likely to be popular so advance booking is essential (see over for details).

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Tickets at £30 include morning coffee, buffet lunch and afternoon tea.
Non-DA members are welcome. Free parking.

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Sam Scriven



Andy Bell



Nick Powe



PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

9:30 – 10:00am REGISTRATION and refreshments

10:00 – 10:10am



Welcome and introduction
Simon Timms,
DA President

10:10 – 10:45am East Devon and the Jurassic Coast
Sam Scriven, Principal Officer for World Heritage, Jurassic Coast Trust

10:45 – 11:20am North Devon: World-Class by Nature
Andy Bell, North Devon Biosphere Reserve Coordinator

11:20 – 11:35am BREAK

11:35 – 12:10pm The Rock Connects Us
Nick Powe, Chair, English Riviera Global Geopark Partnership

12:10 – 12:45pm The £90m Mine
Sally Weston, Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Team Lead

12:45 – 1:45pm LUNCH

1:45 – 2:20pm Saga hwæt ic hatte – the story of the Exeter Book
Emma Laws, Exeter Cathedral Librarian

2:20 – 2:55pm Connect, Coordinate, Collaborate: Exeter City of Literature
Adam Watt, Deputy Chair, Exeter City of Literature Board

2:55 – 3:30pm PANEL DISCUSSION

3:30 – 4:00pm TEA

Images courtesy of the speakers.

Exeter City of Literature photograph by Jim Wileman

The header shows the North Devon Biosphere Reserve courtesy of Andy Bell.

Sally Weston



Emma Laws



Adam Watt



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I/We would like to book _____ tickets at £30 each. _____ Remittance enclosed for £ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Do you require a vegan meal or have specific dietary requirements? _____

Make your cheque payable to **The Devonshire Association** and send to: The Executive Secretary, (The Devonshire Association), Unit 10, Chitterley Business Centre, Silverton, Exeter, EX5 4DB.

Alternatively, you can book online via devonassoc.org.uk/booking

Cancellations received two weeks or more before the event start date will be refunded in full, up to one week before a 50% refund will apply, no refund will normally be offered for cancellations received within one week of the start of the event.

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