

## **Torquay (485) : Opening**

Waitrose Torquay opened on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The following appeared in The Gazette at the time.

### **“Waitrose Torquay and Caldicot openings are latest in line of Troy success stories”**

Last Thursday saw another double Waitrose opening - this time in Devon and Wales. Both branches are the latest in the series of Troy acquisitions from Somerfield - now totalling 12 - and continued a familiar trend by smashing their opening estimates.

Waitrose Torquay has been “welcomed with open arms,” according to Branch Manager John Parker. “We’ve got a success story on our hands, on top of the already successful Troy programme,” he says. “It’s genuinely wonderful. “

“Essential Waitrose and promotions have done well, while As Good As Going Out sold out on the first day, and we also sold three magnums of Champagne.”

John pays tribute to all those involved in the opening, including acquired Partners. “They’re starting to adapt and are going round with big smiles. We’ve been supported by a fantastic team of specialist helpers and we’re delighted with the help we’ve received from all areas of the business.”

The branch closed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The following appeared in The Gazette at the time.

### **“THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO FIVE W&P SHOPS**

W&P is closing its shops in Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan and Teignmouth and Torquay in Devon on 9 June. Its shops in Ashbourne in Derbyshire and Blaby in Leicestershire are set to close the following week on 16 June.

W&P first announced its plans to sell the five shops in March as part of a regular review of its estate. the move has resulted in a significant number of redundancies for Partners at the shops, with Online Director Ben Stimson (then Retail Director) saying at the time: “Our decision to sell is in no way a reflection on them - I am extremely grateful for their professionalism, customer focus and hard work.”