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## NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



ELTT Trustees hosted two Old Lifeboat Station and Watchtower open days and enjoyed meeting about 120 visitors to discuss the restoration plans – many left their written comments, which were overwhelmingly in support. We are also getting a big response to our short online survey which we hope you will visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KT53JG9>

### **The background**

In 2017 a feasibility study was undertaken on the nearly derelict Watchtower and a programme of public consultation begun. Then a condition survey of the boat shed revealed similar structural problems, and the ELTT board resolved to seek funding to restore the whole building which was no longer fit for purpose. The Watchtower for several years could only be used as a store, and the general condition of the building detracts from the appearance of the seafront. The Trust is a charity and faces heavy costs on the Grade II listed Guildhall that will heavily impact our reserves. Grant funding for the OLS regeneration is therefore essential for it to happen.

### **. . . a plan**

Based on the previous consultations we have been invited by the Lottery Heritage Fund to bid for funding on the basis of a scheme that will involve a wider range of people in heritage, and shine light on the link between today's Looe families and the brave lifeboatmen who went before.

The Watchtower will become the ELTT office on the first and second floors, reflecting technology and our reduced needs for office space. On the Watchtower ground floor we will create a Looe Lifeboat Crew Room museum, displaying historic objects already owned by Looe Museum, items donated by the Project Ryder Trust, and digital technology. We envisage no-cost easy access from the seafront that will encourage spur of the moment seafront visitors, as well as local families wanting to learn more about the lifeboat heritage of their families.

The boat shed, which has recently been used for retail, and as a gallery, will also be structurally restored and updated with modern facilities. Our intention is to offer it on a lease for use as a retail gallery, conditional on showcasing local crafts and artists. There will be a lease commitment to providing lessons or demonstrations of visual or musical arts.

We believe this plan will involve more people in heritage and deliver:

- A kick-start for the regeneration of Church End, identified as a Character Area in the emerging Looe neighbourhood development plan. (The NDP says, inter alia, 'The area lacks coherence. More could be made of the former functional aspects to strengthen the sense of place.')

- A sustainable future for this Grade II listed building, contributing to the resilience of ELTT which relies on rents for its income to deliver our charitable objects.
- A boost to the style and ambience of our beach and seafront that will provide economic benefits to all other businesses in the Church End Character Area.

ELTT has appointed LePage, leading conservation architects to oversee the work if we can secure the funding. Did we mention that survey?

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KT53JG9>. Your views can help.

### **Guildhall Clocktower structural maintenance**

Expensive internal and external maintenance is required on the Clocktower, and the town clock. Work is required to masonry, pointing, coping stones, gullies, the cupola and more. The tower will be clad in scaffolding from the end of October.

The weight of scaffolding and the need to prevent excess stress bearing down on the council chamber roof has demanded the commissioning of an expert scaffolding design at significant cost. We have been working with Cornwall Council to minimise disruption and are hopeful that the road width will not be affected. Full access to the brilliant Guildhall businesses will also be maintained.

The work was put to tender and will cost a significant six figure sum that will come from Trust reserves and leave a significant hole.

**Brian Galipeau**  
Chairman

## **LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY**



We are looking forward to returning to St Martin's Hall for our meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This will be our first physical meeting since March 2020, and will be slightly different as we will not be serving refreshments nor holding a raffle. Members and guests are asked to wear face masks until seated.

The speaker will be Lesley Trotter, on the subject of "Cornwall's Married Widows" – the story of the wives left behind to head the family when 19<sup>th</sup> Century miners went overseas to work.

