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A Warm Greeting from the Mayor of Holsworthy

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this great town of Holsworthy. I have lived here for 10 years after coming down to visit the area on holiday.

We are a very friendly, welcoming town with lots of local history which you can explore for yourselves or at our Museum. We have several lovely places to eat and drink - from take-aways to friendly pubs. We also have a traditional pannier market which stretches out into the Square, weekly on a Wednesday.

Our towns people and, of course, a lot of visiting holiday makers, join us in our yearly traditions of St. Peters Fair which is held in July and our annual Carnival, which is held in November. Both are a must to watch; you can even take part if you wish as they are both lots of fun for all generations.

Whether you enjoy cycling, walking or just travelling around by car, there are many things to see and do in and around Holsworthy - so when you are next down in the South West of the Country, please do come and see us for yourselves. You won't be disappointed!



Cllr. Pauline Ede – Mayor of Holsworthy 2012

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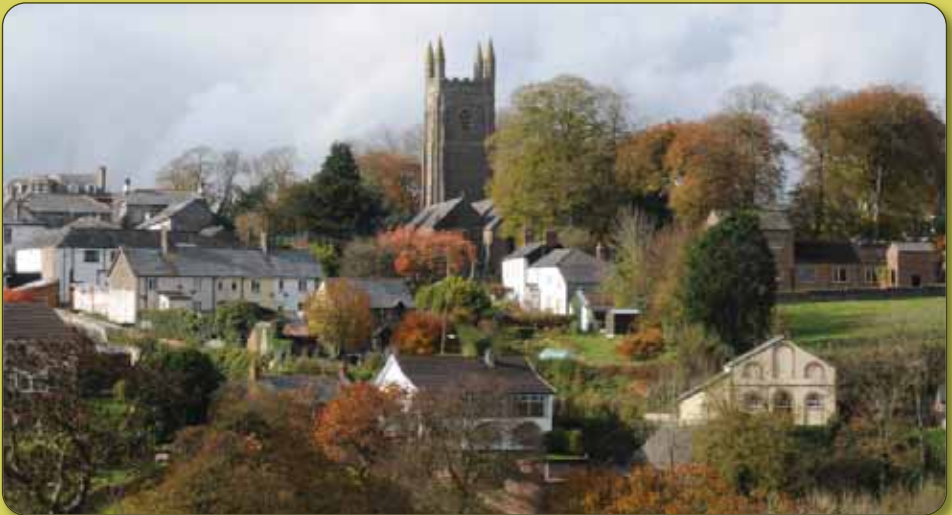
Our traditional English market town offers an eclectic mix of business and pleasure and whether you are a first time visitor or a resident, I hope that this guide will provide an indispensable source of information about our local businesses, events, attractions, countryside, heritage, and much, much more.

As this guide goes to press, plans for the future of Holsworthy's Town Centre and its continuing redevelopment are getting under way. The construction of a new AgriBusiness Centre on the North side of town is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2013 and, once complete, will see the existing livestock market, which is owned by Torrridge District Council and operated by Kivells, move to a purpose built, modern facility on the Northern side of town. Holsworthy and its surrounding area has one of the highest concentrations of dairy cows in the country; the market has been trading from its present site for over 100 years and supports a large number of jobs, so the new AgriBusiness Centre could be a major economic driver for the area, providing new opportunities for agricultural training and development.

Supermarket giant, Tesco, has gained planning permission to build a new store on the site of the existing livestock market at Underlane and the associated Section 106 (S106) agreement will hopefully provide a specific payment to the Town Council to secure benefits to the local community through improvements to the Town Square.

Some of our families have lived in Holsworthy for generations, while others have just recently come to enjoy the quiet pace of life. It's the people that make Holsworthy - "A Little Town With a Big Heart". Through our churches, organizations, and the caring friendship of neighbours, Holsworthy offers small town values with a real vision for the future. We invite you to visit us in-person and discover us for yourself.

Lisa Bowman
Town Clerk to Holsworthy Town Council



Holsworthy: A Traditional Market Town

I have lived in Holsworthy all my life and am currently 83 years of age and hopefully with some good years ahead of me, intend to keep enjoying the interests of this town!

