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We do not want to speculate here on when and how "lock-down" will be released. Suffice to say that once permitted, you will "LOVE" your antiques road trip, brought to you by The Antiques Tourist!

This publication is set out by county, with a very handy indexed map across the centre pages.

The varied landscapes across Somerset, Devon and Dorset provide a wonderful back-drop for your very own antiques road trip. Somerset with Ham Hill, The Mendip and Quantock Hills, contrasting with the Somerset Levels around Langport. Dorset has the Jurassic Coast, inland Eggardon and Bulbarrow Hills, and the pleasant towns of Dorset. Devon offers the variety of the 2 moors – Dartmoor and Exmoor, the Exe Valley, leading to the city of Exeter and the South Devon coastline – all attractions in their own right.

The recent surge in farmshops, artisan bakeries, hill-side and beach-side cafes means your choice is no longer limited to pasties and baguettes! And with a number of your destinations host to their own cafes and coffee shops, you are never far from great food!

Your "road trip" around the 3 counties of Somerset, Devon and Dorset will take a few days, so consider a hotel, campsite or "glampsite" as your base.

As usual we feature one county each year, and for 2021 it's the turn of Somerset home of cider, cricket - and antiques!

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TIME FOR A TRIP AROUND SOMERSET THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET Ham Hill Somerset

Exploring Somerset is always a delight! And hunting for antiques, vintage, retro and reclamation just makes it all the more delightful!

We start at Wincanton, and The Somerset Trading Barn at Kimbers Farmshop on the A3081 just north of Wincanton Racecourse. The 2 storey trading barn is home to 25 traders, and next door is a very well stocked farm shop and coffeeshop. Pop along the A303 and A359 into central Yeovil and The **Emporium** in Princes Street. A 2 storey "mini" department store, home to 65+ independent traders, and an onsite cafe. Come out of Yeovil on A3088 Cartgate link to A303. Turn left and within a mile, Wessex Antique Bedsteads are on your left hand side, tucked away on their own service road, just under Ham Hill. This is the "holy-grail" for antique beds! They have over 1,000 beds in stock, and also supply mattresses. Return to A303, turning left, and immediately exiting left on to A356. Turn right under A303, and then left into

Bower Hinton. Go right through the village, and turn left after the craft centre. Castle **Reclamation** are I mile on the lefthand side. Cut hamstone fireplaces, staircases and decorative pieces are very much in evidence here. In their showroom find reproduction oak furniture and tapestries. Turn left to South Petherton, then cross A 303 at Lopen Head, through Lopen and Merriott to Crewkerne. In Market Street adiacent to each other are Crewkerne Antiques Centre and Dekorative **Kollective.** Find interesting furnishing items, bespoke kitchens, jewellery, lighting and collectables. Crewkerne has good parking, and some interesting side streets to explore. Then about 500 metres along South Street you will find Antiques Bazaar, housed in a former textile mill. This centre is home to 75+ traders offering a wide range of furniture, collectables, and

jewellery, including gold ring specialist **Unit 61**. Easy, free parking outside, and level access for pushchairs and mobility scooters. "Planet of The Crepes" for hot snacks and drinks.

Ilminster is our next stop. In East Street you

will find **No 57** - a pair of quaint town centre cottages offering antiques, vintage, secondhand books and a great little café. Just down the road, still in East Street is Remains to be Seen, a lovely family run shop, offering antiques, collectables, gold and silver. Turn left into Ditton Street and continue out of the town, to Ilminster **Antiques and Interiors**, tucked away on the right at Larchfield Estate. Easy parking here, but a difficult right hand turn at the entrance. Retrace you steps into Ilminster, then head west towards the A303. Rose Mills industrial Estate on the left is home to 2 fascinating businesses – **Airs** and Graces and Phoenix Rising. Find furniture, interiors, lighting and decorative items here, with easy parking. Continue to A303 and cross over towards Chard on A358. Within half a mile you will find Busbys Reclamation on your left. This is a mixture of traditional reclaimed materials - roof tiles, timber, hamstone, fairground stalls, galvanised tanks, enamel signs, gates and furniture, some attractively displayed in a small "spinney".

Now off to Taunton where **Selwoods Antiques** are celebrating their 94th year in business. Find them in the historic Queen Anne Cottage, Mary Street right in the centre of Taunton. This is a very "full" antiques warehouse! Leaving Taunton behind, we trip out to Williton in West Somerset. This is an interesting and fairly wild piece of road, with many views of The Quantock Hills on your right, and the West Somerset Steam Railway closely following your route. About a mile before Williton

you will find **Keith Richard Antiques** on your right. It is a treat just to visit Torweston Farm, nestling in a combe at the foot of The Quantocks. Then on to Williton, turning right into Long Street for **Holly Barn**, immediately on your right. Antiques, treen, soft furnishings. Continue on the A39 to Bridgwater.