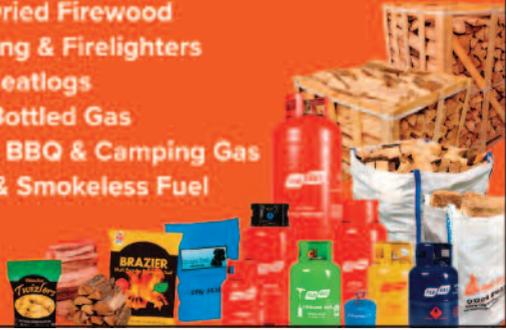
The meeting may switch to Zoom depending on Covid numbers at the time (non-members can email [looeoldcornwall@hotmail.com](mailto:looeoldcornwall@hotmail.com) to check), but all being well we hope to welcome everyone to what promises to be a very interesting talk.

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## WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST NEWS



It's been another busy summer this year for all of our residents working in and around the tourist industry. The whole of Looe appears to be still buzzing and the income all the visitors bring to the town we know is most welcome.

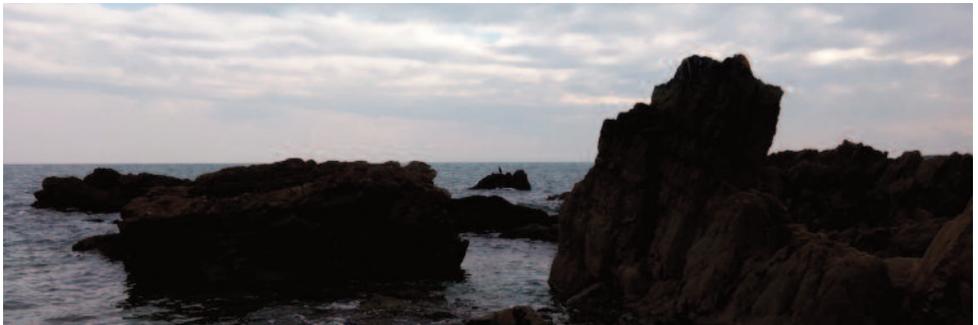
The Trust continues to maintain 'The Downs' area to allow the locals walk their dogs and visitors to walk along the top of West Looe and admire the great views over Rame Head, the Banjo Pier and back up towards East Looe River. We are currently reviewing the seating arrangements to see if we can improve what is already there.

This year we have also agreed to support 80+ students with education grants and we have introduced a slimline procedure now where we deal with correspondence via emails rather than post, to save on postage costs, and use direct payments rather than issuing cheques for all awards given out, to save the Charity on their bank charges. We are also sure that our younger people will appreciate us moving with them into the 21st Century.

Other donations the Trust have made have been to the wider community and ages, including payments to: Looe Age Concern towards their trips, Looe Darby and Joan Club, Looe in Bloom to help with their travelling and storage arrangements, Looe Development Trust towards the Meals on Wheels Scheme and the Christmas Lights for the town, Looe Gig Club, Looe Playgroup, Looe Sea Scouts, Looe Rifle Club and Looe Football Club to name a few.

Our aim is to continue to assist all of our population where we can and will be updating our website with new things throughout the year.

**Sue Pengelly**  
**Clerk to the Trustees**  
email: [wltt2@btconnect.com](mailto:wltt2@btconnect.com)





Covid-19 has been a mixed and complex experience.

Initially for some, it was a hidden gift - a slower pace, rediscovering hobbies and interests, time to take stock of life, a flexible work and family life and the potential of choosing a new direction.

But as lockdowns continued, there have been hugely negative impacts for most. We have seen mental health struggles, domestic violence, and loneliness rise sharply. We have been separated from loved ones, we have been unable to celebrate, unable to grieve and unable to plan. Our faces have been covered, our lives have been restricted and connection points have been cut off. We have had to adjust everything that we have previously known due to this unprecedented event.

With legal restrictions being lifted, vaccines taking effect and life opening up again, it is a key time to process and reflect on all that we have experienced as we learn to live in the 'new normal'.

The Big Covid Debrief project is designed to create spaces where all are welcome to take time to debrief on their experience of Covid. In these spaces there will be time to talk, create and reflect; time to pause, process, and maybe even encounter a measure of healing, as we begin to move forward.

The Big Covid Debrief Looe is being hosted by Looe Churches Together in partnership with the local community.

