

# North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

September 2023



ChemoHero Team (above) and the NDSCCC / Bideford Bridge Rotary Club (left) at the Bideford Festival of Transport.

The event was very successful with lots of exhibits, trade & craft stands, and raised a lot of money for charity.

Thank you to all involved in the organisation & setup and to all those that visited.

# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

VICE

August started out with the West Somerset Railway Steam & Vintage Rally. This event is held over a number of days and some of our members took their caravans down and made a weekend of it. We also had different members and cars attend on both the Saturday and Sunday with those on Sunday having the better of the weather. The rally has cars, traction engines, static steam engines and a good array of military vehicles on display and parade in the arena. In addition, I can attest to the fact that the drive to Norton Fitzwarren along the B3227 is an enjoyable and pleasant run.

Next up was our big event of the year, the first North Devon Festival of Transport. This show was a joint venture between the North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club and the Bideford Bridge Rotary club. The event was a huge success with around 200 vehicles in attendance which included around 90 NDSCCC member cars. Thanks and praise must be given to all who gave their own time to organise and run this event. The event raised money for charity—the final total yet to be announced by the Rotary Club.

We have received great feedback from both the public and exhibitor attendees and will be aiming to run this event next year, and hope to grow it even more. Lets see if we can get even more member cars there next year.

Looking forward to September, we have unfortunately lost the Dulverton Vintage Fair on Sunday 3rd September as the organisers decided not to run it this year, which is a shame as, in previous years, it was good fun and gave attendees an opportunity to delve into their wardrobe and wear their favourite vintage theme outfits. Thereafter, there is an event on every weekend in September. Please check the events calendar in the Newsletter for latest details.

I'm still finding my way in the Vice Chairman's role and apologies if I haven't caught up with some of you yet and had a chat. I can't make Tim's Tropiquaria trip on the 10th September but hope to see you at the Big Sheep and/or Treasure Hunt.

It's disappointing to see fuel prices on the rise again but they do seem to have steadied at the moment. This rise was apparently due to a cut in production and also less willingness for retailers to compete. Let's hope a retailer breaks ranks soon and forces some competition. The best way to enjoy your classic is to drive it!

Robin

# NDSCCC - Membership 2023/ 24

## North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club 2023 / 24 Renewal / Membership



Title	
First Name	
Surname	
House Name/No.	
Street	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Email address <i>(Please ensure this is clear)</i>	
2nd Member Name	

### Vehicle information (continue over page if required)

Year	Make	Model	Registration No

Will you display your car at events? Yes / No

Cars at Club events may be photographed and images maybe published in club newsletter or used in online media.

### PAYMENTS

Payment Method Bank transfer Cheque Cash

Preferably pay online by Bank Transfer **using your Surname as the Reference**

Name: North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club Sort code 20-04-59 Account No. 50441007 at Barclays Bank

**If cash**, name of to whom paid and at which event.

Please return your completed form with your fee of £15 to: The NDSCCC Membership Secretary, 40 Daneshay, Northam, Bideford, EX39 1DG

Cheques and online payments Payable to: NORTH DEVON SPORTS AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

**If paying online**, you may email the completed form to the Membership Secretary at email address [club@ndsccl.co.uk](mailto:club@ndsccl.co.uk)

**You are reminded that it is an offence against the Road Traffic Act to use a motor vehicle on the road without a valid certificate of insurance and, where applicable, Tax & MOT. Any member who attends an NDSCCC meeting or event with a vehicle not covered by such certificates will risk having their membership terminated.**

Please note your details will be kept on the NDSCCC database for membership purposes, urgent communications, and newsletter distribution. If you object, please contact the Membership Secretary. Membership is renewable in March each year.

All communication is via email (i.e., no paper).

To take advantage of the club insurance it is important both partners/members sign this form

Please tick this box to agree to follow the NDSCCC club Membership Rules:

Signed 1)

Signed 2) Date



# NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR—2023

## **IMPORTANT - Please note:**

At all Club events, a member of the committee may take details of you and your car. This is for several reasons:-

- 1 — It allows the Club to check that your membership is current and therefore you are covered by our insurance
- 2 — It allows the Club to keep the database of vehicles current
- 3 — It allows us to track attendance to see how viable / popular events are

All information is solely for the use of the Club and no information is passed on to third parties.

