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Dedicated service honoured with awards

A commitment by Andy Reay to ensure the residents of east Devon have the finest sports and entertainment facilities has been recognised with a very special award.

Andy, the head of operations for Leisure East Devon, which operates 13 centres across the region, has received a 20-year long service award for his commitment to keeping his venues running smoothly and helping people stay healthy.

His colleague Mary Smith, who works on reception at Exmouth Sports Centre, has also been awarded a 20-year long service commendation for her help and approach to residents and visitors using the centre.

On receiving his award, Andy said: "It is particularly pleasing to also have the award presented to Mary, as we worked for many years together at Exmouth Sports Centre."

The pair received their awards from LED chief executive David Pagett, following a celebratory lunch at the Golden Lion pub in Tipton St John.

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, Andy Reay, head of operations for Leisure East Devon, helps present Mary Smith of Exmouth Sports Centre with her 20-year service awards with LED 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 Seafeld Gardens; Sidmouth's Coburg Road; Sidmouth Sports Centre and Sidmouth Swimming Pool.

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