Berrynarbor Parish Council

County Councillors Report

July 2025

20 is Plenty update

I wanted to give you a heads-up on the latest regarding 20mph speed limit areas across Devon.

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity recently sent an email to some council members, outlining what looks like a new policy. It seems Parish Councils might be asked to contribute a significant amount of money to implement 20mph zones. For smaller, more rural parishes, or those in areas with higher deprivation, this could be a really substantial sum. This potentially puts these communities at a disadvantage, which is definitely a concern.

However, this is just an early indication of the emerging policy. We'll have much more concrete information after the Cabinet meeting in July, where a final decision will be made. I'll be sure to update you as soon as we know the outcome.

I'll likely be in touch before our next meeting, and I'll be happy to share all the details then.

From: Councillor Jacqi Hodgson < jacqi.hodgson@devon.gov.uk >

Sent: 16 June 2025 16:57

Subject: RE: 20 is plenty

Dear All,

The blanket approach will ensure that all cities, towns and parishes within DCC will be able to choose to have 20 mph speed limits in their local areas that fit with the '20's plenty' provision "where people live, work, play and go to school". To date those who have requested this have needed to define the areas / streets they wished to have designed at this reduced speed, fit into a scoring system that would benefit from fatalities and be awarded minus points for have a zebra crossing (!!). Then, just a few areas per year would go forward with officer support.

My hopes for this new blanket policy would still be to still require City, Town and Parish Councils to approve a proposal with a map of the streets for 20's Plenty and be prepared to contribute to the costs. I would also seek DCC officer support in terms of any safety audits, mapping, legal support etc that is already in house at DCC. The costs are anticipated at ~£25,000 per parish, although I'm guessing that will vary according to the amount of road to be changed to the lower speed. Where local councils are passing the 20's plenty motion in their council meetings, these potential costs up to £25,000 should also be taken into account and they would need to be prepared to raise their part of the precept perhaps over 1-2 years in order to raise these funds. In a smaller parish of say 300 households, this would amount to a rise of around £83 per household if sought in one year, or £41.50 if spread over 2 years. I.e., less than £2 or £1 per week to cover the start up costs.

Since the introduction of 20's Plenty in Wales there has been a recorded 28% reduction in fatalities. In my view, £1 - £2 per week over a couple of years is not a high cost for this level of safety, and is probably a lot less than some people pay for life insurance.

My conversations on doorsteps have indicated that many people would be more than willing to pay more council tax for improved council services including lower speed limits to make local streets safer and more pleasant to use.

As you will be aware, this new policy is currently being developed at DCC and is expected to come back to Council in July for a recommendation that will go to Full Council in September.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Devon County Councillor for Totnes & Dartington

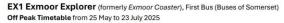
Green Party representative

Exmoor Coaster

If you fancy a day out....£3!

This year the route is heavily subsidised by the local authorities especially Devon County Council, please make every effort to promote it.

Until 23 July





Minehead, Butlins Main Gate	0835	1130	1430	1720	Ilfracombe Harbour Ropery Road		1100	1400	1700
Minehead, WSR Rail Station	0837	1132	1432	1722	Ilfracombe Wilder Road Car Park	-	1103	1403	1703
Minehead Avenue	0840	1135	1435	1725	Hele Bay Hotel	-	1110	1410	1710
Bratton Turn	0846	1141	1441	1731	Watermouth Castle	-	1114	1414	1714
Selworthy Turn	0851	1146	1446	1736	Sandaway Beach	-	1119	1419	1719
Allerford, Bus Shelter	0852	1147	1447	1737	Beach Holiday Park		1120	1420	1720
Porlock, Doverhay Car Park	0858	1153	1453	1743	Wildlife and Dinosaur Park	-	1132	1432	173
Whitstone Post View Point	0908	1207	1507	1757	Blackmoor Gate	-	1141	1441	174
County Gate	0918	1217	1517	1807	Woody Bay Station	100	1150	1450	175
Countisbury, Blue Ball Inn	0926	1225	1525	1815	Barbrook, Shelter	-	1155	1455	175
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Barbrook, shelter	0952	1252	1552	-	Countisbury, Blue Ball Inn	0932	1222	1522	182
Woody Bay Station	0958	1258	1558	0	County Gate Car Park	0941	1232	1532	182
Blackmoor Gate	1006	1306	1606	-	Whitstone Post View Point	0951	1242	1542	183
Wildlife and Dinosaur Park	1015	1315	1615	-	Porlock, Doverhay Car Park	1004	1254	1552	184
Combe Martin - King Street Stores	1022	1322	1622		Allerford, Bus Shelter	1008	1258	1556	185
Sandaway Beach opp holiday park	1027	1327	1627	-	Selworthy Turn	1009	1259	1557	185
Vatermouth Castle	1031	1331	1631	-	Bratton Turn	1014	1304	1602	185
Hele Bay Hotel	1035	1335	1635	-	Minehead The Parade	1020	1310	1608	190
Ifracombe, Wilder Road Car Park	1042	1342	1642	-	Minehead, WSR Rail Station	1024	1314	1611	190
Ilfracombe Harbour Ropery Road	1048	1348	1648	-	Minehead, Butlins Main Gate	1030	1320	1617	191