We trust you will support us in this matter.

## **MEETING POINTS FOR EVENTS**

To keep things simple, the following meeting points will be used for events

Bideford – Affinity (Atlantic Village) Main Car Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3QU

Barnstaple – Homebase Car Park, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

Tiverton—Homebase Car Park, Lowman Way, Tiverton EX16 6SR

South Molton – Eastbound Truck Stop on A361, South Molton EX36 4RZ

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are always looking for volunteers to be the point of contact for events. This does not mean you have to organise it, attend meetings, or be on the committee, just be the named contact for a specific event.

Let us know if you are able to assist.

As you know, things can change very quickly, so please keep your eyes on your email and our Facebook page.

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## REMEMBER—YOU CAN PAY FOR EVENTS ONLINE

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## **MIDWEEK INFORMAL MEETS**

We have set up mid week meeting venues for any members who wish to get together outside the formal event calendar.

**These are a “just turn up and natter” and no booking in is required**, however if you require food please contact the venue direct to book a table.

All venues have large car parks

The meeting points are:-

1st Wednesday of the month	- Williams Arms, Wrafton, Braunton EX33 2DE	<a href="tel:01271812360">01271 812360</a>
2nd Wednesday of the month	- Anchor Inn, Exebridge TA22 9AZ	<a href="tel:01398323433">01398 323433</a>
3rd Wednesday of the month	- Crealock Arms, Littleham EX39 5HN	<a href="tel:01237477065">01237 477065</a>
4th Wednesday of the month	- Portsmouth Arms, Umberleigh EX37 9ND	<a href="tel:01769561117">01769 561117</a>

We welcome your feedback on whether these are successful or not.

## **2023 Calendar of events**

**On the following pages is the 2023 event calendar for full members only.**

**Please note that some of these are still provisional.**

In all cases please register interest with the nominated event leader quoting your Membership Number. **Please DO NOT email the Newsletter Editor .**

