

## Devon and Torbay schools

### Religion and worldviews visitor list 2024

Visits and visitors, involving people who hold a variety of religious and non-religious worldviews, are an important part of the RE experience. This document gives some information about how to access visits and visitors in the SW.

If your school would like a visit from a member of a faith or belief community, please make use of the list below. Please note that some of these visitors don't do many visits, so they may not have a current DBS certificate. It is up to your school to manage this according to your safeguarding policy. Some of them are happy to arrange a virtual meeting if that suits your school better.

This list is not exhaustive, and we would welcome feedback to help us develop links between schools and faith communities.

If you can add to this list or have any constructive feedback please contact Ed Pawson [efpawson@gmail.com](mailto:efpawson@gmail.com) (Adviser to Devon and Torbay SACREs).

Useful guidance:

NATRE visits info page: <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-re/guidance-on-resources/visits-and-visitors/>

Getting the most out of visits in RE: <https://teachers-talk.natre.org.uk/getting-the-most-out-of-visits-to-places-of-worship-ks1-ks2/>

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### Faith and Belief Visitors

| Name            | Community                | Experience, areas of expertise                                       |                                                                            | Area  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Peter Lee       | Baha'i                   | Baha'i                                                               | <a href="mailto:peterleepotter@gmail.com">peterleepotter@gmail.com</a>     | Devon |
| Warren Houghton | Baha'i                   | Baha'I, science and religion (GCSE and A level)                      | <a href="mailto:warrenhoughton2@gmail.com">warrenhoughton2@gmail.com</a>   | Devon |
| Jude Taylorson  | Buddhist (Thic Nhat Han) | Buddhism, Interfaith                                                 | <a href="mailto:judetaylorson@yahoo.com">judetaylorson@yahoo.com</a>       | Devon |
| Jeremy Woodward | Buddhist                 | Buddhism                                                             | <a href="mailto:jeremywoodward17@gmail.com">jeremywoodward17@gmail.com</a> | Devon |
| John Hall       | Christian (CofE)         | Christianity, Interfaith                                             | <a href="mailto:jehall1949@icloud.com">jehall1949@icloud.com</a>           | Devon |
| Jeremy Roberts  | Christian                | Liberal Christian, theological discussion of GCSE and A level topics | <a href="mailto:jeremybrob@gmail.com">jeremybrob@gmail.com</a>             | Devon |

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| James McAdam         | Christian                                   | Christianity, Science and Religion                            | <a href="mailto:jamesmcadam68@gmail.com">jamesmcadam68@gmail.com</a>                 | East Devon, Exeter           |
| Sarah Buchan         | Christian                                   | Lee Abbey Community                                           | <a href="mailto:sarahbuchan@leeabbey.org.uk">sarahbuchan@leeabbey.org.uk</a>         | North Devon                  |
| Val Needham          | Christian Science                           |                                                               | <a href="mailto:valerie@valerieneedham.plus.com">valerie@valerieneedham.plus.com</a> | Exeter                       |
| Alan Somerville      | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints | Teacher, farmer                                               | <a href="mailto:alan@somervillefamily.co.uk">alan@somervillefamily.co.uk</a>         | S Devon                      |
| Lizzie Isaacs        | Gypsy/ Roma community                       | Gypsy/ Roma education, inc talking about the Jewish holocaust | <a href="mailto:orchard2406@gmail.com">orchard2406@gmail.com</a>                     | Devon                        |
| Ravi Nathwani        | Hindu                                       | Hindu religion and cultural awareness                         | <a href="mailto:RaviNathwani14@gmail.com">RaviNathwani14@gmail.com</a>               | Devon                        |
| Muhunthiny Sivasothy | Hindu                                       | Hinduism                                                      | <a href="mailto:smuhunthiny@gmail.com">smuhunthiny@gmail.com</a>                     | Plymouth, Devon              |
| Sandhya Dave         | Hindu                                       | Hinduism, Cultural champions                                  | <a href="mailto:sandhyadave@blueyonder.co.uk">sandhyadave@blueyonder.co.uk</a>       |                              |
| Suparna Bagchi       | Hindu                                       | Hindu religion                                                | <a href="mailto:suparnabagchee@yahoo.co.uk">suparnabagchee@yahoo.co.uk</a>           | Plymouth (a wider area)      |
| Jackie Watson        | Humanist                                    | Teacher, Humanism                                             | <a href="mailto:jacquelinewatsondevon@gmail.com">jacquelinewatsondevon@gmail.com</a> | Exeter, Mid/East/North Devon |
| Keith Denby          | Humanist                                    | Humanism                                                      | <a href="mailto:keith@sealsrock.uk">keith@sealsrock.uk</a>                           | Devon                        |
| Lisa Robillard Webb  | Humanist                                    | Humanism                                                      | <a href="mailto:springtideuk@gmail.com">springtideuk@gmail.com</a>                   | Devon, Torbay                |
| Humanists UK         | Humanism                                    | Humanist visitors service                                     | <a href="mailto:education@humanism.org.uk">education@humanism.org.uk</a>             |                              |
| Hamzah Saeid         | Islam                                       | Islam                                                         | <a href="mailto:hamzahsaeid@gmail.com">hamzahsaeid@gmail.com</a>                     | Devon                        |
| Kate Hannan          | Islam                                       | Islam, Inclusive Mosque Initiative (secondary schools only)   | <a href="mailto:kathrynahannan@gmail.com">kathrynahannan@gmail.com</a>               | Devon                        |

