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## Hello, and welcome to our latest edition of THE HONITON FLYER!



This edition comes out just in time for Christmas 2023, and all the Team at The Honiton Flyer wish our readers a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Our new front cover is an autumnal scene of a water meadow at Awliscombe.

We have been busy gathering editorial, and on **Page 12 & 13** we bring you news from Devon charity Hospiscare. Honiton has been recognised as a FAIRTRADE TOWN, and Honiton Chamber of Commerce have an interesting update regarding this on **Page 22**.

Honiton Rugby Club have a very colourful contribution on **Page 26**.

Our editorial team have been watching the progress of "Otter Lodge" an innovative town-centre brownfield development of 57 flats, nearing completion on the former cattle market site. You will find more information on **Pages 28 & 29**. To tie in with this, our historical contributor Terry Darrant brings us the history of Honiton Cattle Market, on **Page 42**.

Honiton Lions have more information on their fund-raising on **Page 34**.

There are strong feelings surrounding the initiative to introduce parking meters to Honiton High Street. Honiton Town Council and Honiton Chamber of Commerce collaborated in a survey of visitors and residents, to establish the overall reaction. Not surprisingly over 88% of those surveyed said they would visit Honiton High Street less frequently, or not at all, if meters are introduced. You will find a summary of the survey results on **Page 36**.

Friends of Honiton Station have their report on **Page 40**, and finally we have photos of Honiton Carnival on **Page 46**.

With best wishes for the Festive Season, and into 2024.

*Anthony Bucke*. EDITOR.

Email [honiton@theantiquetourist.com](mailto:honiton@theantiquetourist.com)

Friday 1 December 2023.



Maize harvest at Wilmington.

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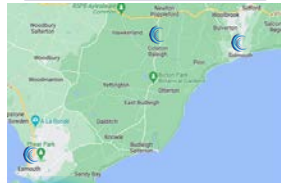
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**We are not part of the NHS – we receive 18% funding from the government, the rest is raised by the generous support of the local community.**

**We don't just look after people with Cancer diagnosis, we look after anyone over the age of 18 with a terminal diagnosis that needs specialist end of life care.**

Hospiscare have been working closely with our NHS community colleagues to provide expertise and support for those patients with complex, specialist palliative care needs.

Everyday matters when you have a life-limiting illness.

Hospiscare services are there for anyone needing the specialist services, we are working closely with Exeter Prison & St Petrock's with those who are homeless.

