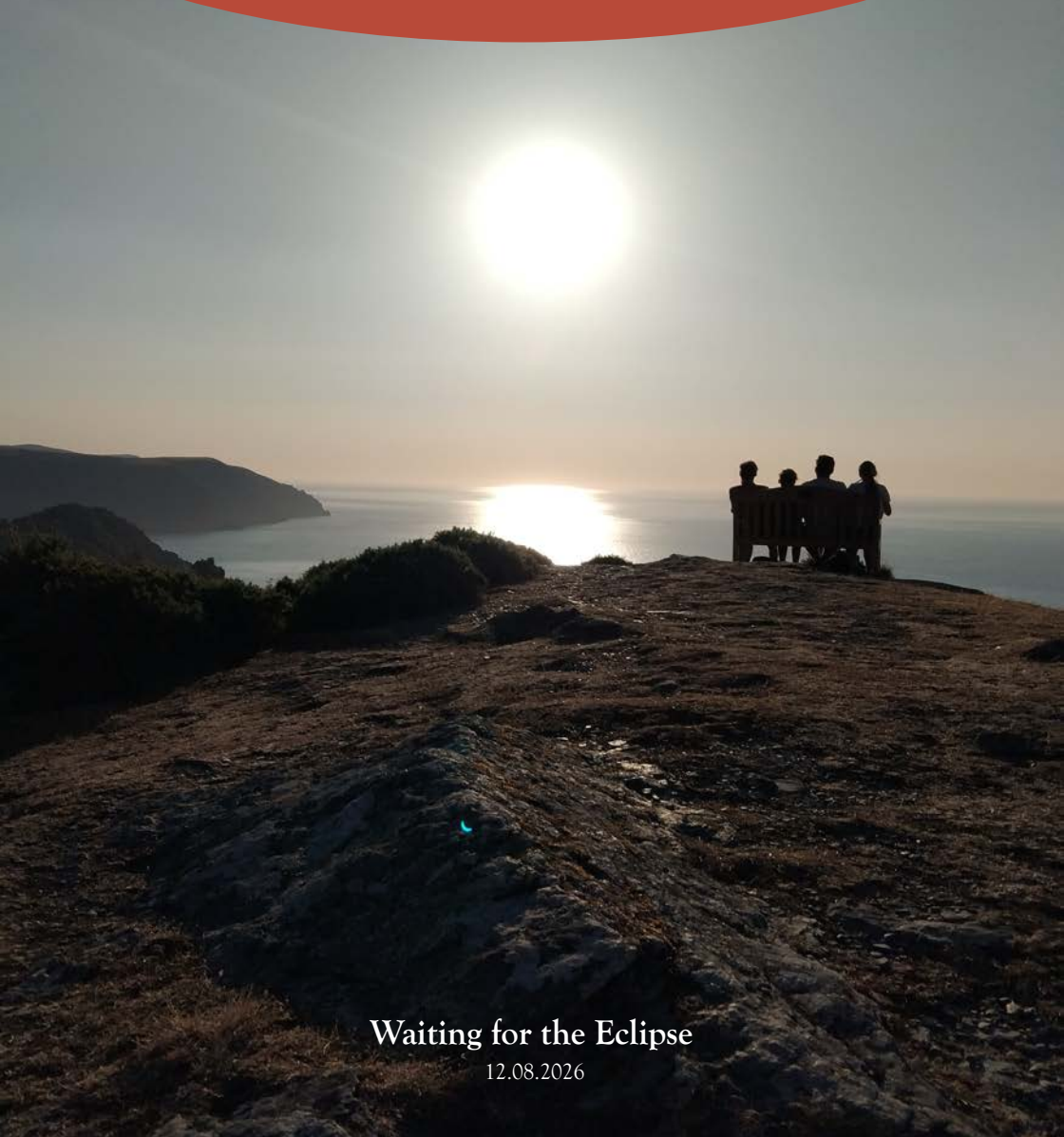


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Thursday 20th August was a special evening for Lynton and Lynmouth Bike Nights, as donations raised through the Lyn Valley Classic 2026 were presented to local charities and community groups. These donations were made possible thanks to the dedication, hard work and support of everyone involved in these events. The final Bike Night of 2026 will take place on Thursday 17th September.

Lynmouth Raft Race takes place on 29th August and so far has 14 intrepid teams taking part, all money raised will go into community funds. The Legendary Grand Tour of Minis will be coming through Lynton on August Bank Holiday Monday and is due to arrive at the Valley of Rocks around 2pm.