Dates: **6<sup>th</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Wednesday evenings 7pm - 9pm

Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm

Saturday mornings 10am - 12pm

Venue: Riverside United Church, The Quay, West Looe, Looe, PL13 2BU.

For more information go to the website: <https://www.thebigcoviddebrief.org/looe>  
To contact the team email: [barney.barron38@gmail.com](mailto:barney.barron38@gmail.com) or phone 07867501436.



## THE BENEFICE OF ST. MARTIN WITH ST. NICHOLAS, LOOE & ST. WENNA, MORVAL



### October

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10 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Riverside	Sunday Worship	
17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise Service	Mike Foulkes
24 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Church Hall	Harvest Café Church	LWL Team
31 <sup>st</sup>	10am	St. Cuby	Holy Communion	

### November

7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Martin's	Holy Communion	Rev. M. Millson
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Riverside	Sunday Worship	
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	St. Nicholas	Praise Service	Mike Foulkes
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Church Hall	Café Church	Deirdre Croker

### December

5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St. Nicholas	Communion & Bapt	Rev. D. Hazlewood
12 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Riverside	Sunday Worship	
	4pm	St. Wenna	Carol Service	
17 <sup>th</sup>	10am		John Trethewey's Making Christingles	
			All welcome. Contact: 01503 262624	
19 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	St. Martin's	Christingle	LWL Team

### Christmas Day

10am	Morval	Holy Communion	Rev. D. Hazlewood
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### Dates for the diary

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: 9.30am to about 3pm Churchyard Tidy Day  
All help appreciated, for any part of the day, but please bring own tools and lunch.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: 7.30pm RNLI Concert, Church Hall

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 7pm Keltique Concert, St. Nicholas

**Memory Café:** 2nd Friday of each month from 2-4pm in St. Martin's Church Hall.  
Enquiries to Ann Richards: 01503 264846.

**Good Grief Café:** This is a new initiative introduced by Rev. Chloe Jones, and is for anyone who is finding it hard coming to terms with a bereavement, whether recent or past, and would like the opportunity to meet others for mutual support and friendship. It will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in St. Martin's Church Hall from 3-5pm. See separate poster for details of other venues and dates.

# Good Grief Cafés

## Wednesdays 3-5pm

There is no right or wrong way to grieve. These free cafes aim to bring the bereaved community together, with time to share experiences & to bring comfort to one another in what can be an isolating and lonely time. There is no agenda, just free tea, cake, chat and friendship. All are welcome, and please use this as an opportunity to invite someone.

### STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

1st Wednesday of the month: St Martin's  
Church Hall, Looe

2nd Wednesday Connon Chapel

3rd Wednesday St John's Pensilva

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At The Haven we opened our doors in July, just in time for the school holidays. The young people have since enjoyed a variety of activities including cooking, crafts, games, learning the skill of character drawing. We also had an evening on the Climbing Wall in the Sardine Factory, thanks to our friends at Adventure Fit Southwest.

The Haven has already developed a good reputation as a place where young people can make friends, learn new skills, have a lot of fun, all in a safe and welcoming environment. All volunteers are DBS checked and have been trained in safeguarding. Most of us have also completed first aid training so there are always volunteers around who are able to administer first aid, if ever needed.

We are planning a trip to Tamar Trails in the October half-term in partnership with Action for Children, so that the young people can try some of the outdoor activities there. We have lots more activities and experiences we are planning so that the young people in the Looe area will have boundless opportunities.

The Haven is run by Boundless Trust, a Looe based youth charity. We are really thankful for the support and funding from so many local organisations it would be difficult to name them all. We do however want to give a special thanks to the Rusty Bucket without whom we would not be able to offer The Haven as a place for young people to meet.

We are open  
4:30pm - 6pm every Wednesday evening  
for young people school years 7 - 9.

Starting from November 10<sup>th</sup> we will also be staying open later on  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8pm  
for young people in school/college years 10 - 13.

