

# North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

April 2026



Last years charity— South West Blood Bikes - being presented with their cheque for £11305 at the NDSCCC AGM in March

Details of this year's selected charity  
- Children's Holiday Foundation, North Devon -  
may be found on page 20

# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

March is a very important time for the club, with membership renewals in full swing and the holding of our AGM which this year was held at a new venue Roundswell Community Hall, judging by the number that turned up ( 90 +) was a wise choice.

We had a fantastic start to the meeting handing over a cheque to Southwest Blood Bikes of £11,305 which was the total amount raised over the whole year, largely from our half of the money from the Festival of Transport being £7,804 and the remainder coming from the various fund-raising events we put on. I would like to thank all the team for their work in this and especially to you the members who always give when you can. Thank you.

The next important piece of business was to choose the coming years charity which is always done by votes from those present at the meeting. The winning charity was the Children's Holiday Foundation North Devon, if you would like to know more about what they do, please look at their website.

Some of the ladies supplied cakes and made teas/ coffee on the day which turned out to be very popular judging by the amount of money donated, this was £98 plus we held a draw which raised another £204 plus a donation £15 gave us a grand total of £317. What a fantastic start for the Charity well done to all. We thanked Alister Young who had stepped down from the committee but we welcomed Phil Middleton and Joy Lailey to the committee and look forward to their help in running this great club on your behalf.

At the end of the month, we held our Meet and Greet which we are lucky to be able to use the facilities at Pearce Constructions Yard at Roundswell , with old and new members attending there were a wide number and different vehicles on display, its always a good chance for the new members to get to know other members especially if they have the same interest in a make of car, it is totally informal and you come and go as you please, but most take advantage once again of the tea/coffee and of course the lovely cakes again baked by our lady members, thanks to all who helped and or supplied cake many thanks, again we amassed a great amount for the charity being £113.62 plus 1 golf ball marker and 1 halfpenny, some need to have their eyes tested, made me smile!

All in all, a very successful day and it stayed dry, Weather wise a good start to the season. We always would like some sunshine, our next problem could be the lack of fuel thanks Donald!

Take care and see you soon and keep looking at the newsletter for all the upcoming events and get booked in early.

Cheers for now.

Mark

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# **NDSCCC - 2026 Membership IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Dear Members**

**The fact you have received this Newsletter means you have renewed your Membership until March 2027 —- Thank you!**

**With now have over 250 members with 600+ cars and we believe our car records are not that accurate. So, in order to have a more accurate record of vehicles, and to be able to share the high level data with you, we will be doing a car survey in the next couple of months.**

**Thank you**

**Bob**

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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—Homebase 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 AGM



# NDSCCC - Where we've been Meet & Greet— Pearce Construction



# NDSCCC— Member Contribution

## Tim Hunt

Motorways need NOT be boring.