My wife Jill and I have been married for over 50 years and I have been a Reader in **Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church** for a similar time. On the basis of these two bits of information, I am considered and delighted to be the "local historian"!

Holsworthy was first mentioned in the Domesday Book as being part of the estate of Harold Godwinson from 1053 and was originally known as **Haroldsworthy** but with a slightly different spelling of Haldurdi or Hadiward. The town has occupied a hill top site since Saxon times and in 1154 became a safe trading centre known as a **port town**. The date of the original charter for the market and the fair is between 1154 and 1185.



Market Day

Worthy is a Saxon word for enclosure a safe place to store goods. That then gives the title of **Portreeve**, Keeper of the Port, the oldest judicial office in the county.

The Portreeve was seen as the spokesman for the townfolk or Sheriff and the ruling council as being the **Court Leet**. The Portreeve in turn appointed his officers such as Breadweighers, Constables, Ale tasters etc.

The Court Leet used to hold their tribunals beneath the **Great Tree** and a plaque just outside the Square marks the spot where it used to stand a new tree is in the town now and is measured each year in a fascinating ceremony. The good news is that the traditions of the Portreeve and Court Leet are still thriving today!

A second charter was granted by King James 1 in 1614 and this is proclaimed by the town crier on the Wednesday of **St Peter's Fair**. The fair was originally held in the churchyard of St Peter & St Paul and has been held for over 800 years. During Fair Week, the annual presentation of the **Pretty Maid** takes place which is a ceremony dating back to 1841 which created a legacy whereby the annual income of that legacy be paid to a young maid from Holsworthy again, it is pleasing to report that this tradition carries on today!

The town prospered over the years, being mainly reliant on agriculture, and still boasts a very lively weekly livestock market. An agricultural show began in 1886 and today brings in visitors and entrants from miles around.

The advent of the railway in 1879 brought much needed trade to Holsworthy over the next period but the line and station were closed in 1966 with the two famous viaducts still visible today as landmarks.

Much more detailed history and information about the interesting past of Holsworthy can be found in the Museum or from the Visitor Information Centre.

This town has great history, culture and traditionsit is still a centre for agriculture and is awash with community spirit and friendliness which we all hope will be the backbone of the town for years to come, "Holsworthy is small enough to be a community but large enough to do something about it".

Charles Cornish



Local Attractions

St Peters Fair – in the first week of July each year, the town comes spectacularly to life with an annual fair that has taken place for centuries. The highlight of the week is “Fair Day”, on Wednesday, when a whole range of traditional rituals and activities take place - including the ceremony of the introduction of the Pretty Maid, at noon, to the people of the town. During the entire week, there is an array of musical performances in the Square, displays in the churches and other associated events, such as the meeting of the Court Leet, which is led by the Portreeve and his officers.



**Holsworthy & Stratton
Agricultural Show**

The Carnival – in November every year, a wonderful procession of floats and tableaux parades through the town, with participation by other villages and towns in the locality. It is seen as one of the best of its kind and the last before Christmas.

The Livestock Market – every Wednesday, farmers pour into Holsworthy for the traditional livestock market that has existed for many years. Animals arrive and animals depart in what seems a very chaotic affair to the untrained eye. It is in fact an exercise of military precision. As this Guide goes to press, plans are afoot to move the Livestock Market (after 100 years) to a new location on the outskirts of the town. This is being facilitated by the creation of a new 21st century Agri – Business Centre that will reinforce Holsworthy firmly in the heart of the agricultural community.



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The Wednesday Pannier Market – in the Town Square has co-existed alongside the Livestock Market for many years as a focal point for local traders and shoppers in a very lively atmosphere. The word ‘pannier’ derives from the French word meaning ‘basket’ and literally refers to the bicycle panniers which were used to transport produce from local farms and market gardens.

The Holsworthy & Stratton Agricultural Show – this event is held annually at the newly created Showfield on the outskirts of town at Killatree Cross on the A3072 (Holsworthy to Bude Rd) in August. An excellent day is enjoyed by all with livestock classes, demonstration rings, rare breed exhibits, machinery and wonderful food and drink.

Holsworthy Vintage Car and Steam Rally – July sees this event being hosted once again on the Showfield, with attractions including Vintage Tractors, Military Vehicles, Vintage & Classic Cars.