Coming up in September:

Saturday 5: Lyn Valley Market and Councillor's Surgeries, Lynton Town Hall

Saturday 5: Challacombe Sheepdog Trials, Whitefield Barton

Saturday 5: Porlock Carnival, 40th year (road closures during processions)

Further away: 11th to 13th

Watchet 1940's weekend

Thursday 17: last Bike Night of 2026

Manor Green, Lynmouth

Sunday 20: The Doone Run

Looking ahead to October:

Thursday 1 to Sunday 11:

Two Moors Festival, various venues

Saturday 3: 40th Harvest Auction,

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Audience watching Pleasure Dome Theatre's haunting production of 'The Signalman' at the Valley of Rocks in July.

Carolien Cornelisse, Lucid Creative

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LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

A message from the Mayor

from Mayor Adrian Hobbs

August is traditionally a quiet month for the Councillors as there are no meetings, therefore very little to report. However

The George Newnes Medal

Wow! The response to my request for nominations has been amazing. Thank you all very much, it brings to light how many fantastic people there are in our community who give so much of their time & energy for the benefit of others. The medal will be presented at the **Civic Lunch on Sunday 4th October**.

Town Council

Following applications for co-option to the Council I am pleased to welcome Rob Vander as our new Councillor. For those who don't know Rob owns The Studio in Lee Road.

Lyn Tennis Club

Congratulations to the tennis club on the completion of the court resurfacing. I understand there was a slight delay in playing on the court because of the extremely hot weather!

Rocket's Memorial Charity Football Match

Another huge congratulations to everyone who took part in this wonderful day, to the organisers for their dedicated hard work, the players for their bravery as they probably thought they were playing on concrete rather than grass! To everyone who went along and supported the event, Fantastic. We really do have a very special community.

Council Surgeries

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend but Cllr Patrinos will be continuing with the surgery on the 1st Saturday of September between 11am - 1pm. in the Jubilee Room. if you have any questions or concerns please pop in and speak to him

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th September - The final **Bike Night** of 2026

Saturday 31st October **Halloween Fancy Dress Dance** at the Town Hall

I am also hoping to have another Mayor's Charity Fun Night in the Town Hall in the new year. Details will follow.

Adrian

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NORTH DEVON COUNCIL NEWS

16 August 2026

Last month I told you about the very large new unitary Devon Council that we will be part of from April 2028. This is part of 21 county areas to be reorganised like this in the final stage of a process that has been going on under all governments for well over 30 years.

As part of the changes "shadow" councillors will be elected in May 2027. Their role is take decisions on the creation of the new council. The present Districts and County Council, and their Councillors, will continue to provide services until the end of March 2028. Because there are a smaller number of unitary councillors than there were in the District/County there will be new boundaries for the electoral areas. For example, I represent a ward stretching from Trentishoe and Parracombe to Brendon and Countisbury. The replacement will include all that area, but also add Combe Martin, and will be called "Combe Martin and Lynton".

However, this is only a temporary arrangement that had to be hurriedly created so that the shadow elections could take place next May. A full review with proper consultation will take place in the first 4 year term of the new unitary Devon Council and will result in changes to the newly created wards. It is impossible to know whether that review will affect us or not.

On other matters, I have written before about the plans to bring in nation-wide recycling of soft plastics. This was going to be from 2027 but has been put back until to April 1st 2030. In July the UK government department responsible, Defra, confirmed this delay. The reason, according to Defra, is that the facilities and infrastructure just aren't ready to accommodate the material so there is no point collecting it. Currently, only 7% of soft plastics are recycled in the UK, showing that recycling urgently needs improving and simplifying. Until nationwide kerbside collections begin, you can continue to drop off clean, food-free, soft plastics at widely available dedicated supermarket bins.

North Devon Council is asking for views as part of a public consultation on the renewal of its Dogs Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), which is due for review this year. Introduced in 2021 and last renewed in 2024, the PSPO is designed to tackle anti-social behaviour linked to dog fouling and dogs out of control, while ensuring public spaces remain accessible and enjoyable for responsible dog owners. The eight-week consultation runs until the end of September, so if you are concerned about the small minority of people that are careless or irresponsible dog owners go to the NDC website.



