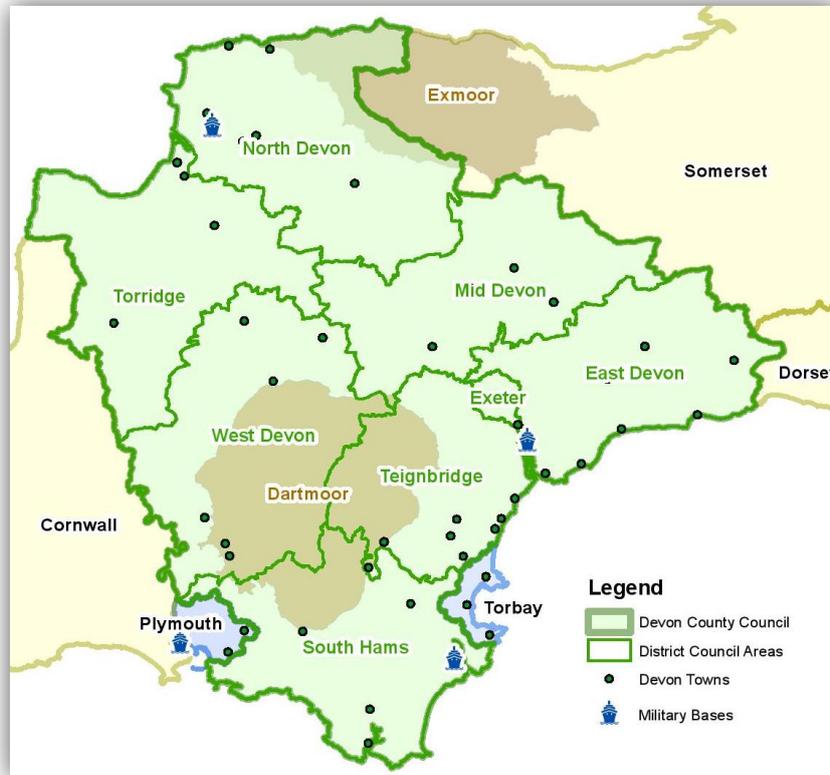


## THE DEVON STORY

Map 1: Devon County Council area



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Devon is a county of England, reaching from the Bristol Channel in the north to the English Channel in the south. It is a part of South West England, and bounded by Cornwall to the west, Somerset to the northeast, and Dorset to the east. The City of Exeter is the county town; seven other districts of East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge, and West Devon are under the jurisdiction of Devon County Council; Plymouth and Torbay are each a part of Devon but administered as unitary authorities.

Geographically, Devon is distinguished as the only county of England to have two separate coastlines (northern and southern). Devon's bays are typically used as fisheries, ports or seaside towns used for tourism. The inland terrain of Devon is broadly rural and hilly, and has a low population density in comparison to other counties of England. Devon has two national parks: Dartmoor in the centre of Devon and Exmoor to the northeast of Devon and borders with Somerset.

The economy of Devon is linked closely with tourism. The comparative mild climate and salubrious landscape give rise to Devon as a destination for recreation and leisure in England, with travellers particularly attracted to the Dartmoor and Exmoor national parks, the Jurassic Coast, the West Devon Mining Landscape and the ribbon of resort towns along the south coast known collectively as the English Riviera.

Devon is also characterised by three ministry of defence bases: the Royal Marines Base at Chivenor in North Devon, the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre at Lypstone in East Devon and the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in South Devon. The largest naval base in Western Europe, Devonport, is situated in Plymouth and although this is within Plymouth City Council administrative area, many service personnel travel across the administrative borders.

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