### The Wonderful World of Wills...

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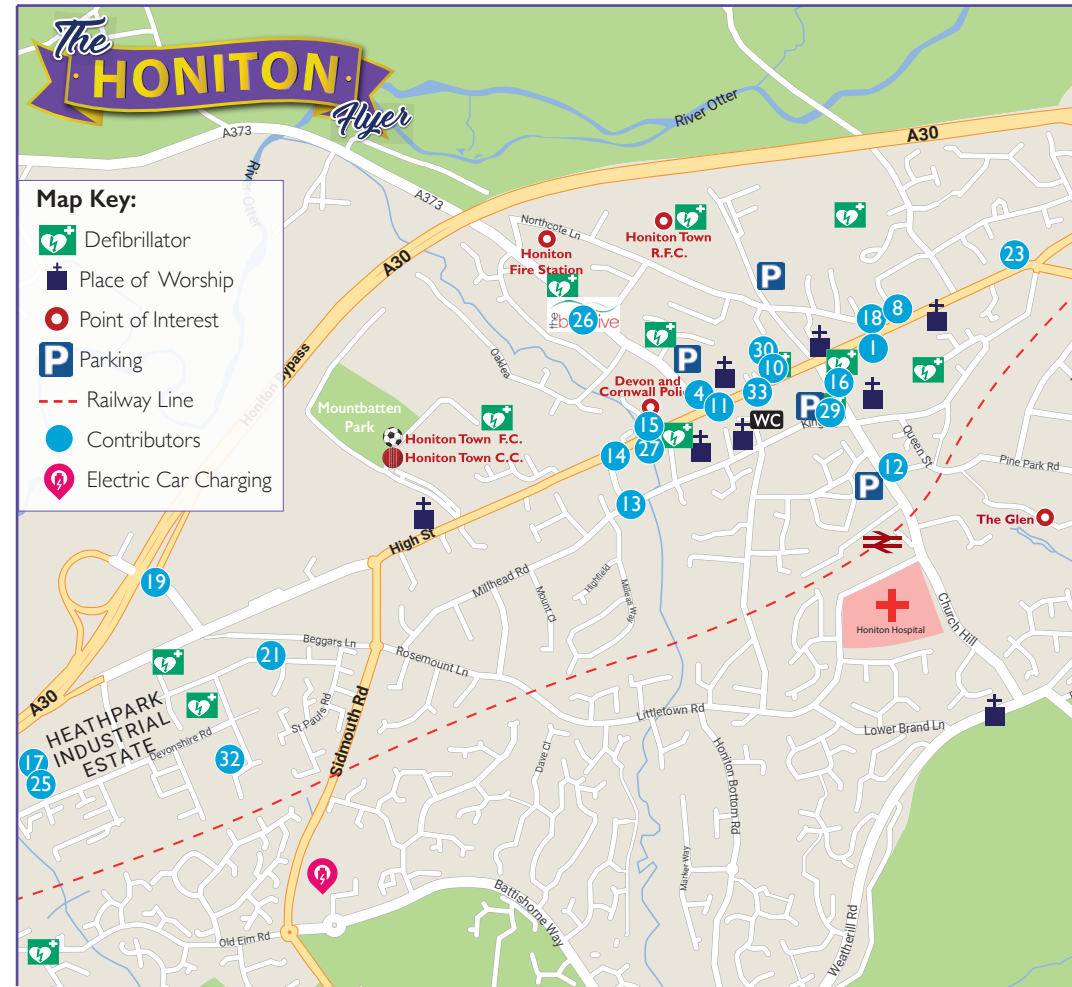
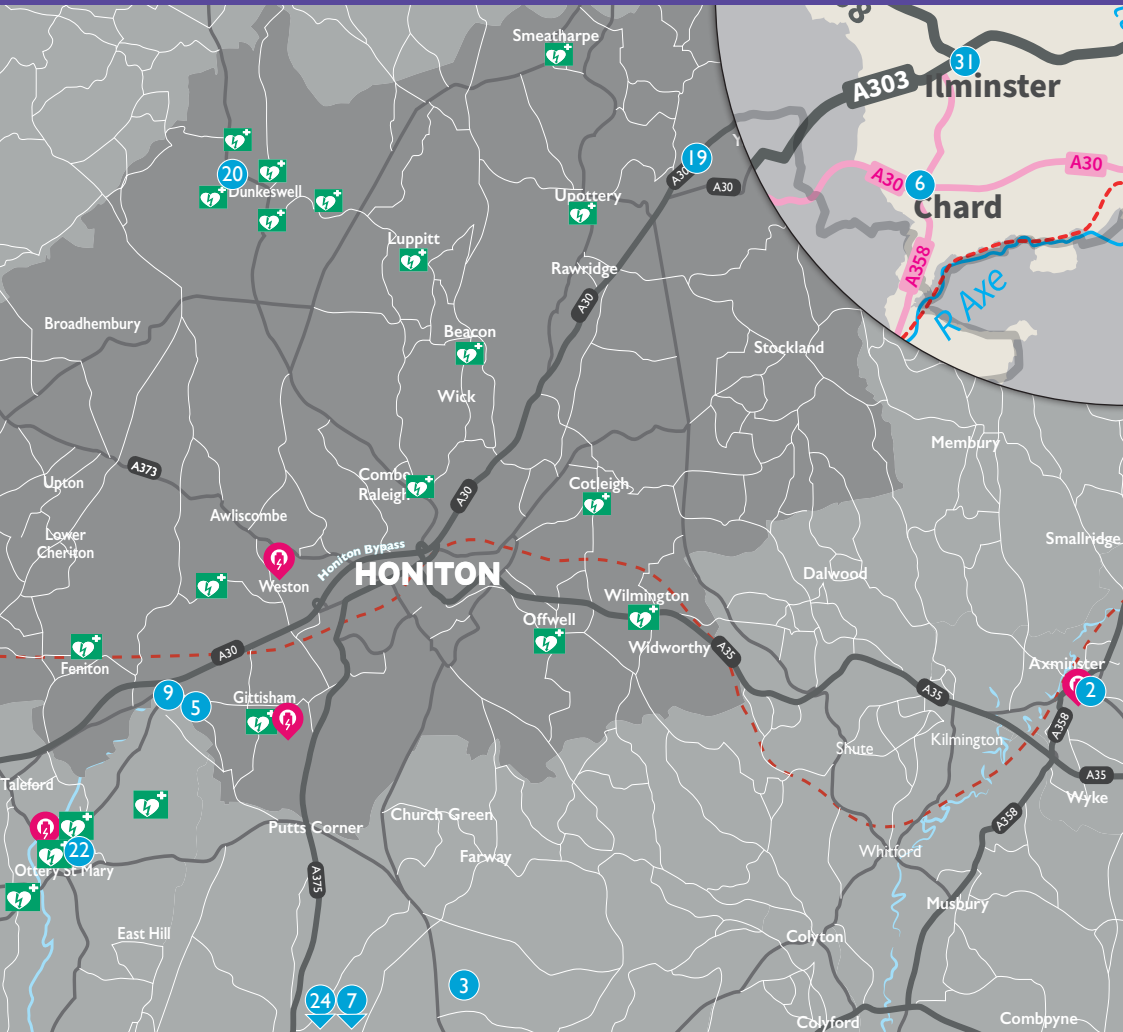
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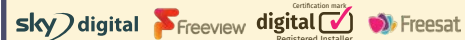
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The funding will deliver 5,800 new homes by March 2027, create around 18,000 new jobs in the housing and construction sector. All on previously developed, but now redundant land. (All according to UK Government sources.)