Passing through Bridgwater, take A372 to Langport, 12 miles distant. Langport Vintage Market is held every Saturday 10-4. A further 4.5 miles along the B3153 gets us to Somerton, where **Somerton Market** is held on the first Friday of each month. Continue through Somerton on B3153, then turn left onto B3151 through Street to Glastonbury. Find Laura Lou Lou's in Benedict Street, just off the Market Place. This is a great shop for vintage and upcycling. Return to the A39, Glastonbury bypass and find Glastonbury Reclamation, on Northload Bridge roundabout. Besides the useful reclaimed tiles, slates and timber. there is usually a good selection of furniture and tools, and now a redundant full-size waterwheel!

Last stop is Axbridge. This 15 mile route takes you through the Somerset peat moors. Turn right out of the reclamation yard, and head for Westhay, Wedmore and Cheddar, then left to Axbridge. Go right into the town and find **Ripley Antiques** in The Square, opposite the National Trust's King John's Hunting Lodge.

As always we remind readers to check carefully the opening times of all the independent businesses listed here. This road trip has been written based on the geographic layout of the county of Somerset. Inclusion of a business in this road trip should not be seen as an endorsement.

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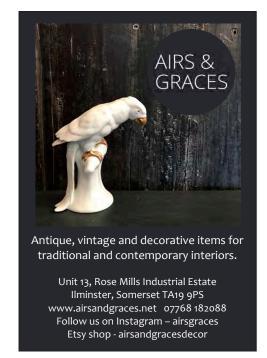
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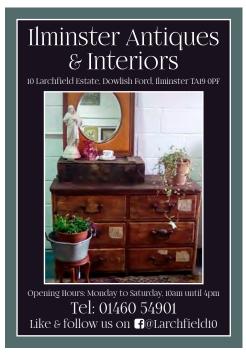


















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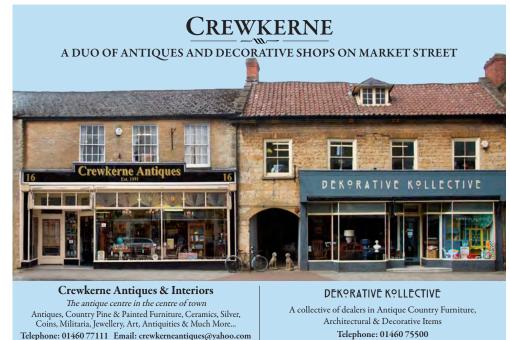


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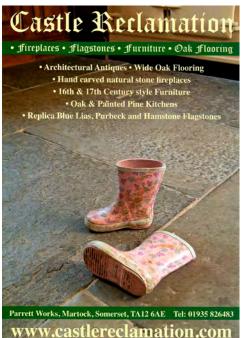
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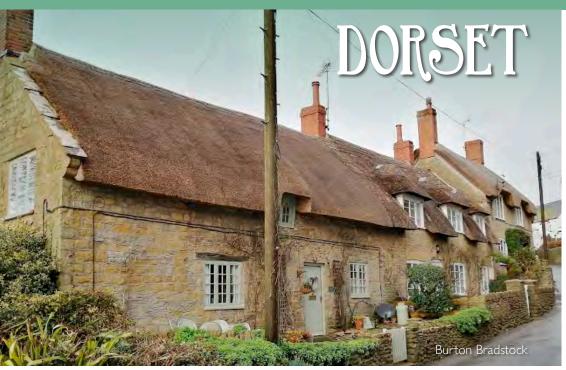






