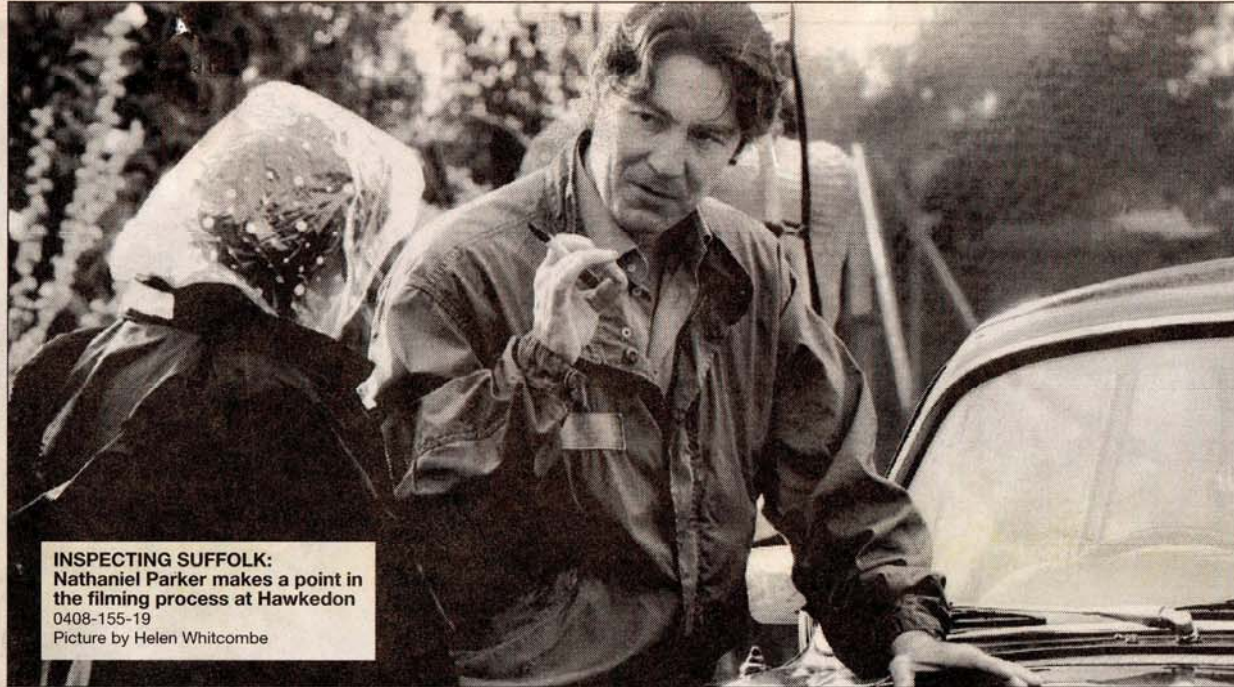


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INSPECTING SUFFOLK:
Nathaniel Parker makes a point in
the filming process at Hawkedon
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An inspector calls . . . into quiet Hawkedon

MURDER, mystery and mayhem descended on a quiet village and its pub during the filming of a prime-time BBC series.

Luckily it was all fictional, except the mayhem, as the cast and more than 70 crew of *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries* were in Hawkedon for nine days.

Nathaniel Parker, better known for playing Inspector Lynley, spent his time working hard for the second episode of the new series of the show.

Scott Chapman, owner of the Queen's Head where much of the action is centred, said:

"It's been great fun so far and really enjoyable.

"It's good to have so much going on around the village and a lot of locals have been popping in to see what's going on."

He added that he would be watching the next series with interest to have a look at what the village looked like on the small screen.

Hawkedon is one of several locations which will be used during the creation of four hour-long episodes for the fourth series.

Bill Twiston-Davies, location manager for BBC Drama, said: "We chose Hawkedon because it is such a beautiful village.

"We also needed somewhere which was off the beaten track and very quiet so that filming would not be disturbed by traffic."

He added: "The only real problem has been it's so out of the way that nobody's phone has been working and they have been walking around trying to find a signal."