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Welcome to the August Advertiser.

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The Scarecrow Festival was another great success with fantastic support from local businesses and residents. If you have any photos you'd like to share please send them to advertise@lyntonadvertiser.com for a future issue.

Congratulations to Pleasure Dome Theatre on the success of *The Signalman* at the Valley of Rocks, their 10th open air production. Performances continue at other venues until 4 September.

The Lyn & Exmoor Museum remains temporarily closed while building works continue allowing time to improve the display of exhibits before the museum reopens.

Tuckers Legal & Financial Services are pleased to confirm that their ATM is now back in service.

Coming up in August:

- 1-2 August - Flower Festival, St Martin's Church, Martinhoe
- 8 August - Memorial Charity Match and Family Day, Lynton
- 9 August - Brendon and District Show
- 16 August - Evensong with Act of Remembrance, St John's Church, Lynmouth
- 16 August - Open Gardens, Woolhanger Manor
- 20 August - Bike Nights, Lynmouth
- 22 August - Rails and Dinosaur Scales, Woody Bay Station
- 29 August - Lynmouth Raft Race Day
- 31 August - North Devon Legendary Grand Tour of Minis

A sincere thank you to the many local volunteers whose time and dedication make these events and our community so special.

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Martyn Babb

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NORTH DEVON COUNCIL NEWS

16 July 2026

As I write this the replacement for the District and County Councils in Devon has been announced within the last hour. As I feared we will now be a tiny remote part of a gigantic rural Unitary Council covering the majority of the Devon area, but without the cities and their surrounds. This will be implemented from 1st April 2028. I don't see how this structure can be a better way to deliver council services, or to represent you, and it certainly won't cost less to run. But don't worry because it'll be years before you notice any change.



Meanwhile, North Devon Council has been advising people to use ordinary litter bins for bagged dog waste; not only the usual dog bins. The council's advice on dog fouling is these three points:

- Call it out - If you see someone fail to pick up after their dog, call them up on it. Do it politely, perhaps by offering them a spare bag. Don't put yourself at risk.

- Call it in - Report dog fouling to NDC online or ring 01271 388870. It can help catch and prosecute the culprits and also builds up a picture of where the problem areas are, so we know where to patrol.
- Clear it up - If you aren't willing to do either of the other two points, if you have a spare poo bag then helping to remove the problem is really positive, no one will step in it and it helps prevent further dog fouling.

In the last year, the NDC has successfully targeted 25 of the Council's longest standing empty homes, many of which were in disrepair and required intervention and/or enforcement action. These actions have resulted in 11 properties being repaired without the need for enforcement action, five of which were subsequently marketed for sale. A variety of legal orders have been issued, depending on the nuisance. This approach has resulted in the following positive outcomes:

- 4 works in default (1 enforced sale and 2 commenced enforced sale process)
- 5 sold with 2 occupied by local first-time buyers

The next councillor's surgeries are on 1st August and 5th September. As usual in the Lynton Town Hall Jubilee Room. I'm there from 11am to 1pm, with the Mayor of L&L there from 10am to midday.

John

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LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A message from the Mayor

from Mayor Adrian Hobbs



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Do you know someone who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to our community?

The **George Newnes Medal** is awarded annually to recognise individuals who have given their time, commitment and dedication for the benefit of the community.

It celebrates those whose selfless efforts have made a real and lasting difference to others.

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To be eligible, nominees must:

- Be currently living.
- Have undertaken their contribution on a **voluntary (unpaid)** basis.
- Have made their contribution within the **last five years.**
- **Not** be a serving Town Council

.If you know someone whose dedication deserves recognition, please submit your nomination with a brief explanation of their work and help us celebrate those who quietly make our community a better place.

Dates for your diary:

Aug 20th Bike Night – Manor Green

Aug 29th Raft Race - Lynmouth Harbour

Adrian

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

AT 6.30PM

at St John's Church, Lynmouth

**Evensong with
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Vegetarian Breakfast Bap

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Vegetarian Breakfast

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Burgers

4oz Devonshire beefburger with or without cheese £6.50

Extra items 50p bacon, egg, mushrooms, tomato

Served with salad

Yogi Special

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- **Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service**
- **South-Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Devon & Cornwall Police**
- **HM Coastguard**
- **RNLI Ilfracombe**

These emergency services all gave up their time to attend, meet visitors and showcase the incredible work they do every day. Helping to make the event even more enjoyable were Slide and Play Bouncy Castles, Burger Factory Barnstaple and Noodle Doodle Face Painting.

