

fatberg to gather bulk without causing the sort of problems that would lead to it being found and destroyed. # As news of this unwanted gift for the new year traveled on social media, some Sidmouth residents spoke of an unpleasant odor that was coming from the town's drains. # " Wonder how the Fatberg is doing today -- did wonder what the smell was on Sunday as I walked along the front, " Paul Denning wrote in a Facebook post. # " The drains in town have smelt for ages, " Susan Perryman commented, while Wendy Brooks, another Sidmouth resident, added that " the beach by Bedford Steps smells of sewage. " # Stuart Hughes, a Sidmouth council member who had previously expressed concerns about the town's sewage pumping station, according to an article in The Sidmouth Herald, received news of the fatberg with concern. # " This isn't the first time that something like this has happened, " Mr. Hughes said in an email on Tuesday, adding that " the antiquated sewage system and pipes " made this a very worrying find. # " Whilst locals and visitors are embracing the issues surrounding use of plastics, they now need to be educated in not pouring fats and oils down the drain, " he said. # Mr. Roantree of South West Water had a similar message. # " Put your pipes on a diet, " he said, " and don't feed the fatberg. " # A version of this article appears in print on, on Page A6 of the New York edition with the headline: English Town Fights 210 Feet of Grease and Wet Wipes. Order Reprints Today's Paper [Subscribe](#)