

# **BRIEF FLOOD HISTORY OF DEVON**

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# **THE FUTURE OF FLOOD & COASTAL RISK MANAGEMENT IN DEVON**

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# Content



# 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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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## Dulverton Flood1





# Flood Marker at Dulverton



# Combe Martin – August 1958

