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New Vets Practice for Torrington — first for 17 years

Press Release

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A new family run veterinary practice is opening in Torrington, the first new vets surgery in the town for 17 years. Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice will be located on the Hatchmoor Industrial Estate, on the edge of Torrington. The surgery opens for business on 13th July, and will specialise in domestic animals and horses.

Director of the Practice, Helen Dalton–Morgan, said, “Torrington is ideally placed for a new veterinary practice. It is a busy community, surrounded by a large rural area. It has been a long time since the town had a new vets surgery, 17 years, and in that time the population has increased considerably and the town has changed a great deal. Many people have told us that it would be good for Torrington, which currently has just one vet, to be able to offer a choice of veterinary services.”

Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice, based at 7 Devon Units, Hatchmoor Industrial Estate, will offer high quality care for domestic pets, as well as a mobile equine service. In charge of the veterinary care is Gavin Dalton–Morgan, Helen’s husband. He is widely respected in the North Devon area, and has extensive veterinary experience, having qualified in 1979. He has worked as a vet in a number of locations, initially in Australia, and then in several places in the UK. Since 2002, he and his wife and their three children, have been based in North Devon. Gavin has a special interest in small animal surgery and a particular interest in horses. He is a keen horseman himself.

“One of the key things we will be providing is ‘single vet care’ for pets,” explains Gavin. “Many people like to see the same vet each time when they bring in their pet, and so we are pleased that this is something we will be able to offer. Our mobile equine service will also be comprehensive, offering experienced diagnosis, advice and treatment for a wide range of equine health problems, with the support of digital imaging techniques and the latest veterinary equipment.”

“Another of our priorities is to offer veterinary care at competitive prices,” adds Helen. “In the current economic climate we know that many people are finding their finances are stretched, and sometimes they may think twice about taking their sick pet to see a vet, because of the cost. We want people to know their animals can still be properly looked after, and that our charges will be reasonable and fair.”

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“We are delighted to be setting up the new surgery on the Hatchmoor Industrial Estate,” continued Helen. “This is a great location, close to the town, but with free parking on site. Parking can be a real problem at busy times in Torrington, so we were keen to find premises with lots of parking space.

“The units on the Hatchmoor Industrial Estate are roomy and versatile, so we have been able to design a highly effective surgery from scratch within the unit, incorporating all the latest technology and veterinary equipment. We have a good sized reception area, large consulting room, X-ray room, operating room, and kennel/hospitalisation ward. We are very much looking forward to welcoming clients to the practice, and will be happy to show people around if they are interested,” said Helen.

Note to editors:

- For more details about the Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice, please contact the Director, Helen Dalton-Morgan, on 07732 725480.
- Pictures attached showing 1. Helen Dalton-Morgan and Gavin Dalton-Morgan, 2, 3, 4 Gavin at work with horses. Also attached, the Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice logo.
- Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice will offer surgeries every week day, and on Saturday mornings. There will also be a 24 hour emergency service.
- Gavin Dalton-Morgan graduated from Murdoch University in Perth, Australia in 1979. He has been practising in the UK since 1984.
- Torrington has one other veterinary practice—Torbridge, which is a branch surgery, part of Torbridge Veterinary Hospital in Bideford.
- The Torbridge Surgery was previously the Acorn Veterinary Centre, set up in 1992. It later became the Torbridge Surgery.
- Hatchmoor Industrial Estate is located on the B3227 (Hatchmoor Road) on the Atherington side of Torrington. Turn into the estate and follow the road to the left. Hatchmoor Veterinary Practice is at the far end of the site, located in Unit 7.

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