

## EXETER OBSERVER - NEWS BRIEF TEMPLATE

<p>HOOK</p> <p>what has happened (or is/will be happening) that makes the story newsworthy?</p> <p><i>determine this first</i></p>	
<p>HEADLINE</p> <p>(or could just be working title)</p> <p><i>write this last with standfirst</i></p>	
<p>STANDFIRST</p> <p>highlights interesting points complements headline might refer to points below lead</p> <p><i>write this last with headline</i></p>	
<p>LEAD</p> <p>where story starts captures essence of story usually addresses who, what, when, where, why and how</p> <p><i>not necessarily in that order</i></p>	
<p>ANGLE</p> <p>summarises approach to story</p> <p><i>not to be explicitly stated in text</i></p>	
<p>KEY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER</p> <p>what does the reader need to know to understand the story?</p> <p><i>maximum 3 questions</i></p>	
<p>REQUIRED RESEARCH</p> <p>what information is needed to tell the story effectively?</p> <p><i>maximum 3 pieces</i></p>	
<p>SOURCES FOR RESEARCH</p> <p>where will the required information come from?</p> <p><i>maximum 2 sources</i></p>	
<p>SOURCES FOR QUOTES</p> <p>direct/indirect? attributable/non-attributable?</p> <p><i>maximum 2 sources</i></p>	
<p>REQUIRED COLLATERAL</p> <p>might be photos, infographics, video, infoboxes, tweets etc.</p> <p><i>minimum one lead + another body image to complement headline &amp; standfirst required</i></p>	