For more information contact;

The Haven, Bullers Quay, Looe, PL13 1DX. (Above Simply Fish)

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## FORMER CORNWALL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



The former portfolio holder for Climate Change and Communities, Cllr Edwina Hannaford, divisional member for Looe West, with the Cornwall Council climate change team has been named the nation's leading local authority in responding to the climate emergency in the MJ Local Government Achievement Awards held in London on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The award was in recognition of the leadership shown by the previous Independent/Liberal Democrat administration in tackling the climate emergency.

Cornwall Council won the “Leadership in Responding to the Climate Emergency” category. The awards highlight local authorities’ excellence in the delivery of services over the last 12 months and allows them to share expertise with peers across the nation. The judges said, “It is clear that Cornwall Council have taken seriously the threat posed by climate change and used that momentum to galvanise action across the county. From secure governance structures to innovation and community engagement, the council is forging ahead in the race to net-zero, nature-based solutions and climate adaptation.”

Cllr Edwina Hannaford said, “I am so proud of the work we delivered following the climate emergency declaration in January 2019 and in developing the action plan approved the following July. I believe we have left a legacy on which the new administration will hopefully build. This award is not just an acknowledgment of the skill and dedication of the officers in my team, but also recognition of the fantastic work being undertaken in communities right across Cornwall.”

The original climate emergency motion was presented to Full Council in Truro by Cllr Hannaford and called on the Government to provide Cornwall with the resources and powers to tackle climate change. Edwina said, “If we are serious about tackling the climate and ecological emergencies then we need to pick up the pace and work with our communities to effect the changes we need as we decarbonise and decentralise.”

The Municipal Journal judges praised the former administration for being clear in their role in tackling climate change and for the work undertaken to engage with communities. They commented particularly on the way the Council made excellent use of data and evidence providing a compelling narrative to inform decisions through a donut economics inspired decision-making wheel. They also highlighted the significant actions in environmental mitigation, adaptation and nature-based solutions.

The action plan's flagship projects included the launch of the Forest for Cornwall in December 2019, a whole house retro-fit programme of Council stock and a climate emergency development plan document to ensure climate actions were included in planning decisions.

Edwina continued, "This national recognition is testament to the former administration's commitment in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies, helping Cornwall and the Council work towards becoming net carbon zero by 2030 and restoring nature which is in decline. I am so proud that we have gained this national recognition with over 140 local authorities from across the country submitting in this category."

For more information on the pioneering work undertaken in lowering carbon emissions and engaging with Cornwall's communities and partners in the fight against global warming you can find the Cornwall Action plan here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/climate-emergency/our-action-plan/>

For more information on the Municipal Journal Achievement Awards go to:

<https://awards.themj.co.uk/winners/2021-winners/>

## **BUNTING FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Looe plans to deck the town red, white and blue to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Volunteers in Looe are planning to repeat their "bunting bee" of 2019 when they made over 500m of bunting to dress the town. This time it's to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June next year. It was such fun last time (for Looe Live), a real camaraderie and the effect in the town was spectacular; it gave a real carnival feel throughout the town. The volunteer machinists and cutters gave up just a couple of hours a week, meeting in the Bowling Club.

What we really need is material – lots of material! It doesn't have to be new; last time we used old duvets, sheets and even window blinds. If you have any spare red, white and/or blue material then please contact me on 07717203725 or email [Cllr.Edwina.hannaford@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Edwina.hannaford@cornwall.gov.uk) to arrange a handover. Sessions are being arranged hopefully on a Saturday afternoon through October and November.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have agreed to step up again. We are grateful to Looe Fire and Rescue who helped string the bunting along Bullers Quay and Quay Road West Looe and the Bowling Club for the use of their clubhouse. We still have the Looe Live bunting but would really like to cover the whole of the town with red, white and blue to honour our Queen.