There was an excellent turnout from the community which made all the hard work worthwhile, and plans are already underway for an even bigger and better Emergency Services Day next year.

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Spree 2026

What a blast!

We absolutely loved taking a group of 22 young people from the Lyn Valley area away this weekend to Spree. A massive thank you to SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and their army of volunteers for running such an action packed, fun filled, God soaked youth weekend away.

And a huge thank you to our amazing volunteer team from Love Lyn Valley (partnership between the local churches of the Lyn Valley area and Lee Abbey, Devon) who gave up their time and their sleep to ensure our group had the best time ever.

For some it was their first experience of Spree, for others they have been regularly for the last few years but all of them said that they can't wait for next year's event, which in my book is a sign of a good weekend!

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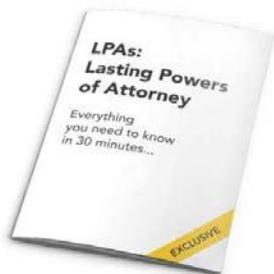
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The first thing to remember is that a broken phone does not necessarily mean lost data. Quite often the phone itself is still working perfectly well behind a damaged screen. If the screen is broken but the phone still makes sounds, vibrates, or rings when you call it, there is a good chance your information is still there.

Before paying crazy amounts or speaking to Dave down the pub about data recovery, check whether your photographs and contacts have already been backed up. iPhone users should check their iCloud account, while Android users should check their Google account and Google Photos. You may discover everything important is already safely stored online. In some cases, you might lose a few of the most recent images.

Water damage needs slightly different treatment. If your phone gets wet, switch it off if you can and resist the temptation to keep turning it on to see whether it still works. Do not plug it into a charger either. Electricity and moisture are not particularly good friends.

And despite the advice that has circulated for years and advice I have given myself in the past, please do not bury your phone in a bowl of rice. Rice is excellent

alongside a curry but it is not a phone repair tool. A professional repairer has a much better chance of repairing your device.

If there is no cloud backup a repair shop may still be able to help. Sometimes temporarily fitting a replacement screen or repairing the charging circuitry is enough to get the phone working so that photographs and other files can be copied. The aim does not always have to be repairing the phone permanently. Sometimes you simply need it alive long enough to retrieve your precious information.

Older phones can present different challenges. Photographs may be stored on a removable memory card which is excellent news because the card can often simply be removed and read using a computer. Contacts might also be stored on the SIM card.

One important warning: be careful who you give a phone to for data recovery. Your phone can contain emails, photographs, documents, passwords and personal information. Use a reputable repair company and ask exactly what access they require and again, unless Dave down the pub is a professional and knows what he is doing, avoid him.

Finally, prevention remains much easier than recovery. Check today that your photos and contacts are being backed up automatically. A replacement phone can be bought. The photograph from fifteen years ago that exists nowhere else cannot.

As always, any questions please send them to me, Andy at ICT@lyntonadvertiser.com.



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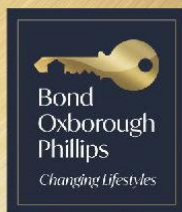


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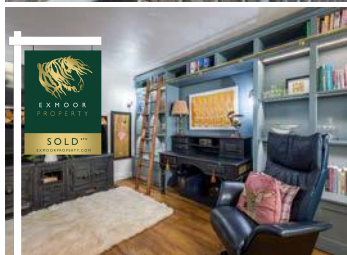


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Lloyds Banking Group has agreed to restore cheque deposit services at Post Offices and Banking Hubs in a major U-turn welcomed by Devon County Council.

The decision follows months of pressure from MPs, Councils and industry groups after Lloyds became the only major UK bank to stop customers paying in cheques at Post Office counters.