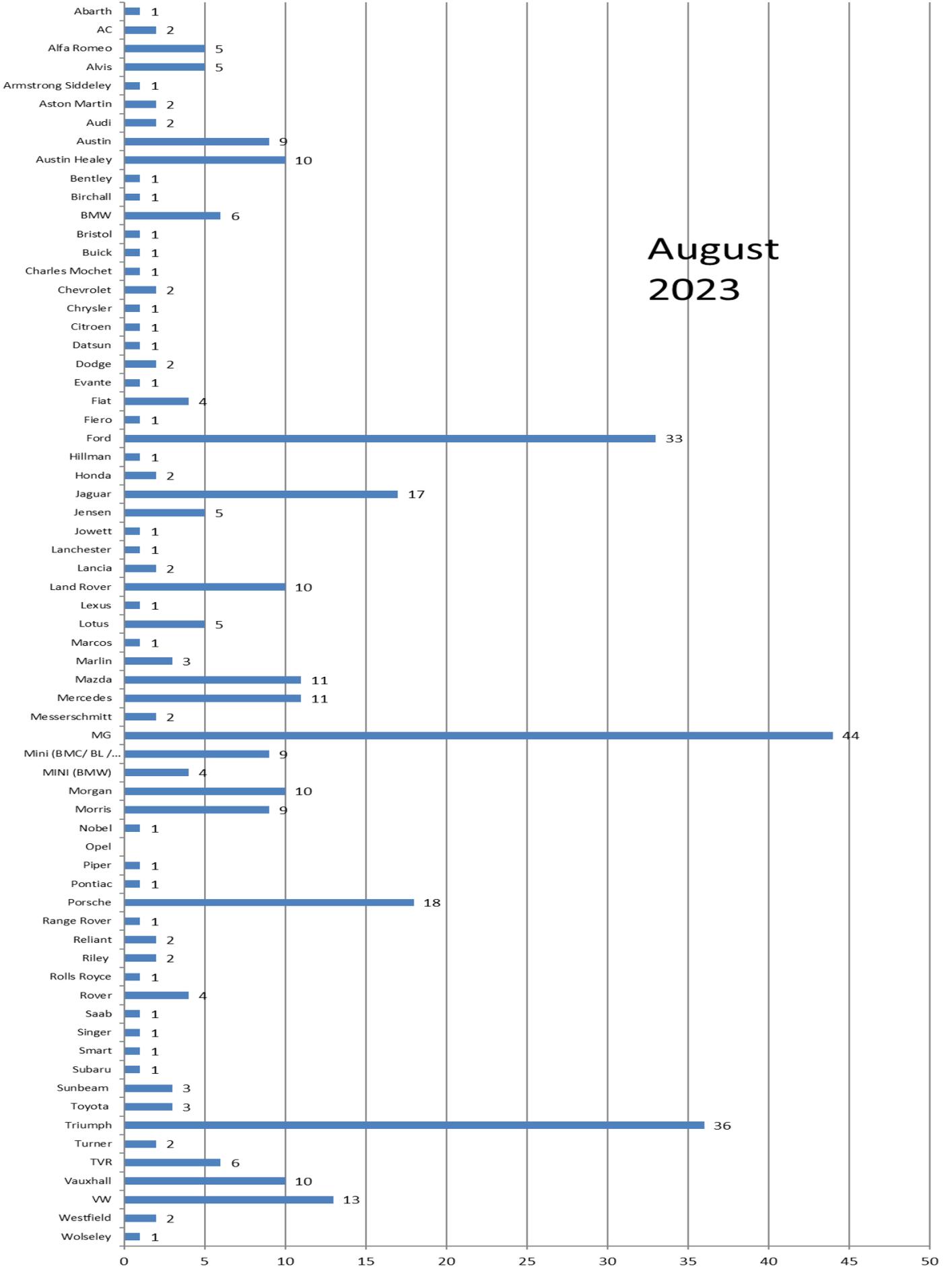
## **DOGS**

**We have tried to identify where dogs are welcome or not allowed in the event list.**

**Some locations allow dogs in restricted areas only. If in doubt please check with the venue**

# NDSCCC - MEMBERS CARS

August  
2023



## NDSCCC - Members Story - Part 2 Continued from August. By David Vogler



### BIG BOAT, LITTLE CAR.

May 9. Disembarking from the overnight ferry into morning rush hour traffic in Palermo was a mistake. They come at you from all angles...Ridiculous. We are in Sicily however and 4-5 miles out of town on our way to Cefalu, things did improve a great deal and the rain stopped as well. We found our way to our superb B&B ready for a 2 nighter.

May 10. Car gets a rest today. Tourist things to do like coffee and cake, visit to the Duomo, cake and coffee, gawping at the views, wine and nibbles, shopping etc., etc. Excellent dinner overlooking the sea with wonderful sunset, just the two of us, very romantic. And, as we were eating ...the noise of a sweet 6 cylinder - An Alfa 2600 cabrio from the 60's...nice! Cefalu is smashing and well worth a visit. We would use this B&B again as well.

May 11. Packing the car and I can hear high performance engines. I see glimpses of Ferrari, Porsche, even a Volvo Amazon... The tail end of the Targa Florio!! Once packed and say 'cheerio' to the B&B, we start on our way along the north coast when we are caught up in a convoy of classics. Jags, Alfas, a little Peugeot van and the noisiest, alloy bodied Delahaye from the 30's...GREATSTUFF! Our road turns away from the coast and starts to climb.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2



VIEWS FROM THE B&B, CEFALU.

Stunning views of mountains and twisty roads, just what we came for. We have plenty of time but we are held up a little by a 4x4 with the driver leaning out of the window leading 5 horses to his farm and then by a herd of cows being driven along the road...big ones...with horns... big horns! Brilliant day with excellent weather and quiet roads. We get to our accommodation in Ponta Secca with time for drinks... Nice. (This is where TV show 'Inspector Montalbano' is filmed.). Sleepy little place and a two night stop so quiet time tomorrow. (May 12.)

