



## THIS MONTH...

#### **GREEN AWARD**

P8 - Park scoops international accreditation yet again

#### MARSHAL LAW

P10 - Street Marshals will soon be active in Ilfracombe





#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I wish that every day was Saturday and every month was October."

Charmaine J. Forde

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### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the October edition of your monthly publication featuring local news, stunning views and the very best in business from our town and surrounding area. The summer may have been and gone (can't say July or August particularly felt like summer, but hey ho!) but there's still plenty to look forward to as Autumn beckons, Soon Halloween and Bonfire Night will be upon us - and I won't mention the Big C

just yet, save to say it's just around the corner! This month we bring you news of vet another Green Flag Award for our wonderful Bicclescombe Park which. as I've always maintained, is the hidden jewel in Ilfracombe's glorious crown! We also bring news about the the expansion of the popular Street Marshal scheme to Ilfracombe. It's been running in Barnstaple for some time now and made a big difference there - so hopefully we will start to see a similarly positive impact soon. Finally, I wanted to do a quick shout-out for images of our stunning town. We are blessed with many talented photographers in Ilfracombe, so if any of them are reading this and would like to showcase their work in the magazine, please do drop us an email!

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#### 8 PARK RETAINS INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



Ilfracombe's hidden gem has retained a major accreditation for the 19th year. Bicclescombe Park has achieved the Green Flag accreditation - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces. North Devon Council, which manages the park, say the accreditation is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for the green space. 2023 is the 19th consecutive year that Bicclescombe Park has achieved the status, with the help of active community groups including the Bicclescombe Park User Group, Leader of North Devon Council, Councillor Ian Roome said: "Through

unwavering dedication and tireless efforts from our Parks team and from community groups, I am proud to share that we have achieved the Green Flag status again. To achieve this status again is a testament to everyone's dedication and hard work to these green spaces. I'd like to say a big thank you and well done to all involved." Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in achieving these Green Flag Awards. Bicclescombe Park is a vital green space for the community in North Devon, bringing people

together and providing opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles. The staff and volunteers do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award and everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises well-managed parks & green spaces, setting the standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom & around the world.



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ing, council chairman lan Roome said Barnstaple is a much nicer place to visit as crime had gone down - and that Ilfracombe could also reap the benefits. He said: "The shopkeepers are telling me that it really works and what an advantage it is. People in Ilfracombe will see that too. It's a really good thing that it is there for the businesses as they attract people in." Councillors heard that the marshals were highly valued by the police and other emergency services as well as council staff. businesses, residents and visitors. They were funded after a successful bid to the government's Safer Streets programme, which gave the council £350,000 in July last year to tackle anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls. As well as providing reassurance to the community and dealing with early signs of ASB, street marshals help police and the council with their daily duties, gather intelligence, enforce the **Public Spaces Protection** Order (PSPOs), provide first aid and a link to council and police teams by using the existing town centre radio network call Shopnet. Barnstaple's street marshals dealt with 427 incidents since July 2022.





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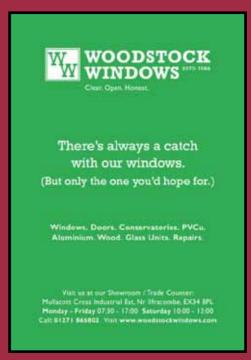
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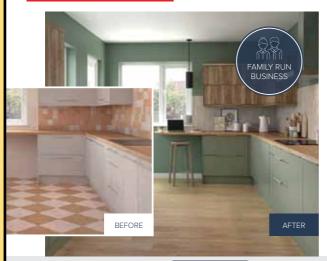
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