Well, here in Honiton Town Centre an innovative brown-field development has been underway since July 2022, when Churchill Retirement Living finally achieved planning consent for the erection of 57 one-bedroom and two-bedroom retirement flats. The site - in Silver Street, Honiton - had been Honiton Livestock Market for many years. Originally run by local auctioneers TD Hussey and Sons, before they were taken over by regional agricultural and property agents Stags, this was a popular venue for farmers and buyers to meet every week. However, due to the size and number of vehicles

accessing the town centre site, and rationalisation of livestock markets to larger centres such as Exeter & Bridgwater, closure in early 2022 was inevitable.

Appropriately named "Otter Lodge", occupation of the flats currently under construction is restricted to those of 60 years plus. However the location will be most attractive to that age-group, giving easy access to all that Honiton has to offer, including the railway station, Allhallows Museum and The Beehive. And just 5 minutes walk from Honiton High Street, this is a perfect location for residents to enjoy all that the centre of town offers; and will contribute greatly to re-vitalising the retail and hospitality businesses.

So this is a classic "brownfield development", right in the centre of Honiton Town.

Ever wondered about the massive crane in the Town Centre, with the red warning light at night? Well this is the electrically operated tower

crane which transports all the materials around the construction site at Otter Lodge.

Naturally Churchill Retirement Living make much of East Devon as being an attractive area to live - which we all know to be true! The Jurassic Coast, Blackdown Hills, good road links to Exeter and the M5, Dartmoor and Exmoor. The arrival of an affluent group of residents, right in Honiton Town Centre is great news for everyone.

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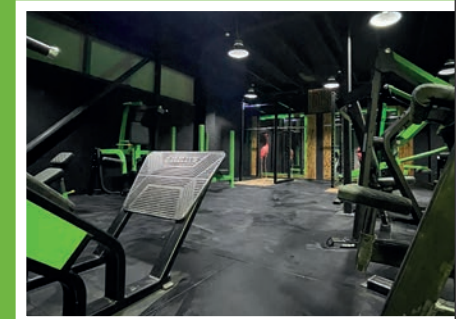
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# HONITON LIONS

Honiton Lions Annual Charity Draw which was held at The Otter Inn on 24<sup>th</sup> September was a great success, raising £2600 pounds for community charities and good causes.