Holsworthy Model Show – this event is hosted in March each year in the Memorial Hall in the centre of town and is a wonderful celebration of toys, models and exhibits of all types and sizes.

The Ruby Run – in June each year, a well-organized half marathon takes place between Holsworthy and Hatherleigh, with the starting line alternating each year between the two towns. The event attracts competitors from all over the South West, with a more sedate fun run, a relay race and a walking race running concurrently.

Visitor Information Centre – located in the middle of the town in Manor Car Park, the Visitor Information Centre offers advice on the local area, tourist information and guidance on any related activities. The Ruby Country Partnership is also based there.

Holsworthy Museum – this is located in Manor Car Park and is a delightful place to visit and learn about the wonderful history of the town. Many excellent books and information leaflets are available here too.



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Times Past

Holsworthy can be dismissed at first glance as a town where time has stood still, where the centuries have passed with little change, but such an impression is misleading. Our ancient settlement has seen plenty of excitement over the years and many changes, whilst still maintaining its traditions and steady pace of life: qualities much sought after in these hectic modern times. Our new Town Guide will show that Holsworthy has much to offer while still fulfilling its age-old role as a functioning, almost quintessential Market Town in the centre of a deeply rural agricultural district.



Pretty Maid Ceremony 2012

In its time Holsworthy has changed from Saxon to Norman rule, endured many upheavals including having Royalist soldiery stationed out at Kingswood Meadow during the Civil War, through to the cutting of the canal from Bude to the coming of the railway and its closure. It has played host to visiting G.I's and housed a prisoner of war camp and many evacuees. A local farmer, Martyn Bray, provided many of the original "war horses" in the form of heavy dray horses for the First World War. Famous visitors included Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, who often used to stay with his friend and erstwhile assistant Dr Stuart "Giles" Craddock at Bodmeyrick and Dr Samuel Sebastian Wesley the composer of the famous hymn tune "Holsworthy Bells" which is still played regularly on the Parish Church carillon as the hours sound. The air was composed whilst Wesley was staying with his friend Dr Ash at Penroses in Bodmin Street.

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Agriculture remains the main focus of the area and Holsworthy received a real boost with the coming of the railway in 1879. The station remained the terminus for the line for the next twenty years until it was extended to Bude, thus helping to create that seaside resort. Acting as the "railhead" allowed for the rapid transport of stock and produce for the first time, creating prosperity in the town and the rash of Victorian buildings which still characterise the town centre was the result. Craftily they tended to rise vertically whilst still keeping the same "footprint" of the old Georgian and earlier edifices they replaced. This avoided increases in tithes, the old tax which was still paid to the Church of England in those days.

The cattle market only relocated from the Square to Underlane in 1906, ostensibly for reasons of hygiene, but practically to be closer to the stockyards and the railway! The forge run by West Devon Farmers was still operating in Victoria Street in the 1950's and the Picture House, that grand innovation of the 20th Century, opened between the wars and ran until the 1960's when it was taken over by the thriving HATS Theatre. Likewise, ironically, the boom bringing railway closed in 1966 well within the lifetimes of many who had seen its wondrous arrival! Holsworthy survived that change though communications remain a problem and with all the modern developments, commercial and private, now taking place in the town and area the challenge is now on for this traditional, warm hearted community to deal with a new century and the future it holds.

As a proud native born Holsworthian, I am confident that Holsworthy will triumph and endure for another 1,000 years.

Richard Brown, October 2012



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A Brief History of the Court

The Manor of Holsworthy is a very ancient Manor and it is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Many Kings and members of the Royal Family were the early Lords of the Manor and each Lord had his Court Leet. This was one of the highest and oldest tribunals of the Common Law and was always presided over by the Portreeve, who was also responsible for collecting tolls and dues paid by traders and later military levies. The Port in Portreeve refers to a walled or enclosed town, a place of harborage of goods – not ships. Reeve is derived from 'Gerefa' meaning Steward. The Office of Portreeve has existed since Saxon times when he was chief officer of the township.

The powers and duties of the Portreeve and Court Leet ceased when the statutory bodies of Petty Sessions (Magistrates Courts) and Parish Councils were created to deal with criminal and civil matters, respectively.

