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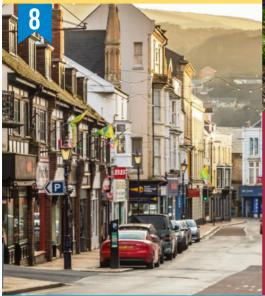
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Open Water

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Fronting Up

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Happy August everyone, and welcome to this edition of the Ilfracombe Magazine - bringing you the latest news and the very best local businesses and tradespeople. I'm delighted to finally bring you the news we have been waiting over two years for - Ilfracombe's brand new Watersports Centre is finally open! If you get the chance, please get yourself down to Larkstone Cove to see it for yourself, it's very

impressive and is a fantastic addition to the town. Not only does it offer a muchneeded base for several of the Ilfracombe's sea-faring clubs, but the restaurant has a spectacular menu - not to mention the best views of any eatery in town. We're also excited to bring you news of a new scheme which aims to give the high street some much-needed TLC. Businesses in the town can apply for grant funding to upgrade, repair

and refurbish shopfronts. Each business can claim up to £2,000 or 50% of the project costs, which can go a long way. We all know times are tight and the cost of living is as bigger burden on us as it has ever been. So this offers a great opportunity to make a little difference - which could, in turn, make a big difference.

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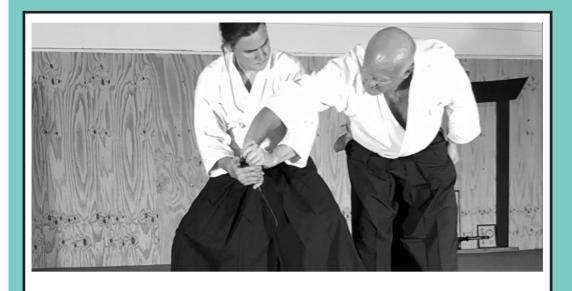
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GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SPRUCE UP SHOPFRONTS



Independent town centre businesses in Ilfracombe can now apply for a grant to help spruce up their shopfronts. North Devon Council has launched the Town Centre Enhancement Scheme to encourage businesses to upgrade, repair and refurbish shopfronts to emphasise the individuality of the business premises and, where appropriate, the historic character of the town centres. The scheme is a capital grants scheme based on the award to North Devon Council within the UK Shared Prosperity fund investment plan for 2022/2024 within the 'improvements to town centres and high streets' strand. The council will contribute up to 50% of total eligible project costs, with businesses expected to match the council's contribution The maximum grant available is £2,000 or 50% of eligible project costs, whichever is the lower amount The grant is ideal for supporting small repair or improvement projects such as fascia repairs, signage, painting and decorating, guttering, lighting and more. Lead Member for Economic Development and Regeneration at North Devon Council. Councillor Malcolm Prowse said: "This is a really great opportunity to improve the overall appearance of our town centres. These grants will support to local businesses to enhance their own shop fronts by contributing to improvements and repairs. We welcome grant applica-

tions from small or micro businesses and all charities and social enterprises. Retail, cafés, restaurants, pubs, financial/professional services, tourism and leisure businesses are all eligible for this grant, and other cases will be considered on their merits " There is an open-application approach with no set deadlines throughout the year, meaning applications will be determined on their own eligibility and merit on a first-come, first-served basis. Businesses can register their interest on the council website as the scheme may be widened if funding allows. The decision as to whether any works proposed are eligible for grant will be at the sole discretion of North Devon Council.



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WATERSPORTS CENTRE IS FINALLY OPEN