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| Neomi Alam        | Islam          | Experienced school speaker on Islam: primary and secondary                           | <a href="mailto:Neomialam@hotmail.com">Neomialam@hotmail.com</a>                                                                                 | Devon                      |
| Edgar Mihas       | Interfaith     | Judaism, interfaith                                                                  | <a href="mailto:edgar@dr.com">edgar@dr.com</a>                                                                                                   | Exeter, Torbay, S Devon    |
| Jane Carpenter    | Judaism        | Judaism: festivals and craft activities!                                             | <a href="mailto:bjanec13@gmail.com">bjanec13@gmail.com</a>                                                                                       | North Devon                |
| Stuart Raine      | Judaism        | Exeter Synagogue                                                                     | <a href="mailto:stewartraine@hotmail.co.uk">stewartraine@hotmail.co.uk</a>                                                                       | Devon                      |
| Ruth Zadji        | Judaism        | Exeter Synagogue                                                                     | <a href="mailto:reworgan@gmail.com">reworgan@gmail.com</a>                                                                                       | South, West and East Devon |
| Sheila Gewolb     | Judaism        | Judaism                                                                              | <a href="mailto:sheilagewolb@gmail.com">sheilagewolb@gmail.com</a>                                                                               | Virtual                    |
| Jeremy Michelson  | Judaism        | Judaism With Jeremy (distance learning CPD)                                          | <a href="mailto:jeremy@judaismwithjeremy.co.uk">jeremy@judaismwithjeremy.co.uk</a><br>07872 194 884                                              | Virtual                    |
| Jane Silver-Coren | Judaism        | Jewish Education workshops                                                           | <a href="mailto:janesilvercorren@gmail.com">janesilvercorren@gmail.com</a>                                                                       | Virtual                    |
| Iris Segall       | Judaism        | Bristol Progressive Synagogue<br><a href="https://bwpjc.org/">https://bwpjc.org/</a> | <a href="mailto:iris.segall95@gmail.com">iris.segall95@gmail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:visits@bwpjc.org.uk">visits@bwpjc.org.uk</a>             | Bristol and virtual        |
| Maia Miller       | Pagan          | Paganism, interfaith                                                                 | <a href="mailto:maiamessenger@yahoo.com">maiamessenger@yahoo.com</a>                                                                             | Devon                      |
| Freda Wills       | Pagan          | Paganism                                                                             | <a href="mailto:sacredcider@googlemail.com">sacredcider@googlemail.com</a>                                                                       | Devon                      |
| Pete Squire       | Quaker         | Quakers, peace                                                                       | <a href="mailto:petesquire@btinternet.com">petesquire@btinternet.com</a>                                                                         | W Devon                    |
| Penny Rouvas      | Sikh           | Sikhism, yoga                                                                        | <a href="mailto:pennyrouvas@gmail.com">pennyrouvas@gmail.com</a>                                                                                 | S Devon                    |
| Chaz Singh        | Sikh           | Sikh contribution to UK, turban-tying                                                | <a href="mailto:chazgoldie@googlemail.com">chazgoldie@googlemail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:contactswass1@gmail.com">contactswass1@gmail.com</a> | Plymouth, Devon            |
| Ras Virdee        | Sikh           | Sikhism                                                                              | <a href="mailto:ras@khalsa.com">ras@khalsa.com</a>                                                                                               | Torbay, S Devon            |
| Tim Harlow        | Retired doctor | Medical Ethics, euthanasia/assisted dying                                            | <a href="mailto:timharlow77@gmail.com">timharlow77@gmail.com</a>                                                                                 | Exeter, Devon              |

**Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity**

Try visiting the website for the Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity to find out more about the visits they host.

