

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

**THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (BUDLEIGH SALTERTON
FOOTPATH 11, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, EXMOUTH FOOTPATH 1, EXMOUTH) ORDER
2025**

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025**
for a maximum of 18 months

Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025**

No person shall proceed on the sections of Affected Paths except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those lengths of paths.

Roads affected -

**BUDLEIGH SALTERTON FOOTPATH 11, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, EXMOUTH
FOOTPATH 1, EXMOUTH**

THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

**FOOTPATH CLOSURE DUE TO 4 LANDSLIDES ALONG THE CLIFF EDGE BETWEEN
BUDLEIGH AND EXMOUTH**

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Dated: **SATURDAY 9 AUGUST 2025**

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2 visitors from Tipton St John who were positive about the Benches wanted to point out:-

- The Lifeguard by the Lime Kiln Car Park has been missing for 3 weeks
- Budleigh is a mess, Access to the beach can be unsafe, no handrails, concrete path not stable, BS needs tidying up. The rails need repainting, too many weeds.

Budleigh Salterton Town Council Survey -

Seafront Benches

There are 111 benches on the seafront, 74 need Painting and / or Repairing.
Should we be investing in bench maintenance and installing more?

1. Are you a Visitor or a Resident of Budleigh Salterton?

60 ——— 42 • Visitor *[scribbles]*
18 • Resident *[scribbles]*

Comments -

2. How important are the seafront Benches to you personally?

83 % • Very important (I value or use them regularly) *[scribbles]*
17 % • Somewhat important (I occasionally use them) *[scribbles]*
0 % • Not important (I rarely or never use them)

Comments - *Important for the community & visitors. Bit scruffy, could do with repainting to make the lovely views.*
Convenient. On the level, view of sea, generally a nice environment, V. imp. I'm 37 weeks pregnant, would have been in trouble without them, lovely to sit here, it's death row! other people comment on how nice they are, we sit here everytime we come as we get older they are more important, they are a lovely focal point, we like to take in the view. I'm active but sometimes it's nice to sit & look @ gorgeous view & do breathing exercises. Important for visitors & elderly & regular walkers, V. important especially as you get older I'm thinking of other users as well here. It's good there are plenty of benches. Sit on them everyday

3. Do you think the current state of the Benches affects the experience of visitors and residents?

67 % • Yes, it has a negative impact *[scribbles]*
21 % • No, it makes little or no difference *[scribbles]*
12 % • Not sure *[scribbles]*

Comments - *Some are a disgrace you don't want to sit on them. There have been some with so many benches if they are here they should be better kept. Makes no difference. They are in good condition, they just need a little painting, the naughty boys used to paint them, yes it would be nice if they were all looked after. They are pretty well kept, look nice they look neglected but would look nice if they were improved, I sometimes think are they going to collapse, shame it's got into this state, people will still use them but it makes a positive difference to the look of the town if well kept, the flames are beautiful & well kept the benches aren't, they need a down atm but sometimes they grow through the slats & rubbish gets stuck underneath, they are a focal point so need to be kept well, makes the place look tidy, some people think BS seafront looks a mess they appreciate clean well maintained benches,*

4. What do you mostly use or value the Benches for?

Order of popularity

- ③ • Resting during walks 49
- ② • Sitting with others or socialising 50
- ① • Enjoying the view 58
- ⑤ • Accessibility or mobility breaks 38
- ④ • Gives you a break on the way to the High Street 40
- Other (collect the info on the activity)

Comments - A break we parked on Barche Way, we always have lunch sitting here, it's really nice and sociable, there are less people now! we've just met. My journey here is all uphill so I need to stop. More should be provided. Why haven't the spaces been filled. There are needed on the Estuary.

5. Would repairing / replacing the shabby / worn-out Benches enhance your experience of the seafront?

- 92 % • Yes 49
- 1 % • No 1
- 7 % • Not sure, it depends, please explain 111

Comments - it would enhance the whole area & make it look cared for. They're a pretty good look just need painting, replace with composite benches. They would be an eyesore if not.

6. Would you support the Town Council using public funds to improve the Benches if this meant other priorities might be delayed or reduced?

- 50 % • Yes, the Benches are a High Priority 111
- 46 % • Maybe, depending on cost and impact 111
- 4 % • No, this is not a good use of Town Council funds 11

Comments -
Want more people to come to BS.

They are a "draw". They are a part of the Bitterley experience. Depends on what the other things are. Functional benches are important. They are a facility. They need prioritising, especially important for visitors & mature people. It's nice that there are lots of seats it would be a shame to lose them. It could be cheaper (Community Workshop) could a Community Group paint & repair them it could be cheaper (Community Workshop). It depends on what the other priorities are! Yes if we use volunteers. [They are outward looking & sturdy are really important providing a community support, the benches here are really nice, — There were observations from a lady who gave a talk about the 3 stages of life & she chose the Bitterley Benches as an example of the 3rd stage] Could you partner with the Bitterley or the Community Workshop or an organisation offering DoEdinburgh awards, I would give a donation it's so nice to sit here, nice experience, need more but needed because of the pebble beach, ramp for pregnant ladies & mature people Benches are No.1 Flowers No.2, Yes if composite so less maintenance.