The profit from the draw has enabled the Lions to donate £250 to each of the following good causes.

TRIP Community Transport Association, Honiton Food Bank, Honiton Carers Support Group, Open Arms East Devon (a mental health support group), See the Future (a sight awareness charity), Honiton Admiral Nurse Fund, Honiton Memory Café (a dementia support group), Royal British Legion - Honiton Branch Poppy Appeal, Honiton 55+ Centre and Honiton Community Building (CUB).

Honiton Lions have also given £200 to two Honiton teenagers, Jamie White, and Barnaby Rowland, who are raising money to fund their visit to Thailand to represent Great Britain at the Muay Thai World Games in February 2024. Muay Thai is known in the West as Thai Boxing.

Following the recent earthquake in Morocco, Honiton Lions have donated £500 to the International Lions appeal to assist the victims of the disaster.



**Left to right Jamie White, President Brian Richards and Barnaby Rowland.**

As always if you would like to find out more about Lions Clubs International and in particular the Honiton Club please give me a call on 01404 43738 or mobile 07966 173 828 or you can email me at [brian.richards@honitonlions.org.uk](mailto:brian.richards@honitonlions.org.uk) or visit our website [www.honitonlions.org.uk](http://www.honitonlions.org.uk)



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# ON STREET PARKING SURVEY

Honiton Chamber of Commerce and Industry fully supported Honiton Town Council in its endeavours to obtain the viewpoint of local people by means of a survey concerning planned introduction by Devon County Council of parking meters on Honiton High Street. To this end the Chamber set up an online survey and received from the Town Councillors concerned hand written survey forms obtained over a period of time from members of the public in Honiton High Street and carefully collated the same. The survey identified four main groups of High Street users; Local Residents, Retailers, Visitors and those Who Work Locally. Across all four groups the results indicate that a majority would "Visit Less Often" or "Not At All" and these replies amounted to 88% of the total with only 0.24% indicating it would increase their use of the High Street.

This is damning condemnation of the plan by Devon County Council and I trust they too will acknowledge the feelings expressed by their own electorate that this measure would cause severe harm to the commerce, community and tourism of Honiton Town. Many participants commented that it would be the "End Of Honiton"!

There is some concern that the person behind the scheme is Honiton's own Devon County Councillor Phillip Twiss and we would hope that he will take on board the feeling of his townsfolk and put an end to this scheme before it leaves County Hall and damages Honiton and the seven other towns identified as suitable for High Street parking meters.

Joseph M Furneaux-Gotch - Chairman  
Honiton & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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## SURVEY RESULTS

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<b>USAGE TOTALS</b>			
MORE FREQUENT	3	0.24% OF 1,239	
LESS FREQUENT	663	53.51% OF 1,239	
WOULD NOT VISIT	429	34.62% OF 1,239	
N/A	144	11.62% OF 1,239	
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Conclusion; Over 88% of people who responded would visit Honiton High Street less frequently or not at all.

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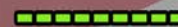
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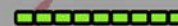
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The Friends of Honiton Station were delighted recently to receive a Gold Award in the annual Stations in Bloom competition at a ceremony held in Sherborne. The certificates were presented by Stuart Meek, Chief Operating Officer of South Western Railway.

As well as praising the range of outstanding floral planters at the station, the judges commended the group for its work with the local community, describing its work as excellent and inspirational.

Each of the planters at the station has been adopted by a local group which provides support to the community. The latest to join the scheme was Dementia Friendly Honiton earlier this year. Every planter has an original art work on it, created by a member or supporter of the group, and next to each planter is a small plaque describing the group's work and how to contact it for support.

