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### Bridport's Washingpool Farm Shop enjoys starring role in Broadchurch



Bridport's Washingpool Farm Shop is playing a starring role in the third and final series of Broadchurch, ITV's multi award-winning drama. Episode 1 aired on Monday 27th February at 9pm to much anticipation from the show's devoted followers.

Series creator and writer, Chris Chibnall, himself from Bridport, enthuses, "Broadchurch has been a life-changing experience for me, and for many of us who make it. It's been wonderful to film in (and showcase) the South West of England - the people of Bridport, West Bay and Clevedon have done us proud across all three series. But all good stories come to an end. I hope this one has enough twists and turns, laughter and tears to go out in style."

Washingpool Farm is a family run business founded in 1971, located on the outskirts of Bridport. There is a shop, restaurant and accommodation on site. It prides itself on producing and selling food that is fresh, tasty and traceable. For ten consecutive years, the Farm Shop has won Taste of The West Gold Award which is testament to the consistently high standard that the staff work so hard to achieve. With an extensive range of products sourced from Dorset and the South West, Washingpool Farm Shop has gained a reputation for providing the highest quality produce at very competitive prices. Much of their stock comes from their own farm and this is supplemented by products from over 100 local suppliers.

Washingpool was initially approached in January 2016 by the Broadchurch location manager and further meetings took place over the following couple of months. Filming took place last summer; two days in June, half a day in July and one day in August, filming until late into the night on all occasions. Disruption for customers was kept to a minimum. The set dressing team made slight alterations to product layout and signage in the shop and of course the shop had to be renamed and all Washingpool branding removed and replaced. The dressing team did an excellent job returning everything back to normal before leaving and you wouldn't have known they had been there! So what was it like to have the stars and crew filming there? Simon Holland, partner in Washingpool Farm, says, "They were all great and seemed to enjoy the setting and filming at Washingpool. It was particularly interesting to watch the crew at work. The whole Washingpool team were excited about our involvement in the filming and it was a great experience for us all." Especially as Simon was spotted in Episode 1 alongside Lenny Henry in the shop and his sister Bryony and shop assistant Stephanie were also used as extras and are hoping to make the final cut. And was it difficult to keep it a secret? "It was probably evident to our regular customers that something was going on, but we did our best to keep it under wraps!"



Newcomer to the series Lenny Henry plays the part of Ed Burnett who runs the local Flintcombe Farm Shop (aka Washingpool). A quiet, solitary man who has been in Broadchurch for 12 years since the death of his wife, Burnett is a little stubborn and obdurate – a man more tolerated than liked. Others to work at the farm shop include central character Trish Winterman, played by Julie Hesmondhalgh. Julie says about filming, “Well it was absolutely wonderful being down in Dorset, really beautiful and I had a period of time in the summer when I was down a lot and I had a little caravan on the beach. I used to walk over the cliffs to West Bay to work in the morning and in the middle of summer it was absolutely lovely. It doesn't get any better than that!” Trish’s best friend is Cath, played by Sarah Parish, who also works at the farm shop. Sarah is a local girl herself; “I am from Somerset so it is sort of my neck of the woods. We were filming near Bridport and Yeovil (my hometown) is about 15 miles from there. It was very nostalgic to be back around that area. I was filming two jobs at the same time; Broadchurch down in West Bay and I would then drive up to Bristol to do Trollied.”

Asked what David Tennant will miss the most about the end of Broadchurch filming, he responds, "I will miss our trips to the coast. West Bay and the Jurassic coastline I will definitely need to visit because there is something very special about that place and it is an extraordinary part of the country." Not necessarily the last we have seen of Mr Tennant, then!

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**Notes to Editors:**

**Washingpool Farm**

- Relevant images attached (Three generations of the Holland(/Brock) family with Sir Lenny Henry and Georgina Campbell)
- Washingpool Farm is a family run business founded in 1971. There is a shop, restaurant and accommodation on site. It prides itself on producing and selling food that is fresh, tasty and traceable. Further information at <http://www.washingpool.co.uk>.

**Broadchurch**

- The debut series of BROADCHURCH was ITV's highest rated new drama of 2013 winning a peak audience of 10.5 million viewers
- ITV's highest rated drama of 2015, the series 2 premiere of BROADCHURCH delivered an audience of 10.9 million viewers
- A hit across social media, BROADCHURCH remains ITV's most tweeted drama since records began