

Parish Council News August

Proposed Closure of Woolacombe Fire Station - a 12 week consultation period started on July 3rd and will end on September 22nd. The Parish Council are opposed to the proposed closure and urge residents and visitors to the area to take part in the on line consultation. Follow the link to www.dsfire.gov.uk
Consultation forms and additional information and booklets are also available at the Parish Council Office

There will also be a public drop-in Exhibition where the Fire Authority will be present to talk with local residents and explain the changes and reasons for change as part of the consultation process.

This will take place in Barnstaple Library Thursday 8th August 1.30 p.m. – 5.20 p.m

Marine Drive Car Park Ticket Advertising Invitation - the council will shortly be arranging for the printing of 100,000 tickets for the car park. If you would like to advertise your business on the rear of the tickets, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information or submit a tender. Any tenders received will be considered at the August meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 19th August.

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60th Anniversary of the designation of the North Devon Area of

Outstanding Natural Beauty - the organisation plan to celebrate by trying to get as many people engaged and active with the North Devon coast. There will be a relay of the AONB boundary to showcase the beauty of the area we live and play in and the organisation is looking for community groups, sports clubs, schools, businesses and individuals to “adopt” a section of the AONB boundary to complete by any means of transport; walk, run, jog, cycle, swim, snorkel, paddle, ramble, pram-push, use a mobility scooter, or even litter pick your chosen section. Every group will be asked to carry an AONB baton along the way (to be designed) and tweet and post about what they love about the AONB!

Removal of Overhead Cables in the Parish - has been completed. Many thanks to Mr D Edgecomb from the North Devon A.O.N.B. and to Western Power



Combesgate Valley



Mortehoe Village

2 Warnings from North Devon Council



[Three fined for littering in North Devon](#)

Dumping bags of rubbish in laybys and next to bins is classed as littering, as three North Devon locals recently found out.

The council is taking action against people dumping bags of rubbish next to litter bins, following an increase in household waste being dumped in public areas in recent weeks.

A South Molton woman was fined £100 for dumping household waste next to a litter bin in a layby on the A361 in Barnstaple last week. In a separate incident, a man who is resident in Barnstaple and Essex was also fined £100 for dumping his waste in the same layby. Another man living in Barnstaple town centre also received a £100 fine for dumping a very large TV box outside in the street, expecting it to be collected. These incidents were all witnessed and reported by local people who are frustrated by the damaging effects littering has on our local community and environment.

[Don't lose out – get planning permission first.](#)

Local residents are being reminded to make sure they get the right planning permission for their development before starting work.

The advice is being given following recent enforcement action which needed to be taken by North Devon Council on the owner of a building in East Down.

Leader of North Devon Council, Councillor David Worden, says: “The planning process provides the opportunity for applicants to discuss their plans with our officers before starting work. This case highlights the financial cost that can be experienced and the loss of a building when someone decides to do something without the correct permissions.

“It’s the council’s job to make sure development is carried out in appropriate locations across the district. Unrestricted residential development outside the development boundary such as this goes against policy strictly controlling development within the open countryside. When authorised development is brought to our attention and it is in the public interest we will take appropriate enforcement action”



Unauthorised development site before and after compliance work.