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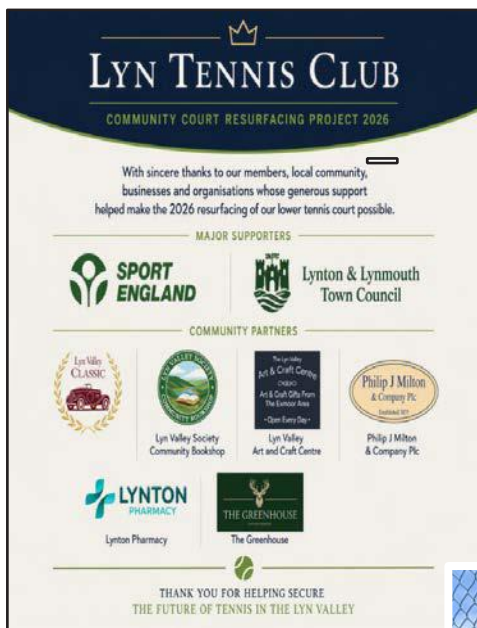


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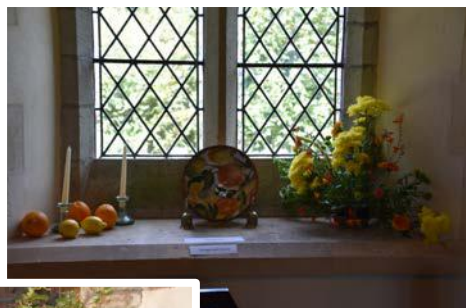
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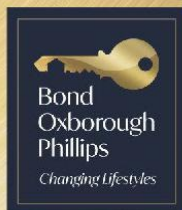


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Changing phones is much easier than it used to be. Both Apple and Android can transfer contacts, photographs, apps and settings from an old phone to a new one. Put the two phones together during setup and, in many cases, they will guide you through the process.

But there are a few things that are easily forgotten.

WhatsApp is a good example. Before changing phones check that your chats are backed up. Your contacts may reappear automatically but years of conversations and photographs might not, unless the backup has been completed correctly.

Banking apps deserve particular attention. For security reasons they may require you to register the new phone, confirm your identity, or approve the change using the old device. If the old phone still works, do this before wiping it.

Then there are authenticator apps. These generate the security codes used when signing into email, social media and other accounts. They are easy to forget because we rarely open them until we need a code.

Losing access to an authenticator can make getting back into an account surprisingly difficult so check how yours transfers before getting rid of the old phone.

Also remember less obvious things such as saved notes, voice recordings, downloaded documents and photographs stored outside your normal photo library.

And please do not immediately reset the old phone. I would normally recommend keeping it untouched for a few weeks while you use the new phone. Open your usual apps, check your contacts, look through your photographs and make sure everything important has arrived safely. Only then should you erase the old device if you are selling, recycling or giving it away.

If the old phone is completely dead your cloud backup becomes particularly important. Signing into the same Apple or Google account can restore a surprising amount of information automatically.

The best phone transfer is actually quite boring. Everything appears on the new phone, you check it, and nothing exciting happens.

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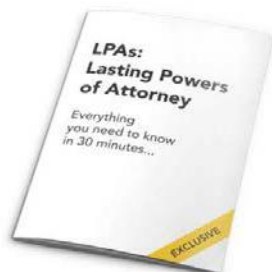
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Milestone Exmoor Dark Skies Festival programme now available

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Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) is inviting residents and visitors to pick up a programme for its tenth celebration of the National Park's internationally renowned Dark Skies and start planning their visit to the 2026 Exmoor Dark Skies Festival. Running from 16 October to 1 November, the full event listing is available as a printed programme from Exmoor National Park Centres in Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth, as well as online at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival

A bumper programme of events across the Exmoor area will showcase the National Park after dark. From UV Rock pooling and Moonlit pool dips to Planetarium sessions and nocturnal wildlife-themed crafting. With adventures beneath some of the darkest skies in the country, the festival offers something for all ages and levels of experience.

Festival Organiser Julie Colman said: "This year's programme is packed with exciting highlights, from bioluminescence walks and opportunities to explore Exmoor's heritage at night, to fascinating astronomy talks and shows, including 'The Wonders of our Universe', a multimedia production by 'The Average Scientist' at the Regal Theatre, Minehead. Whether you're new to stargazing, an experienced sky-watcher or interested in our nocturnal wildlife there are plenty of ways to get involved, discover something new and be inspired to help protect our precious dark skies and the wildlife that depends on them."

Further details about the festival can be found at:
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White-tailed eagles return to Exmoor National Park

The return of white-tailed eagles to England has taken another step forward with the release of six young birds in Exmoor National Park, the first to be reintroduced here after they disappeared due to persecution over two hundred years ago.

The releases are part of a project started in 2019 by Forestry England and the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation to restore this lost species and the key role it plays in supporting biodiversity in England. Since then, 45 white-tailed eagles have been released from the Isle of Wight. Several are now breeding and in 2023 the project celebrated the first white tailed eagle chick to be born in the wild in southern England since 1780.

