

Review of 'Getting Around Exmouth' by John Petty

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At one of our Open Informal sessions John Petty, one of our founding u3a members was in conversation with John Hunt. John, a keen cyclist has been an advocate for pathways in and around Exmouth ever since he moved here with his wife Jill in 2001. He has attended many meetings talking about access for pedestrians and cyclists, such as meeting with Sustrans (Sustainable Transport (British Cycling Organisation) and Devon County Council. John has also attended Exmouth Town Council meetings on behalf of the Cycle Path Working group now Active Travel Exmouth and at a recent meeting he encouraged members to visit 'Getting Around Exmouth' <https://www.gettingaroundexmouth.org/>

Thanks to John Hunt we had a good look at the 'Getting Around Exmouth' website as John was talking. This was most beneficial and we were impressed by the layout of the site and all the data. John knew his way round the website very well and we looked at the maps which are particularly useful for both residents and visitors. The site offers a closer look at paths, for example path 91. There are excellent links on the website and I have included another here which gives more information about this particular path.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/exmouth/features/multi-use-pathway-at-lower-halsdon-farm-now-open>



Multi user pathway, Lower Halsdon Farm

Altogether John gave us a fantastic insight into the vast number of pathways in the town which can be used by the community and the importance of getting involved in promoting their use, advocating new routes and ensuring that the public are aware of their existence.

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