NOTE: This timetable has been prepared by Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) based on timetables published by First (Buses of Somerset) who operate the Exmoor Explorer Service. It has been provided to aid users, but no responsibility can be taken for any errors or changes made to the timetable at persons.

You can check against the latest published timetables at www.firstbus_couls. First Bus Customer Services can be contacted on 0345 646 0707.

(i) Find Your Exmoor



Further information and inspiration on exploring Exmoor National Park is available online at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
Or visit one of our Exmoor National Park Centres at Dulverton, Dunster & Lynmouth open 10-5, 7 days a week April to October (limited winter opening).

From 24th July to 31st August



Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

The Government-funded scheme provides activities and nutritional meals over the holidays for children aged five to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

If your child is not eligible for benefits-related free school meals they still may be able to access activities under the 'extended criteria.'

More information about the extended criteria on <u>information for parents and carers on our children, families and education</u> webpage.

It is now possible to <u>book activities</u> online. The new EEQU system displays all the holiday activities on offer, with links detailing where and when the activity is, how to get there and other important information. Once you've applied the booking system will carry out an instant assessment of their eligibility to attend. If eligible, you will receive a confirmation of the booking and you will be sent reminders ahead of the session.

If you need to cancel its easy to do and will free up the slot allowing those on the waiting list the chance to book.

There are over 100 holiday activity providers around Devon who provide a wide range of activities for children and young people.

From arts and crafts workshops to sports and outdoor activities, the programme is designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the school break. All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours and will include a hot meal.

One of the venues available is the Calvert Trust which offers a range of activities and is a great opportunity to try something new.

Refurbished White Goods

A new workshop dedicated to refurbishing large domestic appliances for resale across Devon has now opened.

SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd, who operate 18 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), has opened their new reuse hub in North Devon.

Skilled technicians will thoroughly clean and refurbish a wide range of white goods such as refrigerators, freezers and washing machines which will then be distributed to reuse shops in our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across the county for resale.

The refurbished items will be safety and function tested to ensure they meet safety and quality standards.

Depending on availability, the refurbished appliances are now being sold at Devon Reuse Shops in the following HWRCs: Bideford, Brunel Road in Newton Abbot, Marsh Barton Exeter, Ivybridge, Knowle Hill in Exmouth, Pinbrook Road in Exeter, Sidmouth, and **Seven Brethren in Barnstaple.**

Each appliance will each have a 30-day money back guarantee.

Initially set up in September 2023 to safety test small electrical items such as radios, televisions, and electric lamps for resale, the hub then began refurbishing bikes.

The expansion of the reuse hub follows a major recycling milestone being reached. As of last autumn, more than 10,000 tonnes of discarded everyday items, such as bikes, televisions, and furniture, have been diverted for reuse since 2012 thanks to our recycling centres.

The DCC website is very useful for reporting highway problems and the reports go straight to the contractor.

Report a problem - Roads and transport

Alternatively, the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Winter road updates; https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/

Travel Devon website; home-Travel Devon

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