In 1932, the Urban District Council of Holsworthy purchased the Manorial Rights from Lord Stanhope and thus became Lords of the Manor, and the Court Leet now selects the Portreeve every three years and submits the name of the new Portreeve to the Council (now Holsworthy Town Council), as Lords of the Manor.

Although the Court Leet no longer has any powers or duties, it preserves the old traditions and the Portreeve appoints his Officers who still hold ancient titles. The Portreeve summonses his Court Leet to meet at the Memorial Hall on the eve of St. Peter's Fair to hear petitions, both serious and humorous, and all of local interest. After which, the Ale Tasters and the Portreeve visit four 'ale houses' in the Manor, led by the Town Band.

Lord of the Manor: Holsworthy Town Council

Title of Leader of the Court: Portreeve

Officers and Offices of the Court:

Portreeve, Keeper of the Records, Town Crier and Beadle, Keeper of the Purse, Constables, Ale tasters, Reviewer of encroachments and nuisances, Janitor, Junior Janitor, Parker, Bread Weigher, Hedge Viewer, Junior Hedge Viewer, House Viewer, Lane Driver, Pinders, Hayward, Custodian of Weights and Measures, Sealer and Searcher of Leather



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- **Agriculture** and how the market grew to be one of the largest in the Southwest.
- The **Medical and Apothecary room** – which show the story of local GP Stuart Craddock who worked alongside Alexander Fleming during the discovery of penicillin.
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Sport & Leisure

Football, Cricket, Bowls and Golf – these sports are well represented in the town and are all very popular. **Holsworthy Football Club** is based at Upcott Field in the middle of the town and has a very pleasant location and facilities. **Holsworthy Cricket Club** and **Holsworthy Bowling Club** are based in Stanhope Park, next to Upcott Field. **Holsworthy Golf Club** is situated on the A3072 (Holsworthy to Bude Rd) and is an excellent parkland course. All the sports organizations welcome new members and full contact details can be found in the Directory, elsewhere in this Guide.



Derriton Viaduct

- **Holsworthy Leisure Centre** – this is situated in Well Car Park. It's a busy and friendly centre which boasts a 25 metre indoor, heated swimming pool, fitness studio and sports hall with a huge range of sports and leisure activities for children and adults of all ages. There is a private Health & Fitness Club, **Resolutions**, located on the Dobles Lane Industrial Estate
- **Coles Mill Riding Stables** – are located on the edge of Holsworthy and offer riding lessons for all ages and abilities. See the Directory for contact details.
- **Cycling** – Holsworthy is on the crossroads of some excellent cycle routes including the **National Cycle Network route 3**, which links Bude eastwards to Holsworthy, thence northwards to Devon's 'Tarka Trail' through picturesque Ruby Country landscape. This route uses minor roads and, increasingly, off-road multi-use tracks. Cycle Hire facilities are available in Bude and Holsworthy. The new Pegasus Way once complete will provide a link route from the Granite Way to the Ruby Way in nearby Cookworthy Forest.
- **Walking** – an impressive network of footpaths and bridleways can be found in and around the town, with **The South West Coast Path** just 8 miles away at Bude. **The Bude Aqueduct Walk**, with its fascinating history spanning some 190 years, starts and finishes at **Lower Tamar Lake** near Kilkhampton and a trail leaflet is available from the café, or Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre. There is also a series of 8 **Ruby Trails** available for you to purchase or download from **Ride the Ruby Country**. The trails follow way-marked routes starting from Holsworthy, Hatherleigh, Bradworthy, Cookbury, Sheepwash, Petrockstowe, Tetcott and Germansweek. You can purchase a pack from Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre and the Ruby Country Centre in Cookworthy Forest.
- **Fishing** – there is wide variety of coarse fishing nearby at **Simpson Valley Coarse and Trout Fishery** as well as **Higher Shorston Lakes**, which are both on the fringes of town. Further afield, coarse anglers will also enjoy **Tamar Lake**, near Kilkhampton; day permits are available from the fishing kiosk on site. Deep sea fishing is available from nearby Bude, Clovelly or Bideford.
- **Stanhope Park and Badock / Rowland Gardens** – these are the main play and relaxation spaces in the town. Plans are currently in progress for the regeneration of Stanhope Park. The delight for any visitor to Holsworthy is to find Badock Garden and discover the hidden secrets there.
- **Pubs / Restaurants** – the town has five pubs within the town centre, all unique and offering an extensive range of beverage and food, from bar snacks to a full à-la-carte menu. A wide variety of evening entertainment is also on offer including darts, karaoke, poker and snooker and The Old Market Inn is home to **Holsworthy's Comedy Club**. Accommodation is available at The White Hart, The Kings Arms and The Old Market Inn.
- There are a number of takeaway outlets in the town plus several sit-down cafes and other eating establishments. There are also two social clubs – **Holsworthy Social Club** at Station Road, Holsworthy and **The Magpie/RBL Clubhouse**, located at Upcott Field, which offers pool, darts a