May 13. Rained last night and the car is covered with white dust from the Sahara. Driving to Taormina today so quick window clean and off. We follow local cars because of the puddles are covering potholes. Even Italians are worried about the damage caused by bad road surfaces. We followed a UK registered 1920s tourer for a while...not sure but a Sunbeam maybe...had a nice deep exhaust rumble though. I also spotted a Zoe yellow Alfa Romeo 4C parked up...Good taste these Italians. Lovely trip along the coast with some great glimpses of the volcano and some pretty villages. Got to the B&B but parking is a nightmare and the roads are very steep. Had to park in a secure site but up some nasty stone steps to the room. Evening meal with roving minstrels as entertainment, all very Sicilian but Taormina is very touristy compared to our last stop.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2



TAORMINA IS STEEP.

May 14. Off to Messina after a lazy morning in town, drinking coffee and seeing the sites. The car is manky so we found a carwash and blasted the desert from all the nooks and crannies. Very pleasant roads along the coast with stunning views along the way. The apartment in Messina doesn't have parking but we got in just opposite. Good long walk before dinner, early start tomorrow for ferry back to the mainland.

May 15. Ferry to mainland boarded at 09:10 and arrived mainland 20 mins later! Along the coast, north, towards Diamonte. Quick supermarket stop for essentials...(wine and snacks) and dropped the hood to top up the tan. Minimal traffic and good roads. Very pleasant couple of hours to our 2 night stop at a very new hotel.

May 16. Huge storm overnight. The place got a battering but rain stopped after breakfast so stroll into the town. Very few tourists but the place is known for its murals. I check the car ready for tomorrow and we get dinner. Nice place to visit, shame about the rainstorm.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2

May 17. Hell of a storm again last night. Termoli today and on to coast roads for a while then we swing into the mountains to cross to the Adriatic. Some of the best mountain views this trip but then the heavens opened up again. 1 1/2 hours later we stopped for a coffee and a bun and watched the sun come out. Hood down and we motored on good roads with minimal traffic and not to many potholes. Heaps to see in the mountains including more golden eagles but the views are stunning. Termoli is a nice town with resort beach, castle and good shops. Pizza and a beer were very welcome.



GOOD MOUNTAIN ROADS, WHAT THE CAR WAS MADE FOR.

May 18. Wake up to good weather and it's off to Rimini. We've been warned that some roads are closed due to flooding and we now know that the rain storms are the ones hitting central Italy. The coast roads are very slow so we try the highway. The passable roads are very busy and the trip takes twice as long as it should. The sun is out so seeing so much disruption is a little confusing but we get into Rimini by late afternoon. We have good weather, sunshine and warmth so we enjoy a stroll, a glass of wine and do some window shopping. Evening dinner and more walking through a very pleasant resort.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2

May 19. A nice place to be with an old town to explore. Relaxing ready for a big run to Bardolino tomorrow.

May 20. We start the day with rain again obscuring the views in the mountains.

Then we come across the flooded areas. One village we came to, the waters had dropped and the people were bringing buckets of mud out of the houses. All their possessions were at the side of the road waiting for the authorities to collect and scrap. The nearby river levels had dropped but the damage had been done. Poor people. The police diverted the traffic a couple of miles further on and we ended up on the highway. Not what we planned but our plans paled into insignificance after seeing the plight of farmers and vineyard owners with their livelihoods swept away.

We arrived in Bardolino in good weather after a very quiet trip. Time to rest.

May 21–24. We are in our happy place. Bardolino is such a pleasant town to stay. We walk, use the lake boats, tour the lakeside towns...yes... posing in the car with the hood down, visit Valpolicella to get some Rippasso, and basically, enjoy our holiday.



LARGO DEL GARDA.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2

May 25. We leave today and are heading towards Susa at the foot of the Alps. (Susa is twined with Barnstaple). We have a fair way to go so we hit the highway. Top down most of the way but we got some rain just past Turin. We came off the motorway and found Susa easily. Nice place with some interesting historical sites. We did find a restaurant called Cantine Meana.

Three courses, excellent quality, well cooked food, bottle of water and ½ litre of good, red or white wine....euro 14 per person....the place was full of locals as you can imagine and had a brilliant atmosphere. A real find.

