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North Devon

Completion: Retail units by 2018 and residential development in 2019 One of the biggest commercial developments in recent years in North Devon, Anchorwood Bank in Barnstaple, formerly home to Shapland and Petter, will host 172 houses and a retail area with shops and restaurants.



An Asda store opened on site in November ground for the residential development and a large steel structure which will house the shopping district has been erected. Work has officially started on North Devon's new housing development at Anchorwood Bank

The development is headed by social housing provider North Devon Homes with partners Wessex Investors and Pearce Construction. It is hoped that the housing development, shopping and restaurant area, will transform a derelict site into a vibrant, waterside space.

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Plymouth

The pioneering technology behind the £60million Mayflower Water Treatment **Works In March South West Water**

will publish its business proposals for 2020-25 for public consultation as part of the water industry price review, which occurs every five years. The flagship project for the current 2015-20 period is the Mayflower Water

Treatment Works. This £60m infrastructure project means that by this time next year Plymouth and the surrounding area will be enjoying tap water treated using advanced technology found nowhere else in the UK. Around two and a half years in construction, the Mayflower Water Treatment Works is designed to deliver high quality drinking water to the area in a more efficient and environmentally sustainable way than ever before. The existing water treatment works at Crownhill was built in the 1950s and is reaching the end of its useful life. Water treatment technology and standards have improved dramatically since it was built, the city's population has grown significantly, and, as a result of urbanisation, the site's location would make further expansion difficult. Around two and a half years in construction

Cornwall

How Cornwall is being transformed by its mining future



Cornwall is on the brink of a transformation into a world class centre of excellence in modern mining and a potential return to the glory days of mining in the county, writes



Michael Beadel is chairman of Stephens Scown LLP.

This renaissance couldn't have come at a better time. As a supporter of the Back South West campaign, I am a passionate believer in the need for the region to pull together and get behind the sectors and industries that are going to secure jobs for the future.

The demand for lithium is set to soar, driven by the need for lithium-ion batteries for the growing electric car market. The price of lithium has tripled in the past 18 months, rising to US\$16,000-18,000 per tonne. Recent studies have suggested that the price could increase by 16% year on year until at least 2025. If this happens, the price of lithium will have grown the fastest of any commodity in the last 100 years.

Swindon

£270m Swindon ski and cinema centre

Developer Seven Capital has gained detailed planning to build a 500,000 sq. ft regional leisure scheme in Swindon featuring a big snow centre.



The £270m North Star site, which includes two ski slopes, as well as a cinema, bowling alley and trampoline park, has been given the green light. The development is set to be one of the largest of its kind in the UK. Included within the proposals are a 130-bed hotel, a 14-screen IMAX cinema with the largest IMAX screen in the UK and a new Hollywood Bowl. This will all be complemented with a large number of new

restaurant and retail units. Developer Seven Capital took over the project in July last year after it had stalled several times. John Watkins, director at Seven Capital, said: "We're thrilled with the decision to grant full planning approval for the North Star Village.

Bournemouth

£150m Bournemouth Winter Gardens scheme
Morgan Sindall's plans for a £150m regeneration scheme in Bournemouth have been approved by the council's planning board.



Bournemouth Council are planning to develop a mixed use scheme with housing and leisure elements centred on the town's Winter Gardens exhibition centre.

The council is providing the land; Morgan Sindall is providing the finances. The Winter Gardens site has a long history in the town, dating back to Victorian times, but it has been under-used in recent years. Bournemouth Development Company's plans for regenerating the town centre will secure Winter Gardens' place as part of the future of the town, it says. The £150m scheme includes the construction of 352 new homes of a variety of sizes, across four slender multi-storey buildings of varying heights. Grounds will be landscaped for leisure, recreation and residential amenity. There will also be a new piazza at the junction of Exeter and Cranborne Road and a linear park alongside Cranborne Road.

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