

# My Somerset

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#### WHAT ARE YOUR STRONGEST MEMORIES OF LIVING IN SOMERSET?

I went to a Jules Holland concert for a St Margaret's fundraising event at Vivary Park in Taunton. I went with my nephew, brother and his wife. Such a fun evening of giggles and dancing.

I also remember going fossil hunting with my boyfriend at Kilve. It was so cold but so much fun. I didn't think looking for old remains could be so exciting – we even found one and I was so chuffed!

#### WHERE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO VISIT IN SOMERSET?

I would love to visit Brean Steps, I have been to the beach but not the steps. I have been told it's a good work out and a beautiful place to visit. I love the sea, so anything by the coast would be lovely.

#### DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RESTAURANT IN SOMERSET?

I love great food, as long as the service is good, and you have great company, I don't really mind where I am. However, I have been fortunate to eat at some amazing places. I am a member of Babington House near Mells, they do the most amazing food. I also love Augustus in Taunton, The Green Olive in Bridgwater for Mediterranean food, the Swan in Wells and The Hangeridge Arms. I think we are really blessed with great places to eat in Somerset.

#### WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PERFECT DAY OUT IN SOMERSET AND WHY?

My perfect day would be a run/power walk in the morning sunshine, then brunch cooked for me by my boyfriend. Followed by shopping at Kilver

Court (Mulberry outlet and LK Bennet), followed by a spa break at Babington with supper, then a drive to Lovington to see some dear friends.

#### WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT?

My proudest achievement is taking the huge step to set up my company in 2007. I left a secure, well paid and job to set up my own business, so I had no income and no security! Eleven years later and I am super proud of myself. Alongside this, there are numerous awards that myself and my business have won, so it makes the long days worth it!

#### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT OUR COUNTY?

I love many things, the down to earth and friendly people, the location as close to the beach, the countryside and the easy access of the M5 (so I can see my mum) and I love the fact I have a great team.

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Yes, we have a Christmas tree eve fairy. The evening before Christmas Eve, we always leave a small present in the tree – my mum didn't know that I knew it was her. I bought her one when I was about seven years old, she cried as she never bought herself anything, so it was lovely to see her face!

#### WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF THE FESTIVE SEASON?

I love the festivities, the mulled wine, the carols, the whole feeling of fun and love. I am a December baby, so I love this part of the year too.