



50 years of Mid Devon District Council



The first Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council, Mr Colin Greensmith, was appointed on 21 June 1973.



Mr Colin Greensmith
Front row, 4th from the right



Lords Meadow Leisure Centre opened in 1990/1991. The swimming pool was opened in 1998.



Millennium photo taken of Mid Devon District Council office staff and members.



The government set up the 'Beacon Council' scheme in 1999 to highlight and disseminate best practice among local authorities in England.

In 2003 the scheme included the theme **Rethinking Construction** and Mid Devon District Council was recognised nationally for its efforts.



A committee system was in operation until **November 2007** when executive arrangements were adopted.

The first Leader was **Cllr John Berry**.



Chairman, Cllr Peter Heal met Prince Charles (now King Charles III) in July 2017 at the opening of the Devon YFC Offices in Cheriton Bishop.



The Proclamation and Accession of the King was held at Phoenix House Tiverton on **Monday 12 September at 10am.**

1974

1990

2000 2003

2007

2017

2022



The first planning application received was for Quiet Corner, Hittisleigh Mill - received 3 April 1974 and approved on 6 May 1974.

1978



The Council was known as Tiverton District Council until **April 1978** when it became **Mid Devon District Council**.

Elected Chairman - **W.G. Heggadon**
Elected Vice Chairman - **E.H. Pennington**
Chief Executive - **C. Greensmith**



The Town Hall, Tiverton.

1984

Culm Valley Sports Centre opened in 1984/1985.



The first large council housing estates completed by Mid Devon District Council in the 1970s and 1980s were:

- Palmerston Park, Tiverton
- Rivermead, Cullompton
- Highland Terrace, Uffculme
- Thurlo Close / Newcomes, Crediton
- Sunnymead, Copplestone



Aerial view of Tiverton.

The **Great House** was used as Council offices from 1974. Mid Devon District Council took care of its restoration between 1997 and 1999.



2003

Exe Valley Leisure Centre was officially opened by **Cllr Dennis Knowles**, Chairman of the Council, on **10 July 2003**.



2004

Phoenix House was opened by **Cllr Dennis Knowles**, Chairman of the Council, on **27 April 2004**.



2010

After working in partnership with Mid Devon Community Recycling, the Council took recycling in-house in 2010.



Phoenix House under construction 2002



2019

In the **Spring of 2019** Mid Devon District Council joined with other local authorities across the county to commit to tackling climate change and became part of the Devon Climate Emergency partnership.



In January 2019 Mid Devon District Council joined **LGBT+ pledge for equality at work**.



2024

In **July 2023** a new trio of electrically-powered vans in the Council's fleet cut emissions by the equivalent of 11 tonnes of CO2 annually, by replacing fossil-fuelled vans that would have used 3,400 litres of diesel per year.