Ilfracombe's state-of-the-art watersports centre is finally open. The Watersports Hub at Larkstone Cove had its grand opening on 13 July. The ribbon cutting ceremony saw North Devon Council's Leader. Chief **Executive and Dehenna** Davison MP. the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Levelling Up, joined by members of three local watersports clubs and the council's Harbour and Property teams, to declare the hub officially open. The centre gives new homes to three local clubs - Ilfracombe Pilot Gig Club, Y-Sail and Ilfracombe Canoe Club. The facility gives them the opportunity to extend their memberships to the wider community and

offer taster events, while giving them storage for boats, a slipway for safe and easy access to the water and disabled access and facilities. For the wider public, commercial operators H2Outdoors, Active Escape and Nick Thorn will be based at the hub. making it a destination for residents and visitors alike who wish to try outdoor pursuits such as stand up paddleboarding, kayaking and coasteering. The hub is also home to the Lime Kiln Café, which offers locally sourced food and breathtaking views. North Devon Council leader Ian Roome, said: "This is a fantastic day for Ilfracombe and North Devon. It has been a longstanding ambition to have a

watersports facility that can be at the heart of the community. "The centre offers fantastic facilities for our watersports clubs and the wider public, while the Lime Kiln Café gives stunning views of the harbour. This has been a complex proiect, but thanks to the hard work of our property and harbour teams and Pearce Construction, we have been able to manage those tricky elements to bring the hub to fruition and create a facility that Ilfracombe and North Devon can be proud of." The project was funded by £1.5m from Heart of the South West LEP: £1.35m from the Coastal Communities Fund, and £130,000 from Sport England.

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12 LOCAL CHARITIES JOIN FORCES TO HELP CARE HOME

Two Ilfracombe charities have joined forces to provide the town's Susan Dav residential home with equipment to get elderly people back on their feet after a fall. The League of Friends of the Tyrrell Hospital and community shop TLC have shared the £2.500 cost of a Raizer chair that can raise a fallen person to an almost standing position in a matter of minutes. Along with saving time and effort, staff say the chair is also a more dignified way of getting a resident back on their feet, compared to using a hoist. "We can't thank them enough for giving us this amazing piece of equipment," says Donna Miller, the home's Registered Manager. "It's hard to get a hoist into our residents' rooms, and in some cases it's impossible. But you can get this into any small space and it's ideal for communal areas. If someone has a fall at mealtime, using the hoist disrupts everything. But when that happened last week, the chair was so quick and easy to use that nobody noticed. The night staff really benefit from it too, as there are only two of them and using the hoist takes two people about 20-25 minutes. But one member of staff can use the



chair by themselves, and it takes only five to 10 minutes." The home fits the bill for both charities, who focus their efforts on Ilfracombe and towns nearby. Wendy Gammon, Susan Day's Deputy Registered Manager, said: "All our residents are from the surrounding areas, so equipment like this is really helping local people." For the League of Friends of Tyrrell Hospital, the latest donation is part of a wider move to help more than the cottage hospital. "We changed our constitution a few years ago because we recognized that the health need in Ilfracombe was greater than just the Tyrrell," says Terry Elliott, the League's secretary. "We can now help other organisations or even

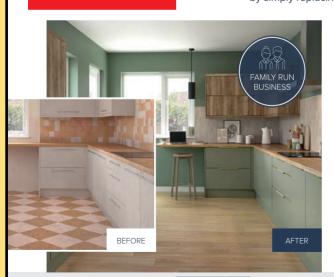
individuals whose needs are not being met by the NHS or anyone else. We help Combe Coastal Medical Practice, for example, with equipment they wouldn't otherwise be able to get." Gloria Satchwell, chair of the League and celebrating her 30th year of supporting the Tyrrell Hospital, adds: "We decided that as long as there was a medical connection to the donation, whether that was people's physical or mental health, we would help them And that's what we've done." Thanks to sales at its High Street, the League has been able to donate more than £13,000 over the past year, including funding for physio equipment, blood monitors, a lab fridgem and pre-injection equipment.





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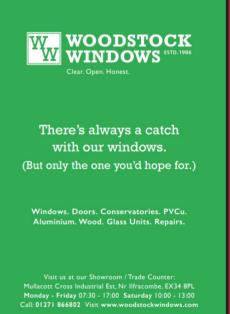
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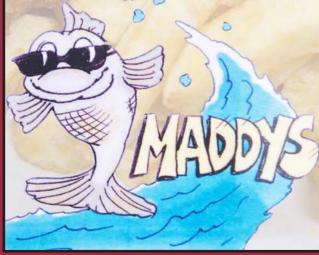
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