

# North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

May 2026



Mini traversing Malmsmead ford on Drive it Day (2)

# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We finished the month of April with the traditional Drive it Day. This year was slightly different as we had two events on the same day and they both went well.

First runout was to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton with 29 cars all booked in, a lovely drive across the Blackdown Hills with all arriving safely apart from one vehicle having to return home after some issues with their car. Ant Kane rang them to make sure they were safe and sound at home. With all cars parked near the entrance on the grass the day started great and the Museum was the icing on the cake. Some lovely emails were received by Ant Kane who had organised the day, my thanks to him as always for the day.

The second runout was a drive across our beautiful Exmoor countryside to the Lorna Doone Valley. 11 cars, 20 people and several dogs attended and all managed to traverse the fords with no bother at all. The destination was The Buttery Café, Malmsmead, where refreshments were available. My thanks to Robin Smith for organising the day.

As the club grows, we are aware that there is the need to have an alternative where possible, so we can give our large membership a choice, this can only happen if there are two events going on the same day.

Please keep a look out in the Newsletter for all new information.

Cheers Mark

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# NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR—2026

## **IMPORTANT - Please note:**

At all Club events, a member of your 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.

If you do not agree, please let the Membership Secretary know.

## **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 – Tesco Car Park, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

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

M5 Junction 27 - Services, Junction 27 M5, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton EX16 7HD

# NDSCCC— 2026 Charity

## CHILDRENS HOLIDAY FOUNDATION NORTH DEVON

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#### **What is the Children`s Holiday Foundation?**

We are a registered North Devon charity and our aim is to provide holidays of a life time to Florida for children with serious illness or major disabilities.

#### **What is a holiday of a life time ?**

The children are accompanied by voluntary adult helpers on a two week holiday to Florida to visit the many exciting theme parks. These include the Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Disney Hollywood, Sea World, Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Busch Gardens and Gatorland. We also take the children to Discovery Cove where they swim with the dolphins and this is always a memorable experience. They also spend time relaxing and having fun in the hotel swimming pool, shopping and eating in the family restaurants. We try and look after each individual child`s needs and our aim is to try and make the holiday one of the best two weeks in their lives. An audio visual recording is made of the whole holiday which allows the families to share their child`s experience with them when they return from the holiday. We also provide them with a photo book of their holiday

#### **How do we find our children?**

The children come from North Devon and on most occasions are nominated by Paediatricians, General Practitioners, specialist nurses and physiotherapists. We have so far taken 224 children on twenty eight separate holidays since 1993. We are now planning the next holiday for 8 more local children in April 2026.

#### **What sort of illness or disability do these children have ?**

We have taken children with the following illnesses and disabilities - leukaemia, brain tumours, cystic fibrosis, Crohn`s disease, diabetes, liver failure, kidney failure, other childhood cancers, muscular dystrophy, brittle bone disease, spina bifida, quadriplegia and cerebral palsy. Sadly, many of the children have more than one problem.

#### **How do our children benefit?**

Firstly, the holiday gives them something to look forward to. Most of them have spent a lot of time in hospital having medical or surgical treatment and often they have had to travel long distances to specialist units. We all need something in life to look forward to and many of the parents tell us that the very thought of the holiday often gives their child a huge lift which can in itself help to improve their physical and mental health.

The holidays give them very happy memories of a holiday of a lifetime which often is in direct contrast to the more unpleasant memories associated with their illness or disability. Human nature often allows us to bury the more unpleasant memories in life and hang on to the more happy memories.

The holidays are a great moral booster. The children often come back with a more positive attitude towards coping with their illness which can spark an improvement in their physical and mental health.

Children with serious illness or handicaps often feel detached and isolated. Sharing in the group experience and meeting with other children with similar illness or disability often helps them to come to terms with their own problems and gives them new confidence to cope with the major hurdles that many of them will have to face up to in the future.

