

North Devon Conservatives

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LOCAL CAMPAIGNER, Philip Milton, who is the Prospective Member of Parliament for the Conservatives for North Devon, was very impressed with both the artwork of “D J Pebbles” on Combe Martin Beach he saw last Sunday but also for this most effective way of highlighting the plight of homelessness in our country.

D J’s art takes the form of sculptures which are built out of pebbles from the beach and will only survive until they are swept away by the next high tide. D J had left a space for Philip and he was very pleased to be able to complete a final few pebbles on this latest piece of art! D J has walked 700 miles already and after fifteen days’ work here with this latest creation, he is continuing his walk up towards Bristol where he hopes the “Big Issue” will take the case forwards to swell the campaign.

Said Philip

“This fantastic, innovative artwork has really taken people’s (especially children’s) imagination. Whilst I was with D J on Sunday, there was a constant stream of people keen to come and see this simple masterpiece and to connect with the frailty of the cause, when bearing in mind that a very high tide will see the creation disappear.”

D J plans to write a book of his exploits, as a web-based fan club for the cause and his art grows and grows, as it takes the national interest.

Said Philip

“I suggested that his book might be called “Pebbles makes Ripples in Society” to raise awareness of homelessness. I shall do all I can to help with his cause – as well as for people to admire this novelty art form.”

Statistics published in September 2009 show that approximately 464 people sleep rough on the streets of England in any one night this in no way reflects the number of people who are using Shelters or who rely on the generosity of friends for a temporary roof over their heads and therefore have no permanent address. In North Devon alone last year there were 2,221 households on Council waiting lists requiring accommodation.

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As Philip has supported the Freedom Centre and the local Poverty Action Groups in North Devon amongst other local charities for some time he is aware of the problems facing people in these circumstances.

Says Philip

“It is a sad reflection on our society that there are far too many people who, because of homelessness, slip through the nets and are unable to apply for jobs or obtain benefits for even the most basic of their needs and all decent, caring people must want to see this situation improved”

For further information for Editors, please refer to D J Pebbles’ entries on Facebook and My Space.

Statistics are from www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/xls/table 600 and

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Photo shows PJM (left) with DJ on Combe Martin Beach

