



Castle Mound tree felling continues

Eight more trees will be removed from Barnstaple's Castle Mound next week.

As well as removing the sycamores, North Devon Council will prune other trees overhanging the Cattle Market car park. Councillor Derrick

Spear, executive member for parks, leisure and culture, said: "Our parks team keeps a close eye on the health of the trees on Castle Mound, because it's such an important feature of the town's history.

"The mound is all we have left of the 12th

century castle that once stood there, looking down on the town. As well as looking after the monument, we also need to make sure the area is safe."

Work is due to begin on Tuesday with a few parking spaces closed.

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Interested in upgrading your home to cut energy bills? *COME ON IN!*

At a time when energy is a big topic in the news, two ground-breaking events locally over the next two weekends with a focus on energy saving will give people the chance to find ways to cut their fuel bills this winter while being warmer at home and saving money.

This Saturday and Sunday, 361 Green Doors is an event where people who have already made energy saving improvements to their homes can show them to visitors demonstrating the benefits of low-carbon renovations such as solar panels, biomass boilers, solid wall insulation and secondary glazing. 15 energy smart homes and a village hall are opening so visitors can see how householders across North Devon are making their homes more cosy, less wasteful, cheaper to heat and kinder to the environment. Homes are free to visit and the improvement measures that will be on show include:

- A range of low cost improvements
- The latest renewable and energy saving technologies in action
- Architect designed new builds
- Retrofit to historic properties as well as more modern homes

There are hundreds of map booklets available across North Devon and details of the homes and maps can be also be found online at <http://www.361greendoors.org/>

The following weekend on Sunday the 28th September, the 361 Energy Fair in partnership with Mike Wye Associates and sponsored by CosyHome Company will be at the Pannier Market in Barnstaple between 10am and 4pm. The event showcases the best of local energy saving home improvement companies that provide and install measures such as solid wall insulation, secondary glazing, biomass boilers, led lighting, solar panels, proper draft proofing and insulation as well as a range of the latest electric vehicles on display. There will also be a selection of environmental organisations, great children's activities and food.

Keepers delighted at magical monkey birth

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A baby white-faced saki monkey has been born to first time parents Cory and Mia at Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park.

The newcomer arrived on Tuesday, much to the delight of keepers and park director Dawn Gilbert.

"Due to the strong bloodlines of our sakis we are one of only a handful of collections in the UK currently allowed to breed this species by the European Endangered Species Program co-coordinator, which is such a privilege," she said.

The EES Program is the most intensive type of population management for a species kept in European zoos.

It sees recommendations made each year on which animals should breed or not breed and which individual animals should go from one zoo to another.

The white-faced saki is a primate that originates from the

tropical rainforests of South America.

Adult males have black fur with a striking white face, while females are brownish grey in colour with a narrow white stripe between the inner eye and mouth.

The youngster's fur will start to change colour in a couple of months dependant on its gender.

While not endangered, sakis and other South American primates are vulnerable due to the destruction of their habitat by humans.

They are also hunted for food and for the pet trade.

Those interested in youngsters of the 'Jurassic' kind might like to visit Atlantis Adventure Park at Atlantic Village near Bideford on Saturday.

The park's young animatronic T-Rex and the Dinosaur Professor will be on hand between 11am and 3pm to talk about dinosaurs and display rare fossils from the park's Dinosaur Museum as part of the Atlantis Dinosaur and Fossils month.



■ The new white-faced baby saki monkey with mum Mia.

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