large screen TV and gaming machines. Many more pubs are located in the surrounding villages – an area which is famous for its Ruby Country meat products and fish from the sea.

- **Atlantic Ocean** – Holsworthy offers a great feature in its nearness to the sea. Bude, Sandymouth, Widemouth Bay and others are just 15 minutes away by car and offer a wide range of surfing, swimming and other water related activities for everybody. **The National Trust** looks after some of the best surfing beaches in the area.
- **Holsworthy Woods** – owned and managed by the Forestry Commission, and located on the A388 towards Launceston, is a small but well used and enjoyed woodland, of mostly conifer. Wide, well maintained forest roads mean an easy stroll around these woods, where, if you are lucky, you may see deer crossing the path ahead.
- **Cookworthy Forest** – is likewise an impressive conifer plantation in the gentle hills of West Devon, between Holsworthy and Halwill Junction. Take the A3072 out of Holsworthy, and turn off onto the A3079 after about four miles, heading towards Halwill Junction and Okehampton. Cookworthy Forest is located some two miles along this road. Cycling is permitted on all forest roads in Cookworthy Forest and a new section of the Ruby Trail, a long distance cycle route being developed in the area, is now open. It currently runs between Halwill Junction Nature Reserve and the Cookworthy Forest Centre.
- **Holiday Accommodation** – an abundance of caravan, camping, yurt, lodge or fun-based holiday accommodation is on the doorstep of the town. Full information is available from the Visitor Information Centre in Manor Carpark.



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Devon's Ruby Country

Known as Ruby Country, the area surrounding the market towns of Holsworthy and Hatherleigh has a heritage deeply rooted in agricultural, reflected in the local landscape and economy. In 2001 Foot and Mouth disease had a devastating effect on the lives of many people, effectively closing down this part of rural North West Devon. The economy, so reliant upon livestock farming, was damaged, leaving many fearing the future. From this tragedy, Ruby Country was born.



There was a realisation that the economy could not totally depend upon farming to earn a living. Ruby Country was created by Devon County Council, Devon Wildlife Trust and other key stakeholders to help local people develop a new strategy towards achieving economic resilience. Tourism and diversification were identified as key tools to achieve this, also maximising social benefits too.

The aim of Ruby Country Partnership today is to promote the area as a tourist destination to a wider audience. We have always been involved in developing recreational routes with past efforts resulting in the development of 8 walking routes and a series of community events to promote and enhance the networks of goods and services emphasising the high quality environment we live and work in.

Over the last 2 years, through our project Ride the Ruby Country we have developed a series of 6 horse riding routes in conjunction with Devon County Council, allied to the development of the long distance multi use trail linking Cookworthy Forest to Dartmoor. Work on this trail is continuing but when complete there will be many more business and social opportunities. We have recently completed a series of 15 new walking routes with the help of a local volunteer, all available to download from our website www.visitruby.com. We are also working on cycling and carriage driving routes, all with the emphasis of exploring Ruby Country, linking in to the many rural businesses outside of the main shopping areas of Holsworthy and Hatherleigh.

Ruby Country Partnership also runs Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre, having stepped in to continue the delivery of this vital service for visitors and local residents alike. We aim to provide retail opportunities for local businesses on a commission basis, reflecting the quality of the goods and services made in Ruby Country, to accompany the wealth of information available and being developed about the local area.