Before being released the birds were fitted with satellite trackers so their progress can be closely monitored by the project team. It is expected that the young eagles will travel widely across the UK and potentially into Europe before returning to the area to breed when they are four or five years old.

The reintroduction of Britain's largest bird of prey is being conducted under licence from Natural England, the Government's wildlife licensing authority.

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/news>

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The last Bike Night of 2026 will be on Thursday 17th September.



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2:00 PM: Arrive at the Valley of the Rocks for a short stop (departing sharply at 2:50 PM).

3:10 PM - 3:30 PM: Pass Hunters Inn and arrive at Combe Martin (main street convoy around 3:00 PM-3:30 PM).

4:00 PM: Pass through Ilfracombe, returning to the campsite afterward

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Now we wondered what could be seen
No Alien invasion or a jelly bean
Or a Kraken rising up from the deep
Or howling wolves, not a peep

Wandering back down the hill
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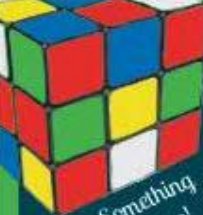
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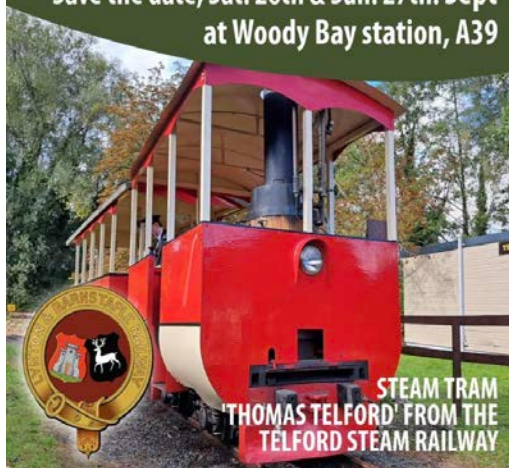


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Matinee Monday 28 September at 2.30pm

PRACTICAL MAGIC 2 SANDRA BULLOCK, NICOLE KIDMAN
A multi generational family of witches cursed to be loveless for centuries attempts to break the spell by confronting dark secrets and sacrificing for each other. 15 88 minutes



Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September at 2.30pm

TICKETS £7.00

SURFILMUSIC *After Surfilmusic, a documentary chronicling Johnson's evolution from surfer to filmmaker to world-renowned musician, weaves through the making of his iconic surf films, (1999 and 2000). These classic films revealed Johnson's artistic point of view through his lens and guitar, ultimately launching his music career. PG 80 minutes*



Friday 2 October for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 6 October at 2.30pm

PRESSURE ANDREW SCOTT, BRENDAN FRASER
True story of D Day June 5th, 1944. 15 100 minutes





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VIRGINIA WOOLF'S NIGHT AND DAY

Tuesday, 1st September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: £6 (£4 Regal Film Society member/Student/ES40)

Dir Tina Gharavi UK 2025 95 mins

Starring Haley Bennett, Jack Whitehall, Timothy Spall, Jennifer Saunders, Sally Phillips and Lily Allen, the film is based on Virginia Woolf's funniest novel, Night and Day. (Cert 12A)

REGAL COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, 5th September 2026 - 7:30pm

All tickets only £12.00 – Also available on the door

Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter at The Regal Theatre's Comedy Night!

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE TWO INTERVALS IN THIS SHOW.

ELO ENCOUNTER – FACE THE MUSIC

Saturday, 12th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adult £23.00, Regal Friend £20.50, Student/ES40 £19.00

In an all-live show featuring soaring strings and striking vocal harmonies the ELO Encounter promises a night filled with rock, roll and Blue Skies.

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN: JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER

Tuesday, 15th September 2026 - 7:30pm

ALL TICKETS £12

Directed by David Bickerstaff 90 mins

Considered by some to be one of the great innovators of 19th century art, James McNeill Whistler was a contemporary of the Impressionists, much admired by Van Gogh and Manet.

THE FLEETWOOD MAC SONGBOOK

Friday, 18th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adult £22.50; Friend of Regal/Student/Unemployed £21

Earning rave reviews wherever they play 'The Fleetwood Mac Songbook' are not to be missed.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: THE MISANTHROPE

Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 - 7:00pm

Tickets: £15.50, Film Society member/Regal Theatre Friend £14.00, Student/ES40 £13, under 14 £10.

Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Indhu Rubasingham directs Martin Crimp's (Cyrano de Bergerac) highly anticipated play. PLEASE NOTE START TIME

THE UPBEAT BEATLES

Friday, 25th September 2026 - 7:30pm

TICKETS: Adults £23, Concessions £20

With their powerhouse vocals and, precision harmonies, the Upbeat Beatles are second to none.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at <https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson> or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430) between 9.30am and 12.00pm Monday – Saturday.