<http://www.pcfcd.co.uk/>

The central aim of PCFCD is to promote education about different beliefs, faiths and cultures and to explore their common values, hopes and visions for the future well-being of the community.

### Places of Worship

| Name of Place of Worship     | Religious community     | Address                                           | Contact name                                                                              | Email address                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Exeter Cathedral             | Christian               | Cathedral Green, Exeter                           |                                                                                           | <a href="https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/educational-visits/">https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit/educational-visits/</a> |
| Torbay Islamic Centre        | Muslim                  | Torbay                                            | Abdul Abdi                                                                                | <a href="mailto:golsom@gmail.com">golsom@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                        |
| Exeter Mosque                | Muslim                  | 13 York Rd, Exeter, EX4 6PG                       | Fuad Abdo (Mosque manager)                                                                | <a href="mailto:enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk">enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk</a>                                                                              |
| Quaker Meeting House         | Quaker                  | Exeter                                            | Penelope Putz                                                                             | <a href="mailto:putz@onetel.net">putz@onetel.net</a>                                                                                                          |
| Hartridge Buddhist Monastery | Buddhist                | Odle Cottage, Upottery, Nr Honiton EX14 9QE       |                                                                                           | <a href="mailto:hartridge.monastery@gmail.com">hartridge.monastery@gmail.com</a>                                                                              |
| Exeter Synagogue             | Judaism                 | Synagogue Place, Exeter                           | Jane Carpenter                                                                            | <a href="mailto:bjanec13@gmail.com">bjanec13@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                    |
| Buckfast Abbey               | Christianity (Catholic) | Buckfastleigh TQ11 0EE                            | <a href="https://www.buckfast.org.uk/education">https://www.buckfast.org.uk/education</a> | <a href="mailto:education@buckfast.org.uk">education@buckfast.org.uk</a>                                                                                      |
| Exeter Orthodox Church       | Orthodox                | St.Anne's Chapel, Old Tiverton Rd, Exeter EX4 6LA | Edward Skidelsky                                                                          | <a href="mailto:hpeliasdevon@gmail.com">hpeliasdevon@gmail.com</a>                                                                                            |

### Virtual RE visits

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| Virtual tours to RE places | <a href="https://www.cdec.org.uk/use-our-resources/films/">https://www.cdec.org.uk/use-our-resources/films/</a> |
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| Virtual tours                             | <a href="http://request.org.uk/people/places/#">http://request.org.uk/people/places/#</a>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Jewish Museum                             | <a href="https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/">https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Al Aqsa Mosque                            | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol2LGO7NI6c&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol2LGO7NI6c&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>                                                                                                               |
| 360 degree Hajj                           | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=49xdCEsDDx4&amp;feature=emb_title">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=49xdCEsDDx4&amp;feature=emb_title</a>                                                                     |
| Global speaker service                    | <a href="https://globaldimension.org.uk/classroom/school-speaker-services/">https://globaldimension.org.uk/classroom/school-speaker-services/</a>                                                                                                             |
| Understanding Humanism                    | <a href="https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/school-speakers/">https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/school-speakers/</a>                                                                                                                                     |
| Virtual schools visits                    | <a href="https://www.virtualschoolvisits.com/worldreligions?fbclid=IwAR16LDtiFYOFe1qbLwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU">https://www.virtualschoolvisits.com/worldreligions?fbclid=IwAR16LDtiFYOFe1qbLwTqa3f8NxMPq09DaBuJZO99f8sTaszGz3mf0GgO4aU</a> |
| Visits to places of worship in Birmingham | <a href="https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartsociety.org/">https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartsociety.org/</a>                                                                                                                                           |

#### **Faith and belief organisations in and around Plymouth**

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/services/pastoral-and-spiritual-support/places-of-worship/>