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## **Trio celebrates 60 years east Devon service**

Three east Devon women have been recognised for their enthusiasm and commitment to keeping people fit with a special award.

Karen Cann and Elaine Walker, who work at Sidmouth Sports Centre, and Caroline Storey, who is at Axe Valley Sports Centre, have received 20 years service awards. The centres are managed and operated by Leisure East Devon (LED).

Following a celebratory lunch in their honour, Leisure East Devon chief executive David Pagett made the awards, which mark the trio's efforts in keeping the community healthy and involved in activities.

Mr Pagett said: "Friendly and helpful staff are vital elements of our service. The experience and loyalty of employees such as Karen, Elaine and Caroline helps us to make sure our customers receive a warm welcome at all of our facilities."

Karen and Caroline are duty managers at their respective sports centre and are responsible for ensuring activities and membership runs smoothly. Elaine is a receptionist at Sidmouth, and ensures members and guests receive a warm welcome.

LED is the charitable trust which operates leisure centres, parks and the Exmouth Pavilion. It employs more than 300 staff at 13 facilities.

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Notes to editors:

1. Photo caption, from left, Karen Cann and Elaine Walker of Sidmouth Sports Centre and Caroline Storey of Axe Valley Sports Centre receiving their 20 years service awards from Leisure East Devon chief executive David Pagett.
2. Leisure East Devon Ltd was established on 1 January 2006. East Devon District Council's leisure facilities and equipment assets are leased to it.  
[www.ledleisure.co.uk](http://www.ledleisure.co.uk)
3. The facilities are: Axe Valley Sports Centre; Broadclyst Sports Hall; Colyton Sports Centre; Colin Tooze Sports Centre (Ottery St Mary); East Devon Tennis Centre; Exmouth Sports Centre and Swimming Pool; Exmouth Pavilion; Exmouth's Phear Park; Honiton Sports Centre and Swimming Pool; Seaton's Seafield Gardens; Sidmouth's Coburg Road; Sidmouth Sports Centre and Sidmouth Swimming Pool.

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