In July Ian Roome MP, visited Lynton to help recruit more retained firefighters, and met with Kevin Harris, Town Clerk.

The following was taken from: Facebook/Lynton Fire Station dated 09.08.26

In terms of Emergency callouts, July was the busiest month for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service in over 10 years, responding to over 5300 callouts!

It was also a busy month for Lynton crews with a total of 8 shouts including:

- Fire, standing crops - 1
- Fire in the open - 4
- Vehicle fire, large - 1
- Gain entry/access - 1
- False alarm - 1

Almost two thirds of the fires attended in July were fires in the open and the ground is still tinder dry so please use the surrounding woodland and moorland wisely and avoid barbecues and fires where possible.

Also, we are still recruiting firefighters at Lynton Fire Station so if you enjoy working as part of a team, think you have what it takes to be a retained firefighter, or just want to know more, pop into one of our weekly drill nights on Monday 1830-2030 or visit www.dsfire.gov.uk/careers/vacancies/on-call

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPT 12

SATURDAY 12-6PM

MATCH BOX SAUNA IN THE GARDEN

£17 per person | 1-hour session
Relax in our wood-fired sauna in the beautiful gardens of The Hunters Inn, then cool off with an invigorating cold plunge. The perfect way to unwind and recharge. Booking recommended via our website, scan the QR code on our posters, or contact us directly.

SEPT 26

SATURDAY 7:30 PM

LYNMOUTH SHANTY CREW

Join us for an evening of rousing sea shanties, traditional folk songs and lively singalongs with the much-loved Lynmouth Shanty Crew. Gather around with a drink, soak up the atmosphere, and enjoy a toe-tapping night celebrating Devon's rich maritime heritage.



OCT 9

FRIDAY 6-8 PM

CURRY NIGHT

Join us at The Hunters Inn for an evening of homemade curries, packed with flavour and served with all the traditional sides. £20 per person - includes your curry and all sides. Booking is recommended.

OCT 23

FRIDAY 5:30PM - 8:30PM

DARK SKIES- NOCTURNAL WALK & SUPPER

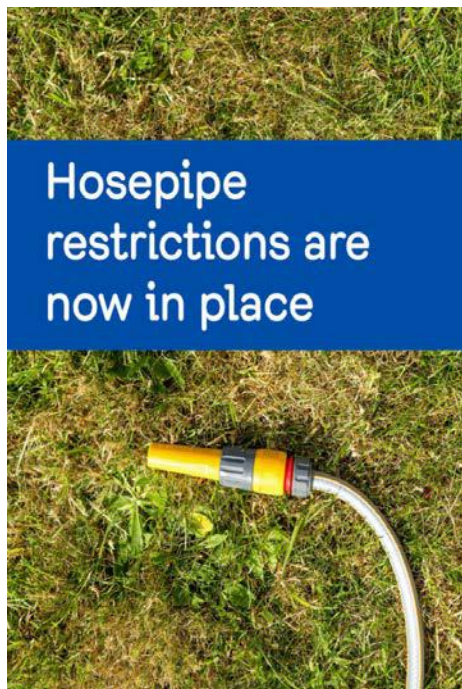
£20 per person. Join an Exmoor National Park Ranger for a guided nocturnal wildlife walk through Heddon Valley, followed by fish & chips or pie & mash (vegan and vegetarian options available) including a drink. Booking via website or at the bar.

OCT 24

SATURDAY 8 PM - 10 PM

THE GARDEN CLUB

Get your Saturday night started with The Garden Club, bringing a high-energy mix of rock, indie and feel-good anthems. Expect big singalongs, great atmosphere and a fantastic night of live music. Free entry.



**Hosepipe
restrictions are
now in place**

South West Water Hosepipe Ban

From Saturday 8 August a hosepipe ban will be introduced for customers in Devon, Cornwall, parts of Dorset and Somerset and the Isles of Scilly.

The decision follows one of the driest periods in recent years with rainfall across the South West remaining well below seasonal averages over many months, and leading to the Environment Agency declaring half of England, including the South West, in drought. This means that you must not use hosepipes to:

- Water your garden
- Clean your, car, patio or driveway
- Fill a paddling pool, swimming pool or hot tub
- Clean walls, paths or windows

You can still carry out many of your usual activities but we ask that everyone please use water carefully during this period of drought to help protect our environment and water resources. Find out more at:

www.southwestwater.co.uk/hosepipe-ban



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