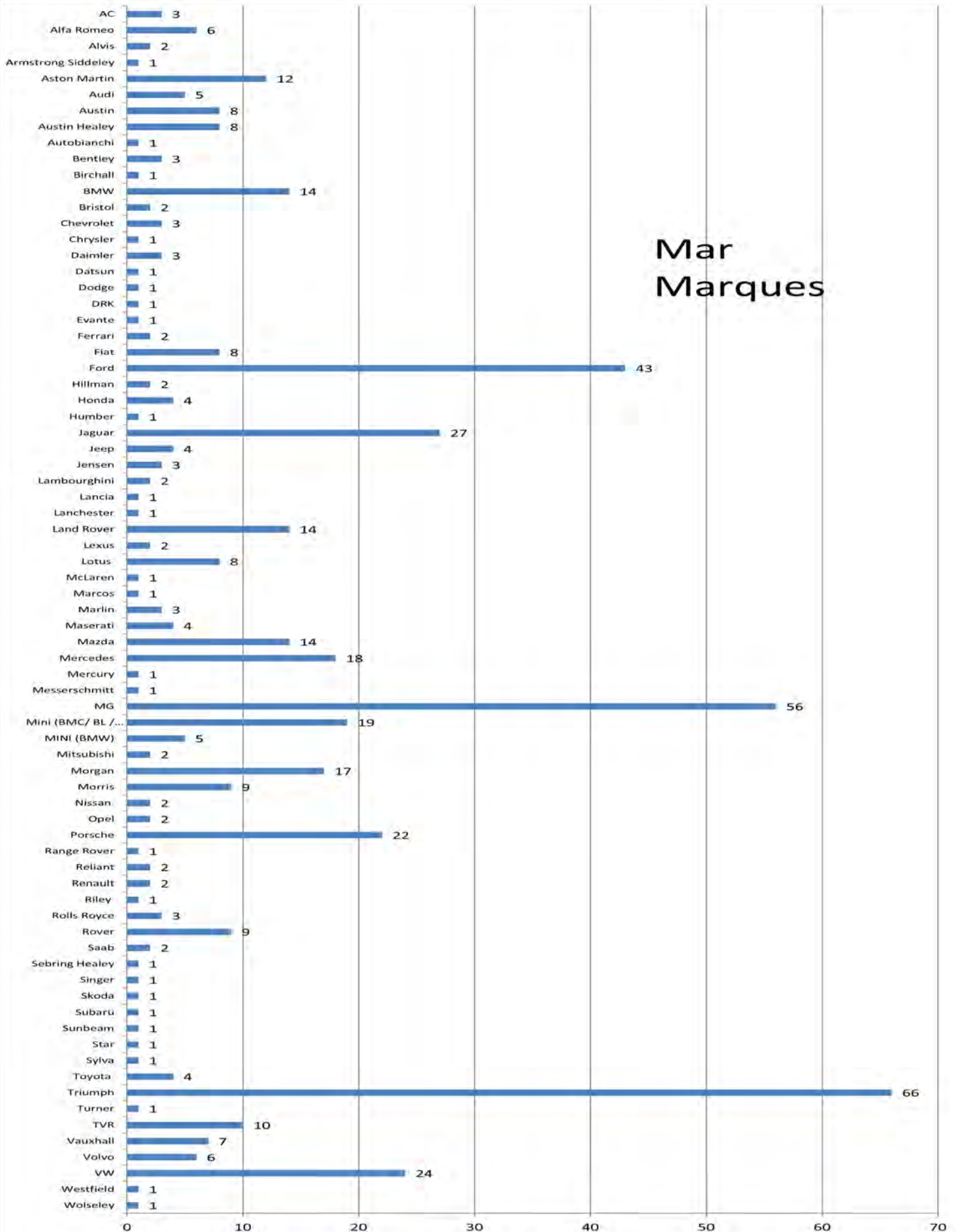
Everyone appreciates how motorways have revolutionised travel by allowing higher average speeds (road works permitting) thereby dramatically reducing journey times. Safety is much improved by the drastic reduction of deadly head-on impacts and the elimination of conflicts with other vehicles at conventional junctions. Motorways account for 20 % of total traffic but only 5% of fatalities and 3% of serious injuries. On the other hand, people will be heard to describe motorway driving as boring. I do not agree – any motorway journey can be made an interesting challenge for the keen driver.

A key skill at the wheel is acceleration sense – ‘The ability to vary vehicle speed in response to changing road and traffic conditions by the accurate use of the accelerator’ (Roadcraft). Next time you are on a motorway see how far you can travel without braking simply by looking further ahead for slowing traffic, easing off the gas and perhaps changing lane if safe and appropriate. If you don’t encounter stationary traffic or the fortunately extremely rare unforeseen emergency then with practice you will be surprised how far you can go. My personal best is 382 miles from M80 Junction 9 just south of Stirling to leaving the M1 at Junction 10 (Luton Airport). The only brake applications made were when stopping at two service areas en route. I was fortunate in that although I encountered road works and the consequent temporarily reduced speed limits, traffic never actually came to a halt at any point on my journey. When approaching a reduced mandatory speed limit ease off the throttle so as to pass the sign at the start of the restriction at the advertised speed. This takes practice and is great for improving acceleration sense. Of course, if a driver is following you too closely then he or she is clearly deficient in anticipation and probably not the most observant so the lightest touch on the brake pedal, just sufficient to illuminate your brake lights whilst not actually slowing the car, would be advisable.

Linking speed to vision at all times is critical. Drivers should develop the habit of continually transferring attention between the far and middle distance and the area close in front of their vehicle. As speed increases it is more and more important to look further ahead. Distant observation and correct interpretation of what is seen improves planning and avoids rushing into possible danger and its importance on motorways cannot be over-emphasized. The expert driver is invariably the first to slow at the merest suggestion of trouble ahead and the first back on the gas after the danger has passed. It is satisfying to relax the accelerator in response to slowing traffic in the distance while other drivers go past in daydreaming mode, only to stand on the brakes at the last moment. When following another vehicle, as it passes a particular feature on the road surface start saying to yourself ‘Only a fool breaks the two second rule’. if you reach the feature before completing this phrase then you are too close and should drop back to increase the gap to the nominal two seconds. The gap should be increased to four seconds on a wet road. Of course, if you respect this rule then other drivers will often pull into the gap in front of you. No matter, just ease off the accelerator and drop back to recreate the two or four second gap. When at the wheel safety is the paramount consideration at all times and nothing should ever be sacrificed at its expense.

Yet another motorway challenge is to avoid running over cats eyes with any wheel when changing lanes, this improves steering precision.