If you would like more information on Ruby Country Partnership, Ruby Business Network, selling products in Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre, or finding out what is going on in the local area, contact us at Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre on 01409 255450, or visit our web site www.visitruby.com

Mark Betson



Town Groups & Organisations

Group / Organisation	Contact Tel No	Contact Person
1st Holsworthy Brownies	01409 254727	Mandy Galjardt
1st Holsworthy Guides	01409 211319	Jane Croakham
1st Holsworthy Scout/Cubs/Beaver Group	01409 254803/ 07970186211	Cathy Withall
Amanda Brook School of Dance	07811 290923	
Brandis Corner Wildlife Group	01409 220026	Barrie Lewis
Bude Canal Trust	01288 381436	Mick Stanton
Citizens Advice Bureau – Holsworthy	01409 253372	Ken Chilton
Coles Mill Riding Stables Pony Club	01409 254893	John Chubb
Community Action Through Sport	01409 254138	Ruth Bealing
Devon Beekeepers Association - Holsworthy Branch	01409 241563	Graham Jones
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Holsworthy & District Riding Club	01837 871344	Penny Minchin
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Holsworthy Amateur Theatrical Society	01409 253825(eve)/ 07710 027371 (day)	Annette Dennis
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Holsworthy Bowling Club	01409 253831/ 01409 220099	Chris Brown/ Pat Hancox
Holsworthy Chamber of Trade & Commerce	01409 253425	Pam Jones
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Holsworthy Town Council



HOLSWORTHY TOWN COUNCIL

Holsworthy Town Council has responsibility for providing many local services including the maintenance of the Town's footpaths, parks, gardens and war memorial. It also manages the weekly Pannier Market and organises the annual Holsworthy in Bloom competition.

The full Council (12 Councillors at strength) meets on a monthly basis although several standing committees meet in-between. It is chaired by the Mayor, who is elected by the Councillors themselves on an annual basis, and who plays an important ambassadorial role for the Town.

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Useful Contacts

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Holsworthy NHS Medical Centre serves Holsworthy as well as its surrounding villages. Its team includes GPs, a nurse practitioner, practice nurses, health care assistants and phlebotomists as well as practice management and administrative support teams. Holsworthy Medical Centre provides a Minor Injury service, during surgery opening hours, led by its nursing team. Outside of Surgery hours, the nearest Minor Injury Unit is a Stratton Hospital Minor Injuries Unit which is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Holsworthy Medical Centre,
Dobles Lane, Holsworthy, EX22 6GH
Tel: 01409253692 Out of Hours: 0845 6710270
www.holsworthymedicalcentre.co.uk

Opening Times

Monday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Friday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Weekend	closed

Parking

On-site parking is free, but limited. Please be sensitive to local residents when parking.

Holsworthy Community Hospital is a 20-bedded community hospital, built in 1991. It has one inpatient ward and an out-patients department which includes a physiotherapy outpatient area. Many different out-patient clinics are held at the Hospital including urology, rheumatology, ophthalmology, general surgery, general medicine, psychiatric and various other services.

Holsworthy Community Hospital
Dobles Lane, Holsworthy EX22 6JQ
Tel: 01409 253 424

Visiting times

The Hospital welcomes visitors from 2.30pm to 8.30pm

Parking

On-site parking is free, but limited. Please be sensitive to local residents when parking.

League of Friends

Holsworthy Hospital League of Friends raise money for 'extras' to support patients. There is a noticeboard in the hospital with further details.

Holsworthy NHS Dental Care
1st Floor, Penroses
Bodmin Street
Holsworthy EX22 6BB
Tel: 01409 255525

Additional information

OUT OF HOURS DENTAL SERVICE: An out of hours service is available for patients with urgent dental needs on Mon-Fri 18.00-22.30, Sat-Sun 08.00-22.30 & Bank holidays 08.00-22.30. Patients should call 01392 823682.

Endsleigh Dental Practice

12 Victoria Square
Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6AA
Tel: 01409 259330
Dr John Chope and Associates Dentist Surgery
Bodmin Street, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6BB
Tel: 01409 253684

The Tooth Team

Metherell Court, Victoria Street
Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6AD
Tel: 01409 254706

Stratton Hospital Minor Injuries Unit is managed by Cornwall and Isles Of Scilly PCT and caters for the assessment and management of minor injuries. It also provides emergency hormonal contraception.