The holidays also benefit the family. Caring for an ill or disabled child can be a tremendous financial, emotional and psychological burden. The holiday gives the family a break allowing parents to spend extra time with other siblings. Often the separation from the family can help the child to become more independent and self-confident. The feedback from the families has always been very positive and invariably we are told that the holiday has injected new confidence into their child.

Both my voluntary helpers and I have been privileged to experience these wonderful holidays with so many very special and courageous children.

# NDSCCC - Where we've been

## Drive it Day—1



# NDSCCC - Where we've been

## Drive it Day—2



## NDSCCC— Member Contributions

I have received several interesting articles from a member but unfortunately they are mainly hand written and I do not the time to copytype them into the Newsletter. Nor do I have the technology to scan them to text, so whilst I am grateful for the contribution I apologies to the Member, I will hold on to them for now.

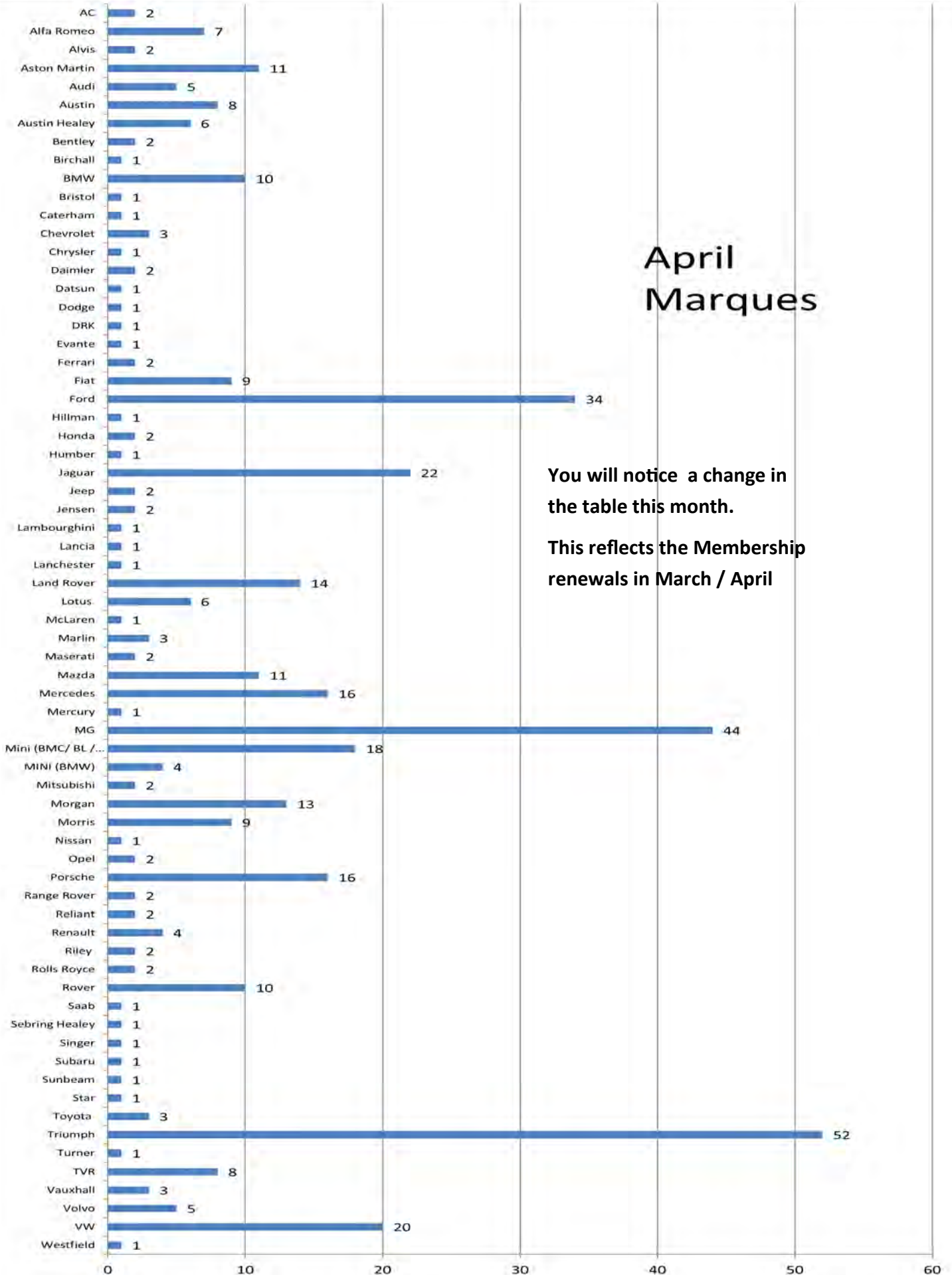
If in the future I find a) the time or b) the technology, I will publish them.

