

Tamar Valley LETS

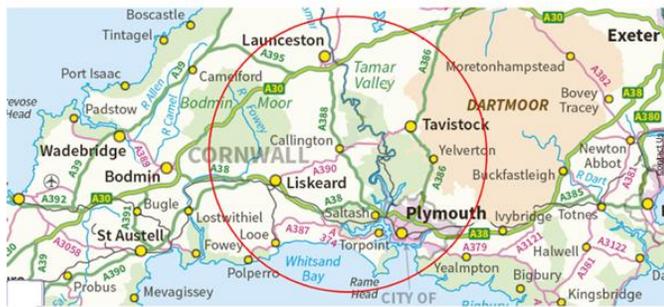
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Dear Members

Welcome to the first Newsletter of Tamar Valley LETS. The scheme was launched start about three years ago, with the help of the southwest LETS coordinator, Rob Follett, soon after Plymouth LETS had folded. A potential new member completed the Devon-SW enquiry form on the LETSlink UK website and it was only when the national coordinator looked into it that it came to light that its founder Robin Williams, was teaching in Japan! Rob invited her to take over hosting of the website, an online system based on software called Local Exchange, which both Rob and Mary have experience of managing, and soon the website



had received a complete makeover, evolving from Rob's elegant "vanilla" style to a more "kindergarten" look - with revised introductory pages, a web-based application form, and updated publicity leaflets. The software has had several important enhancements, and an upgrade of the PHP is also in progress. We've been in touch with Robin all along, and a new era has begun. Above is a screenshot, including most of those who attended our relaunch zoom meeting on Friday 10th July 2020 - you can see we are having some very serious discussions.

Catchment Area and Links to Members by Location

Tamar Valley LETS is named after the valley through which the River Tamar runs, as indicated in this diagram. To enable members to connect to others close to them, you can select and sort the **Full List** of use the shortcuts to Local Member Groups on the Grid below:

PL15 Launceston	PL16		EX	
PL17	PL19 Tavistock		PL20 Yelverton	DEVON
	PL18			
CORNWALL				
PL14		PL6	PL7	PL21 Ivybridge Modbury
PL12 Saltash	PL5	PL1	PL3	
	PL1	PL4	Plymouth	
PL13 Torpoint	PL10	PL9	PL8	
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One of the topics we covered was the Catchment Area of TV LETS. Although originally launched in Tavistock, we had already welcomed members from Plymouth, and while currently based in Devon, on the zoom several members recommended that we extend westwards and also accept members from Cornwall. The above map has now been added to our Intro Pages, and the grid-map on the Find Members page includes links to the database selected by neighbourhood and postcode. We began with just five members based in Tavistock, and we now have 14 members (including LETSlink support) so progress is being made, but we need to recruit many more members if we are to flourish.

Robin travelled to San Diego to undergo a knee operation, in last Friday's zoom he was back in Japan, but in quarantine, and will hopefully be back home (in Japan) when we link up for our next zoom on **Friday 28th August at 10am**. For safety reasons the zoom link will be emailed shortly beforehand.

We look forward to meeting you all again on Friday. Meanwhile **please update your own profile**. If you need help with, logging in, images, etc, go to Contact Us. Notes of all our meetings and publicity leaflets are linked to the Progress page on our website: <https://tamarvalleylets.uk/members/pages.php?id=18>.