# NDSCCC Membership—Cars



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## NDSCCC Membership

# CLUB SHOP

### **MERCHANDISE UPDATE**

We have a quantity of items which have been carried for some time. They are slowly reducing in number and I feel that it is now time to refresh our stock.

It is your club and if you have any suggestions of merchandise we could offer, do please let me know at [robjohn.martin60@gmail.com](mailto:robjohn.martin60@gmail.com)

### **STOP PRESS—WE HAVE ADDED NDSCCC POLO SHIRTS £14**



**THERMAL INSULATED MUGS £8 each, 2 for £15**

**UMBRELLAS £20**

**CAPS AND BEANIES £10 each**

**NOTEBOOK/PEN SET £5 each**

**CLUB KEYRING £2 each**

**IRON ON CLOTH BADGES £3 each**

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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".

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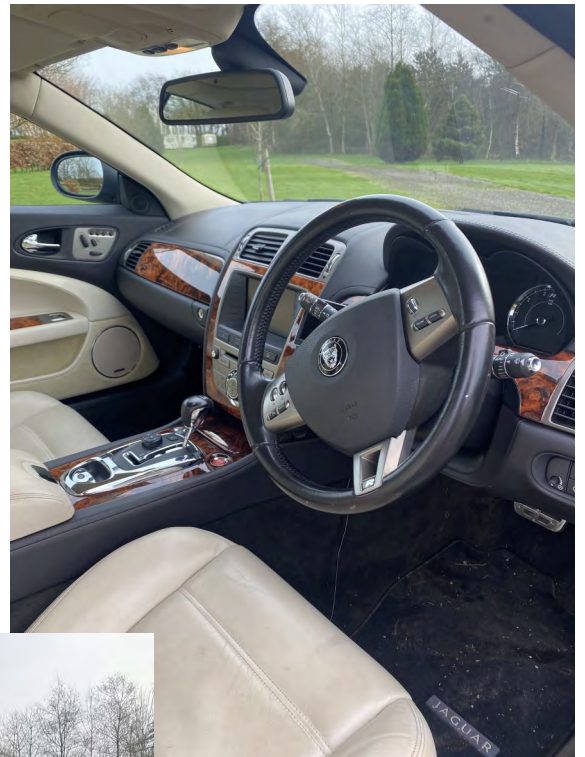
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## FOR SALE

### 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	
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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
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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 plinths	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 magazines	Good	Free		

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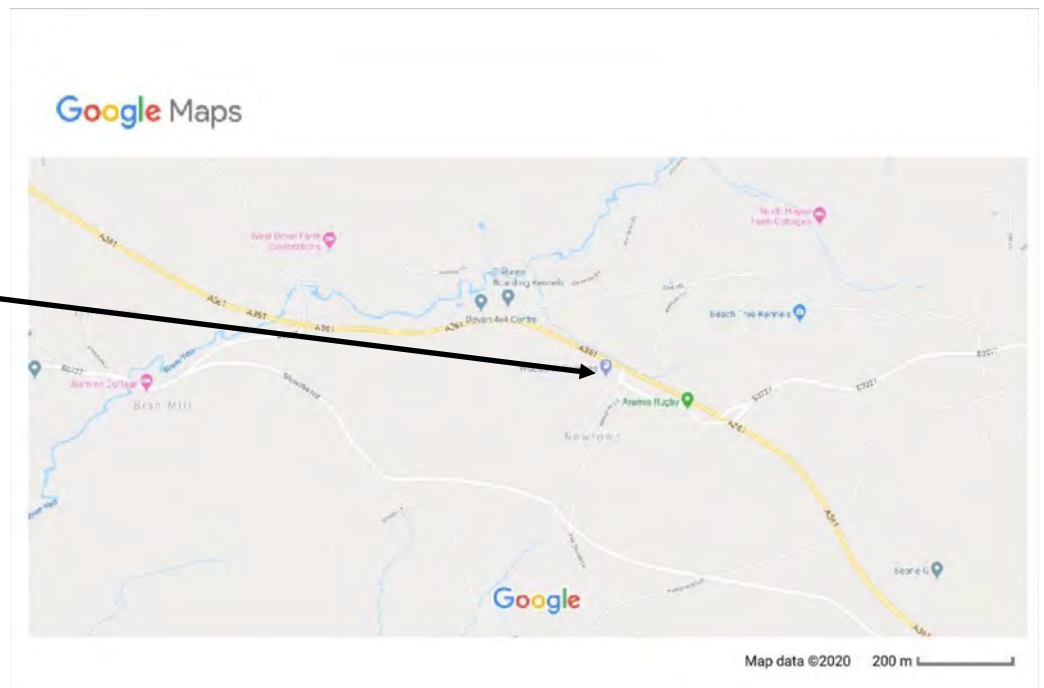
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