# NDSCCC Membership—Cars

April  
Marques

You will notice a change in  
the table this month.

This reflects the Membership  
renewals in March / April



**NDSCCC Membership**

# **CLUB SHOP**



**CLUB POLO SHIRTS (M,L,XL,XXL) £14 each**

**THERMAL INSULATED MUGS £5 each, 2 for £8**

**CAPS AND BEANIES £10 each**

**NOTEBOOK/PEN SET £5 each**

**IRON ON CLOTH BADGES £3 each**

**UMBRELLAS £20 each**

# NDSCCC - Members Advertisement

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Members are invited to advertise here free of charge.

Adverts will run for 3 issues unless the Editor is contacted to renew / cancel.

Anything car / garage related – for sale or wanted.

## WANTED

Any automobile related signage, suitable artefacts etc. for my "man cave".

Cash waiting. Please contact Tim [timhatcher63@gmail.com](mailto:timhatcher63@gmail.com) or 07968434577



Stock photo – not really Tim's Man Cave

## FOR SALE

### Porsche alloy wheels for sale

Front wheels: 8Jx20h2 ET57 Front Tyres: 235/35/20

Rear wheels: 9.5Jx20H2 ET45 Rear Tyres: 265/35/20

All tyres are Pirelli P zero

Price £1,500 ONO

If need to look at the wheels, please contact

Mark Coles

Phone 07966492409

Email [gardenbirds1962@gmail.com](mailto:gardenbirds1962@gmail.com)



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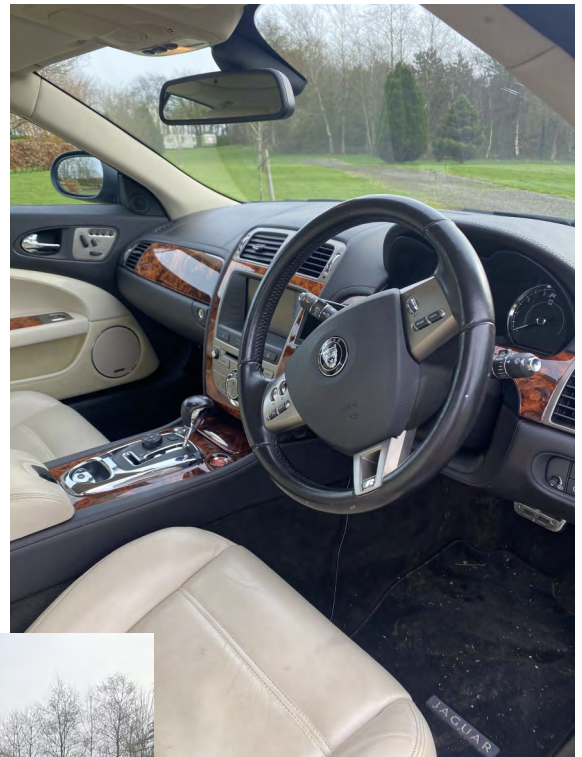
2007 4.2 Jaguar XKR for sale £16,250

Beautiful condition, new MOT and recent service.