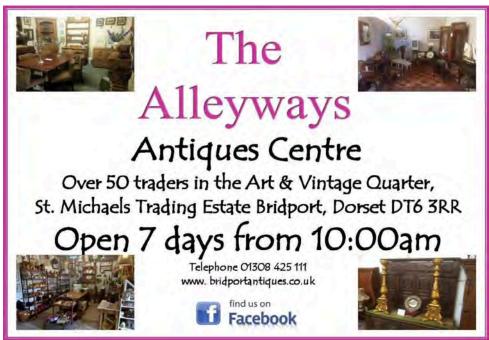
















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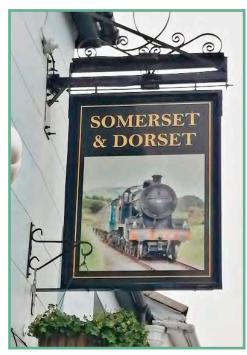
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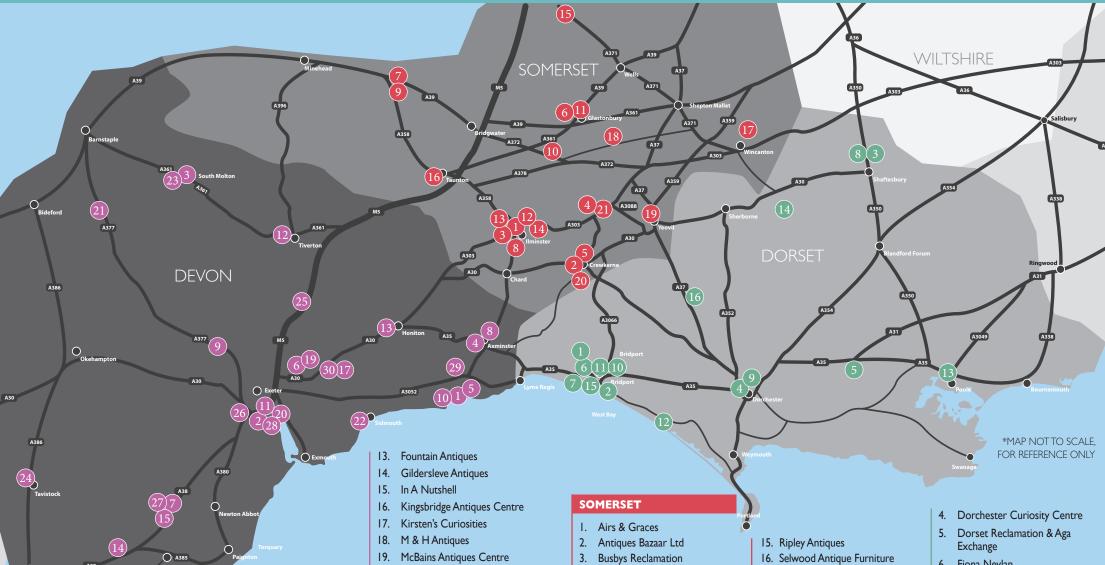
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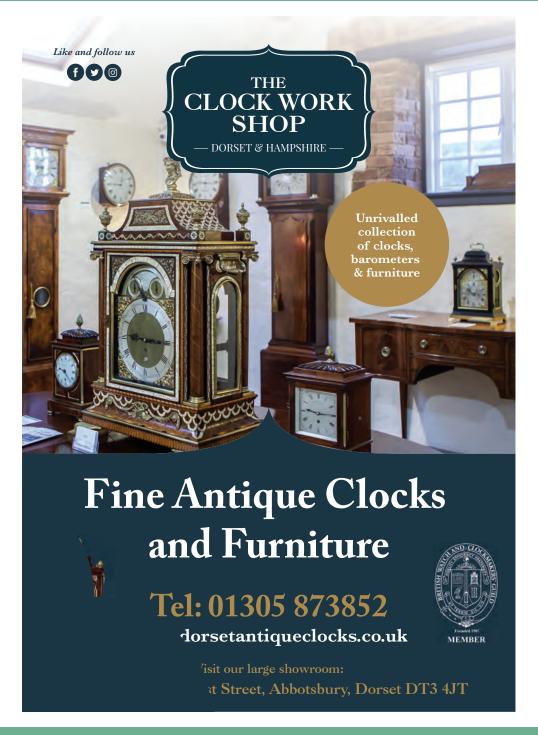
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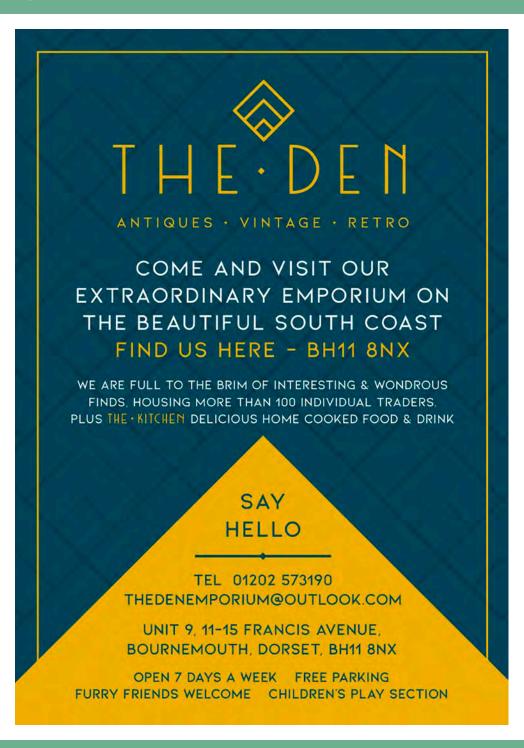
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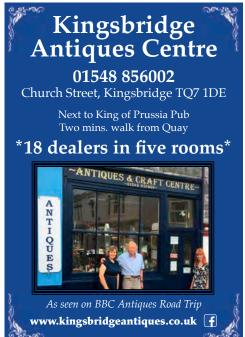




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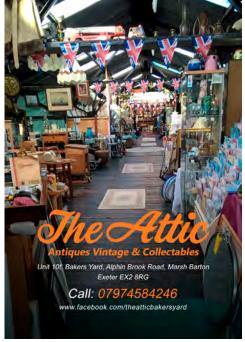


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