Hospital Road, Bude, Cornwall EX23 9BR
Tel: 01288 287700

Access to MIU is via the main hospital entrance.

Opening Times:

The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Stratton Community Hospital is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including Public Holidays.

Parking

On-site parking is free, but limited.

North Devon District Hospital

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Email: admin@holsworthy-primary.devon.sch.uk

Holsworthy Community College

Victoria Hill, Holsworthy
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Holsworthy Skills Centre

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Holsworthy Campus, Petroc

Western Road, Holsworthy
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Holsworthy Youth Centre

Sanders Lane
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EX22 6HE
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Email: stephen.fletcher@devon.gov.uk

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Shebbear, Devon EX21 5HJ
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Several of the surrounding villages have Pre-Schools and Primary Schools. Details can be accessed on the Devon County Council website: www.devon.gov.uk

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North Road, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6HA
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Opening Times:

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HOLSWORTHY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Holsworthy Visitor Information Centre

The Memorial Hall, Holsworthy
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SERVICES

Cemeteries and Burials

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Holsworthy Cemetery

Stanbury Cross

HOLSWORTHY EX22 6LT

Opening Hours: Open all day throughout the year

Tel: 01237 428700

Fax: 01237 478849

Email: cemeteries@torridge.gov.uk

Council Land and Buildings

Torrige District Council owns a number of properties in Holsworthy. The Portfolio includes a number of industrial units on the Dobles Lane Industrial Estate, Holsworthy Manor Complex, Pipers Yard depot, Well and Manor Car Parks and the Public Conveniences beside the library.

Manor Offices and Courtyard

Torrige District Council lets eight offices in the old Holsworthy Manor Building. The offices have support from the council's Area Office, which is located in the same building. They have the benefit of being located in the heart of the Town Centre and adjacent to a large car park which serves the town. Offices are usually let on three year business leases. Located in the courtyard outside the Manor Building, the council have also recently completed the development of 5 workshops. They have been designed to encourage small businesses within the Town Centre in an attractive courtyard setting. For further information, please contact: Property & Procurement – 01237 428752 or property@torridge.gov.uk

Number 4, The Square

The Council owns and let two offices in this building, including a long term lease to Holsworthy Town Council.

Holsworthy Market Hall and Council Chamber

Torrige District Council lets 6 small shops in Holsworthy Pannier Market, just off the square. For further information, please contact: Property & Procurement – 01237 428752 or property@torridge.gov.uk

On the first floor of the building is a large market hall which is available for occasional hire and used



Holsworthy Vintage Care and Steam Show

for coffee mornings and other events, and by Devon County Council for their Registration Service.

Holsworthy Market Hall, The Square

Holsworthy EX22 6DL

General Hire:

Tel: 01409 253336 or 01237 428700

Email: customer.services@torridge.gov.uk

Weddings and Civil Partnerships at Holsworthy Market Hall

Holsworthy Market Hall is registered for the conduct of civil ceremonies under the Marriage Act 1994 and Civil Partnership Act 2004. All enquiries should be made to the Torrige Registration Office in the first instance:

Torrige Registration Office

Windmill Lane

Northam EX39 1BY

Tel: 0845 155 1002

Email: sttorr@devon.gov.uk

Holsworthy Industrial Estate

Holsworthy Industrial Estate is a thriving commercial estate on the northern outskirts of Holsworthy. It has good road access to Bideford and the A30/M5.

There are two sets of units available for rental on the estate:

Tamar Business Units

River Tamar Way

Holsworthy Industrial Estate

HOLSWORTHY EX22 6HL

TDC Units

Torrige Way

Holsworthy Industrial Estate

HOLSWORTHY EX22 6EP

For further information, please contact:

Property & Procurement - 01237 428752 or

property@torridge.gov.uk

Cremations

Torrige District Council work in partnership with North Devon Council to provide cremation services at the North Devon Crematorium. For Crematorium Charges please visit the North Devon Council Website at

www.northdevon.gov.uk/nonlglc_crematorium_charges

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Refuse and Recycling

Torrige District Council's Waste Management team are responsible for Recycling, Refuse Collection, Bulky Items collection, Public Conveniences, Street Cleansing, and Abandoned Vehicles in and around Holsworthy.