Just 58,003 miles, this will increase very slightly.

Registration number not included, original number YK57 ZHU

In my ownership for past 7 years. FSH.



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## FOR SALE

### MGB Spares

Gary also has several copies of the MGOC Enjoying MG magazines, available for free.

#### MGB Spares For Sale (circa 1975)

If you would like any of the parts or magazines listed below, please contact Gary on 07901 906006.

| Item   | Condition | Price   | Make me an offer | Notes  |
|--|-----------|---------|------------------|--|
| Top entry distributor cap and 4 HT leads.                              | Good      | £2.50   | Y                |  |
| Fan Belt   | Good      | £0.50   | Y                |  |
| Distributor with cap, rotor arm & electronic ignition module.          | Good      | £15.00  | Y                | Was working before being replaced with a 123 Electronic Distributor (as part of engine swap) |
| 3 x Ignition Coils   | Good      | £15.00  | Y                | Need to be tested (£5 each ono)  |
| Indicator Stalk  | Good      | £10.00  | Y                | Needs to be tested   |
| Rear brake wheel cylinder  | Poor      | £0.50   | N                | May be seized?   |
| Leaf spring axle strap   | New       | £2.00   | N                | Never Used   |
| Exhaust manifold gasket  | New       | £1.00   | N                | Never Used   |
| Rear brake wheel cylinder  | Good      | £2.50   | Y                | With gasket s & bleed nipple   |
| Water Thermostat   | Good      | £0.50   | N                | Needs testing  |
| Set of Stop/Tail light, Indicator, Interior, instrument bulbs          | New       | £4.00   | N                | Unused   |
| Leather MG Gearknob  | Good      | £1.00   | Y                |  |
| Points & Condenser   | New       | £2.00   | Y                | Unused   |
| Horn Pencil  | Good      | £0.50   | N                |  |
| 2 x Rotor Arms (1 x Red, 1 x Black)                                    | Good      | £1.00   | Y                | 50p each   |
| Starter Relay  | New       | £5.00   | N                | Unused   |
| 2 x Tex Stainless Steel Door Mirrors, with                             | Good      | £10.00  | Y                | With fitting instructions  |
| Two sets of drum brake shoes   | Good      | £5.00   | Y                | £2.50 per set  |
| 4 x Windscreen Wiper Arms & Blades, plus 2 spare blades, with fittings | Good      | £10.00  | Y                | £2.50 each   |
| Black MG Sticker 8cm"  | New       | £0.25   | N                |  |
| Flasher Unit (GFU2124 / SFB114)  | Good      | £1.00   | Y                |  |
| 2 x Rear Brake Wheel Cylinders   | New       | £7.50   | N                | £4 each  |
| 2 x Chrome Rear Number Plate Lamps                                     | Good      | £10.00  | Y                | With Bulbs   |
| 2 x Axle Oil Seals   | New       | £4.00   | Y                |  |
| 1 x Rostyle Wheel Centre Cap   | New       | £1.00   | N                |  |
| MG Owners Club Metal Badge 9ms Diameter                                | New       | £10.00  | N                | Black letters on Red background  |
|  |           | £121.75 | Y                | Make me an offer for job lot.  |
| Several copies of MGOC Enjoying MG maga-                               | Good      | Free    |                  |  |

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## DEVONSHIRE MOTORS Award Winning Accident Repair Centre

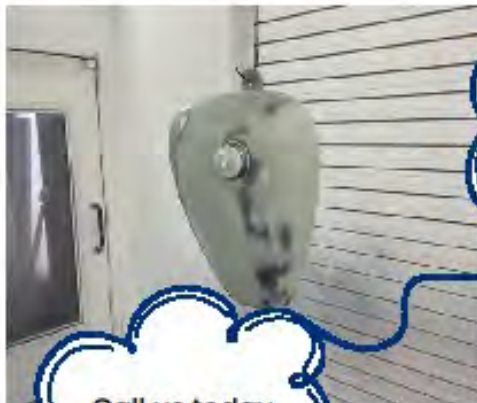
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### VEHICLE RESTORATIONS



Did you know not only are we a multi-award-winning accident repair centre but we are also a classic car restoration specialist?