May 26. Long day planned today trying to get to Bourges but over the Alps via Le Petite St Bernard pass. Brilliant weather and breath-taking views. Again, twisty turning mountain roads, ideal for the Spider and worth the trip.



C'MON...THAT'S A PICTURE WORTHY OF TWO THUMBS UP!!

The roads go from mountain passes to open planes and towns to very boring motorway. We wanted to get to Bourges though and paid the price. Overnight in basic accommodation but ready for a trip to the zoo tomorrow.

## NDSCCC - Members Story Part 2

May 27. A day at the zoo to see 4 giant pandas at Beauval...not planned but worth it. On to Tours via quiet A roads.

May 28. From overnight in Tours, we make our way to Bayeux via nice A roads through pleasant countryside. We have passed the D Day beaches several times so we made the effort to visit this time. The commonwealth memorial, built not so long ago, is thought provoking and beautiful at the same time. Worth the time.



MAKES YOU THINK.

Into Bayeux and hotel overnight. Visit to the cathedral and other, very pretty sites in the town. Evening meal next to a very nice family from South Carolina 'doing Europe'.

May 29. After breakfast we visited the commonwealth war graves site in the heart of Bayeux. Another 'must see' beautifully kept memorial.

Onwards towards Cherbourg, late lunch in the town onto the ferry and home.

A wonderful trip with the car not missing a beat. I did see the mileage click over 100, 101 and 102 thousand miles however, but we covered 4,484 miles over the month. We haven't planned another trip like this one yet but Sardinia has been mentioned!

# NDSCCC - Where we've been Bideford Festival of Transport



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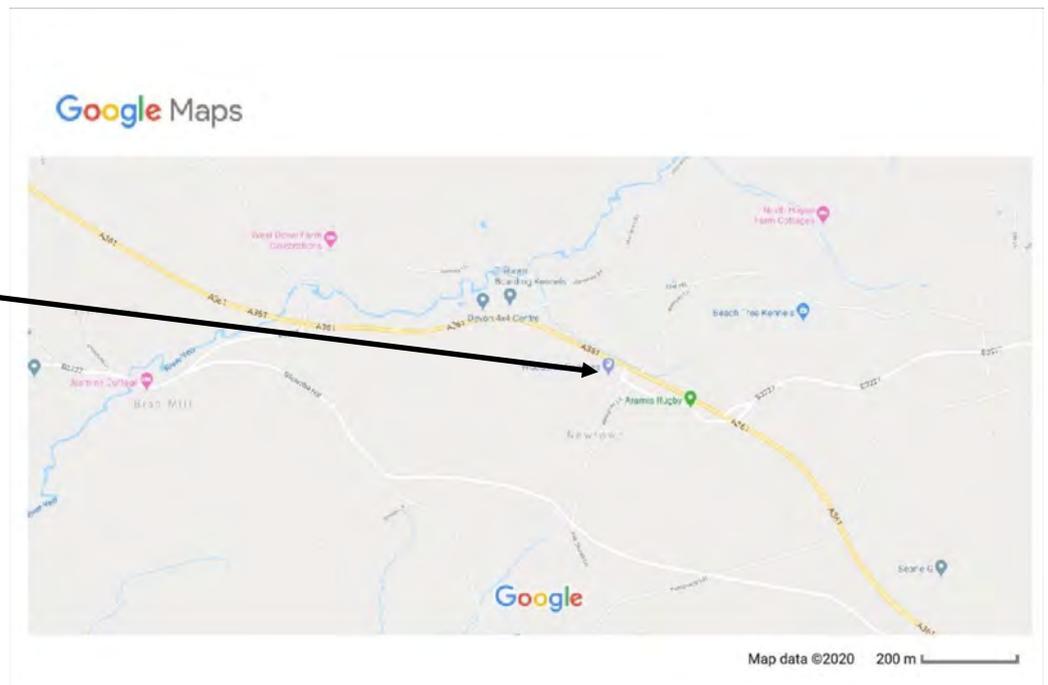
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A small petrol station built in the 1950s, on the old route of the A361.

The road was realigned in the 1980s, and re-joining the road when heading east requires a short detour.



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