Torrige District Council
Westcombe Depot, Westcombe Lane
Bideford, Devon EX39 3JQ
Email: refuse@torridge.gov.uk
Tel: 01237 428734

Kerbside Collection – Black Bags

Torrige District Council operates weekly kerbside black bag collections on Thursday.

Green Box and Bag Collections

The collection of green boxes and bags for dry recycling (food tins, wine bottles, newspapers) is undertaken by South Molton Recycling Ltd. on a weekly basis (Monday). For more information, please phone South Molton Recycling Ltd (01769) 573081 or e-mail info@smrl.co.uk.

Green Waste (Wheeled Bin) Service

The Green Waste (Wheeled Bin) Service (including Food Waste) operates on alternate Thursdays. Tel: 01237 428890 or 01237 4228734 for more details. Additional Corn Starch Liners for food waste

recycling are available to purchase from the Holsworthy Area Office (Tel: 01409 253336).

To report a missed Refuse Collection please email refuse@torridge.gov.uk or phone (01237) 428734 to arrange collection.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Council's Environmental Protection Team works to protect the local environment and to control pollution. It also provides pest control advice and animal welfare services. If you need help or advice on any aspect of Environmental Health & Public Protection, please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Protection Team.

Tel: 01237 428810, Fax: 01237 424299
Email: environmental.protection@torridge.gov.uk
Or alternatively, you can write to:
Environmental Protection Team
Torrige District Council, Bridge Buildings
Bideford EX39 2HT

Food and Health & Safety

The Food and Safety Team is part of the Torrige District Council's Environmental Health Service. They work alongside the Environmental Protection and Licensing Teams from offices in Bridge Buildings, Bideford and undertake official food safety controls in the District as well as enforcing health & safety in the workplace.

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Tel: 01237 428809, Fax: 01237 477872

Email: foodandsafety@torridge.gov.uk

Or alternatively, you can write to:

Food and Safety Team

Torridge District Council, Bridge Buildings

Bideford EX39 2HT

Highways and Streets

The maintenance of highways and streets, including verges and visibility splays are generally the responsibility of Devon County Council Highways, however Torridge District Council does maintain Street Lighting in Pay & Display Car Parks, on Council owned land, and on behalf of Tarka Housing on some of their housing estates. To report a faulty Torridge street light, please contact Tara Sanders, Engineer:

Tel: 01237 428707

Out of Hours: 01237 428700

e-mail: tara.sanders@torridge.gov.uk

Housing

Following a stock transfer in December 2007, Torridge Council's housing stock in Holsworthy is now owned by Tarka Housing, a not-for-profit social landlord.

Contact Details

Tarka Housing, Tarka House

Clovelly Road Industrial Estate, Bideford EX39 3HN

General Enquiries: 01237 428080

Freephone Repair line: 0800 107 8191

Website: www.tarkahousing.org.uk

Licensing

The Licensing Team grants licences for alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment, taxis, animal welfare establishments, motor salvors and scrap metal dealers, boat and boatmen, society lotteries, street and house to house collections and various types of betting and gaming. For further information on a specific licence, permit or registration, please contact:

Licensing Team, Bridge Buildings

Bideford, Devon EX39 2HT

Tel: 01237 428991

Email: licensing@torridge.gov.uk



Holsworthy in Bloom

Parking Services

Torridge District Council operates the two Pay & Display car parks in Holsworthy and also acts as agent to Devon County Council for the enforcement of on street parking regulations.

If you would like to contact the Parking Services team you will find contact details below.

The Parking Office operates between 8.45am – 5.15pm Monday to Thursday and between 8.45am and 4.45 on Friday.

Address:

The Parking Office – Torridge District Council
Bideford, Devon EX39 2JQ

The Parking Office is not a public office and its team are not able to meet with you in person.

Telephone: 01237 428895 or 01237 428891

Email: carparks@torridge.gov.uk

Public Conveniences

Torridge District Council manages and maintains the public conveniences in Holsworthy. They are located on North Road, beside the Library and are open 24 hours a day. Public Conveniences, available through partnership, are also located at the Leisure Centre and Manor Offices, during normal working hours. Torridge District Council's Waste Management team are responsible for the cleanliness of the district's Public Conveniences. If you wish to report the condition of a particular Public Convenience please phone (01237) 428734.





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