If you have a classic vehicle that is in need of a complete body restoration or the paintwork just needs freshening up why not get the work carried out over the winter months so you can enjoy the vehicle next spring and summer when the weather is dry and sunny.



our new project!  
restoring a  
Motorbike fuel  
tank!

Call us today  
on  
01271 340860

Classic car restoration is a specialty of ours and we can restore any make or model of vehicle. Whatever your requirements, our technicians have the skillset, experience and perhaps most importantly the enthusiasm to carry them out to the highest standard.

We are based in Barnstaple North Devon, we have grown a reputation for high quality, customer satisfaction and efficient workmanship. If your vehicle is in need of some repair work no matter how big or small- we are here to help!

Approved repairer for the following Manufacturers:



Upcott Avenue, Pottington Business Park, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1HN

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# Hobbs Auto Electrics

Peter Hannam (HOBBIT)



Problems with  
Wiring, Starting, Battery Charging,  
Radios, Car Phones, Fault Finding  
on Cars, Lorries, Buses, Campers, &  
Boats



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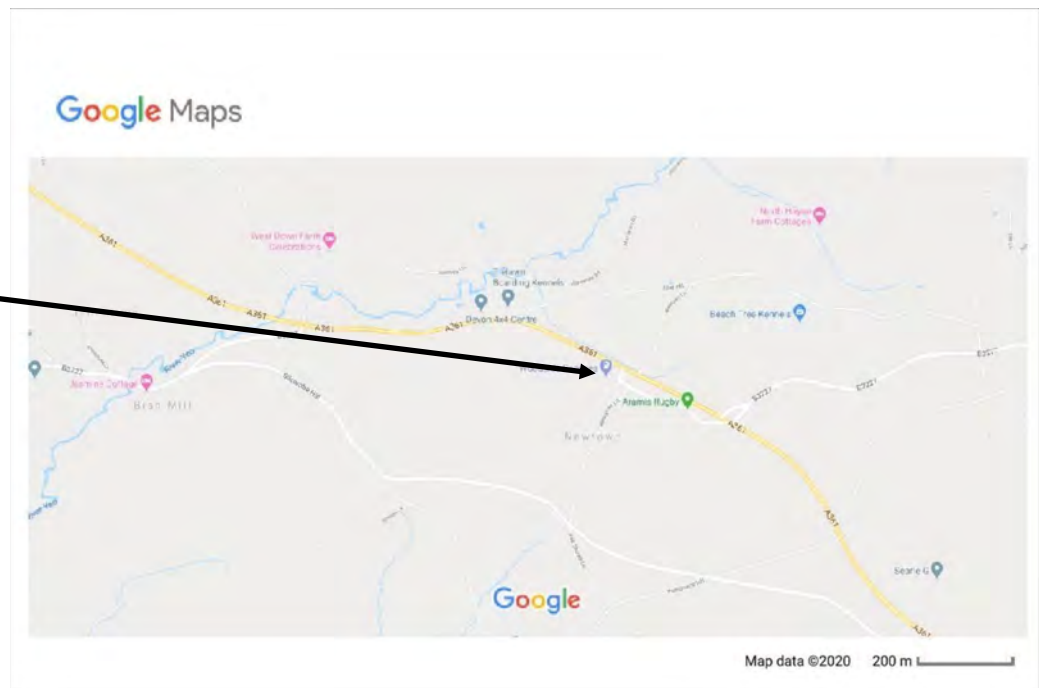
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Woodside Garage  
Newtown  
Bishops Nympton  
South Molton  
Devon  
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A small petrol station built in the 1950s, on the old route of the A361.

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



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