BRIEF FLOOD HISTORY OF DEVON

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Year 1384

River Exe

 A great part of Exebridge by means of high waters fell down, and sundry persons therewith destroyed



Severe thunderstorm - Braunton June 1931

We experienced a flood which broke down fences and stone walls, uprooted trees, tore away river banks and covered the meadows with stones and debris





Braunton June 1931





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4 August 1938 Flood

A massive thunderstorm episode caused extensive flood and lightning damage across southwest England, especially Devon. More than 150mm of rain fell in a few hours.

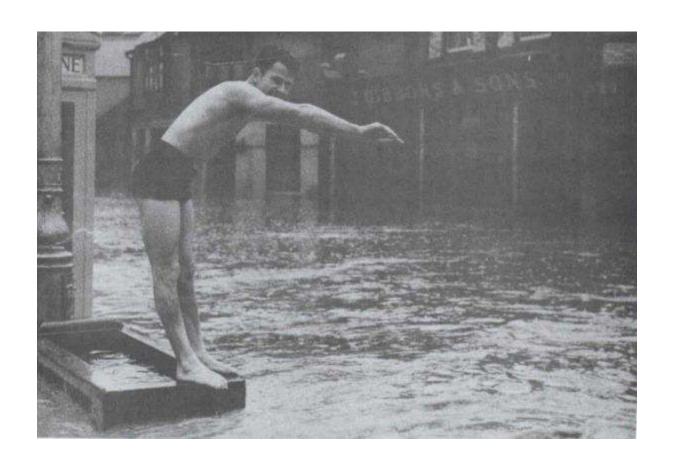


Newton Abbot Town Centre





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Ashburton – Flood Level halfway up shop windows



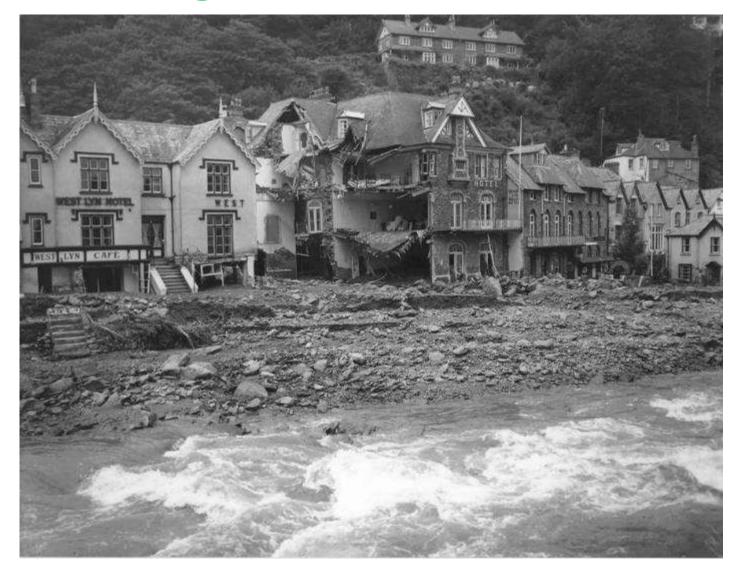


Lynmouth Flood Disaster

• In the first 2 weeks of **August 1952** Exmoor recorded **175mm** of rainfall. On the evening of 15th August **230mm** fell. 34 People died, 28 in Lynmouth. In total **95 buildings** were destroyed in the town, **420** people were made homeless and **38** cars were washed out to sea.



Lynmouth 15 August 1952





15 August 1952

Dulverton Flood 4



Looking over the River Barle bridge



15 August 1952

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Flood Marker at Dulverton





Combe Martin – August 1958