We are delighted to have received this prestigious award for a second time. Everyone has worked

so hard to make the station an attractive place to be. We are grateful to SWR and to our outstanding station staff for all that they do to keep the station looking so good. It is very important to us that we do everything we can to connect the community with its station, and to encourage everyone to feel part of the station.

Since the award, work at the station has continued, with the proposed installation of an illustrated map of the town in the car park, which has been partly funded by Honiton Town Council.

We are also due to unveil a series of vinyl panels on the station footbridge, with art work done by students from Honiton Primary School, in a project undertaken with the Thelma Hulbert Gallery and Allhallows Museum.

And finally, we are installing two wonderful pieces by local artist Brittany Lakin, for passengers on Platform 1 to enjoy while waiting for their train. We hope these new additions to our station make it an even more attractive place to be.



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## The Old Honiton Cattle Market

Many of you will have become very aware of the red glow that has dominated the night skyline behind the High Street for the past several months. So much so that on one misty summer evening social media pages, devoted to Honiton news and gossip, shared pictures of an apparent strange craft emitting a hazy red glow beneath it and an imminent curiosity of visitations from little green men! Whilst 'War of the Worlds' didn't come to Honiton that night this red light is the beacon that stands atop of a crane in Silver Street, presently engaged in construction of retirement properties on the former Honiton Cattle Market.

The market has historically been held in the High Street where for centuries farmers and traders alike would bring their livestock to town twice or thrice a week to sell and buy. The market traders operated from pitches, which belonged to the market and were rented out each week from where they were stored; in the old pannier market. The top floor of this ancient building, opened in 1824, served as the ballroom for the old Dolphin Hotel, whilst the down stairs provided storage for the market stalls and also was the place where poultry and dairy products were sold.

With the arrival of the motor car, in the early 20th century, the High Street started to become

rather crowded with sheep, horses, cows and swine being sold on a then busy highway so it was decided to relocate the livestock side to a new site in Silver Street. Land was purchased from, local farmer and Town Alderman, Thomas Cox Rolstone, by the then Lord of the Manor, and holder of the market rights, Richard Marker who funded the entire venture. The opening ceremony took place on October 8th 1910 and the event was stated to have drawn a 'large attendance' including member of the then Borough Council including the Mayor and Town Clerk. It is somewhat ironic that less than twenty years later the Borough Council would become custodians of the market rights, having leased them from the Lord of the Manor for a period of 210 years from 1939.

The market operated successfully for nearly one hundred years until the foot and mouth outbreak of 2001 halted trade and the proceeding years saw a whole change in how and when livestock were sold. Many will recall furniture auction or car boot sales taking place in there since but in 2022 it was announced the whole redundant site was to be developed into residential housing.

Just inside the old entrance to the market was placed a white engraved stone marking the occasion of the opening ceremony which has since been removed and now resides in Allhallows Museum.



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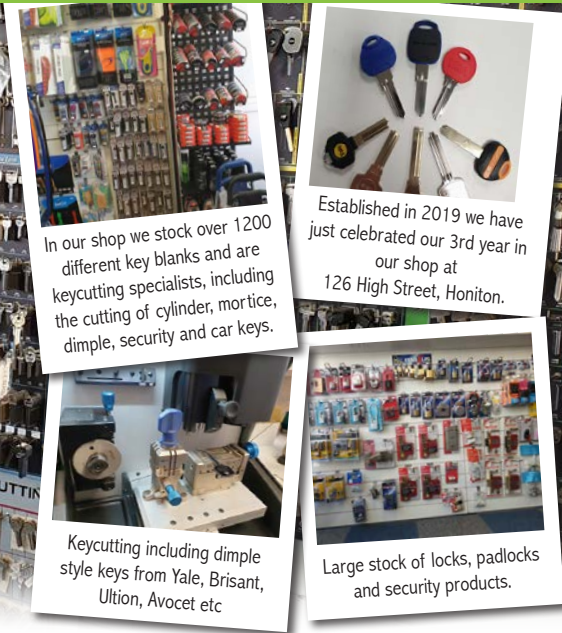
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