Earlier this year Devon councillors raised concerns that the move would hit rural communities hardest. Councillor Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin, Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs, wrote to the Prime Minister and Lloyds Banking Group warning that the loss of cheque deposit facilities would increase financial exclusion and create difficulties for older people, small businesses, farmers and residents without reliable digital access.

When the original decision was announced Councillor Cottle-Hunkin warned that removing cheque deposit facilities risked deepening financial exclusion in a county where more than half the population lives in rural areas. She described Post Offices as a lifeline for many communities affected by the loss of bank branches.

Lloyds Banking Group has now confirmed that it wants cheque deposits to be accepted again at Post Office branches and Banking Hubs until the end of 2030, subject to a commercial agreement with the Post Office.



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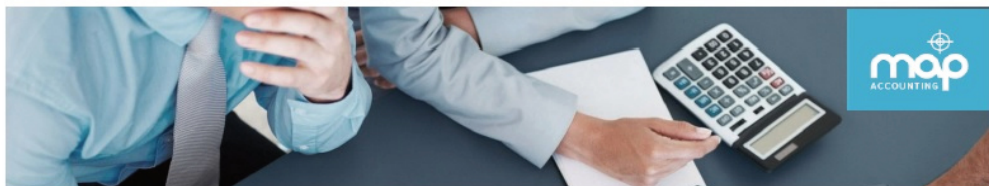
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Woking Homes have loaned the Bluebell Museum a collection of orphanage memorabilia and the Assistant Curator (Tony Hillman) wanted Henry and Bertie to be present at the opening ceremony.

Whilst there, the CEO of Woking Homes (Sarah Kemp), awarded Henry his second gold medal for raising £5,000.

Henry and Bertie had a ride on the train, collecting from passengers during the journey and thoroughly enjoyed their day out. Henry raised just over £90 for Woking Homes.

Photos courtesy of the Bluebell Railway



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Sometime during the 1930s, a remarkable piece of modern technology arrived at remote Hoar Oak Cottage. A cast-iron cooking range was installed in the open fireplace bringing a welcome improvement to life for the shepherd's wife. In a cottage that never had electricity, gas or mains water it was a significant innovation.

The range belonged to **Dorothy Little (née Jones)** who received it second-hand from relatives in Simonsbath. It was hauled across the rugged hills of Exmoor by horse and cart before being fitted into the existing hearth. Designed to burn coal it was instead fuelled with peat cut on Hoar Oak Allotment. Those who remember the range recall that it was often smoky and difficult to use but it soon became the centre of everyday life.

When members of the Friends of Hoar Oak Cottage first photographed the range in 1982 (Photos 1 & 2) the cottage had long been derelict and the range was already in poor condition. Yet it remained a powerful reminder of the lives lived there. Less than 25 years earlier Gertie Antell had still been using it to cook meals, heat water, warm children and orphan lambs, and dry washing around its warmth.

As conservation work began in the 2010's the Friends worked with the Exmoor National Park Authority to preserve Hoar Oak Cottage as a heritage ruin. During repairs to the chimney, part of the structure collapsed causing further damage to the range (Photo 3). The Authority decided to remove it and expose the original fireplace and bread oven but the Friends were determined that the range as an important piece of social history should be saved.

With the support of Dorothy's son, the late David Little, volunteers dismantled and carried the heavy ironwork from the cottage before transporting it across Exmoor in David's Land Rover to be stored at his farm near South Molton (Photo 4).

Since then, every surviving component has been carefully cleaned by wet blasting and protected against further corrosion. The front has been reassembled and blacked allowing the range to feature in Hoar Oak Cottage exhibitions (Photo 5) where it continues to fascinate visitors.

Now we'd like to take the restoration a step further. We know what the range originally looked like (Photo 6) and many conserved parts are ready to be reinstalled. Some pieces including the main oven door have been lost and we're exploring sympathetic ways of recreating them. We also know that a few original fittings survive as family keepsakes and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who may still have them.

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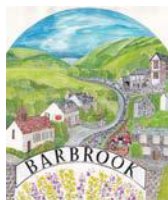
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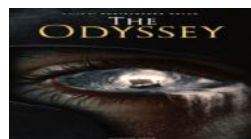
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