**Edwina Hannaford**

## LOOE RESIDENTS IN CORNWALL OVER 60s CRICKET TRIUMPH

Two Looe residents played key roles in the Cornwall over 60s cricket team which won the England Seniors' National Vase Trophy in the final recently playing against Hampshire.

2021 was only Cornwall's second year in the competition and, after a poor start early in the season in the West of England group stages, the side grew stronger every game and in the knockout stages through August and early September, travelled as far as Staffordshire, Durham and Worcestershire, winning all their games before defeating Hampshire in the final.

Bob Fleming from West Looe captained the side throughout the season and finished as the second highest run scorer, while Jon Nance from East Looe scored a magnificent 94 not out in the final and ended the season with the highest batting average.

The Final was played in Oxfordshire on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Cornwall batted first and scored 235 for 6 in their 45 overs, then restricted Hampshire's normally free scoring batsmen before finally bowling them all out for 216 in the 44th over.

It's the first time Cornwall Cricket Seniors (over 50 and over 60) have won any competition of any sort. It's a huge triumph considering most opposition counties have far greater resources and much shorter journeys to their away fixtures!



Bob Fleming receives the trophy  
from Clive Ricks, Competition Chairman



Individual trophies won by each player

## CORNWALL OVER 60s TEAM



### Players Back Row L-R:

Andy Myers (St Ives), Jon Nance (Menheniot-Looe), Adam Widdison (Perranaworthal), Paul Garry (Porthleven), Stuart Nye (Menheniot-Looe), Hugh Rogers (Menheniot-Looe), Alan Hocking (scorer, Perranporth)

### Front Row L-R:

Kevin Gibbard (Mount Hawke), Trevor lee (Mullion), Bob Fleming (Captain, Menheniot-Looe), Mike Rodwell (Stithians), Anton Luiten (Tideford), Chris Dennis (12th man & Team Manager, Perranporth)



# LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

Photos by Claire Lewis unless otherwise specified



Green Energy on Looe Island

And finally... I know that's a daft way to start but FINALLY the island has a fully integrated green energy system. It really is an exciting and long-awaited milestone. Back in 2004, when the Atkins sisters gave Cornwall Wildlife Trust the island, we knew we needed to make the energy supply more eco-friendly. It's been a complicated and drawn-out process but in September contactors ZLC 'flicked' the system over from the diesel powered Lister generator to the new solar/wind/battery powered system – yippee!

As the summer has rolled towards autumn, we have continued to enjoy sightings of butterflies and moths. Every year we are impressed by the numbers of insects feeding on flowering ivy. It's such an excellent plant for wildlife and right now its globular domes of flowers are providing a much-needed supply of nectar. At times it can feel magical to hear the buzz of winged insects and the sight of dozens of brightly colored Red Admiral butterflies feasting on this plant. Other favourite sightings from the summer have been boldly coloured day-flying Tiger Moths and the large bright green caterpillars of Hawkmoths.



Red Admiral on ivy in later September



Tiger moth



Hawkmoth caterpillar  
by Lauren Breton-Crabb

The island's shores are always a refuge for feeding, resting and (from as early as January) nesting birds. Now though, the focus is on migrating birds. Birds that will be on challenging long journeys to spend the winter in warmer southern climates. One such bird is the smart-looking Wheatear. They've been seen hopping around the cliff edges feeding themselves up before continuing their onward epic journeys. These birds are always lovely to see, especially as they flash their white rump when flying off – in fact the name Wheatear is derived from the Old English for 'white arse'!



Wheatear  
on passage migration



Whimbrel  
resting on Looe Island

Other birds that we watch out for are elegant Whimbrel. These large waders have long downward curved bills which they use for probing deep into the ground as they search for food. The food they find will help them with their migration as they breed in northern upland and moorland but spend winters in Africa. You may also have heard these birds as they have a wonderfully eerie call that is made up of seven whistle-like notes.

At this time of year many of our heavily pregnant female Grey Seals will be moving away to their breeding sites. Throughout the summer they would have tried to feed and rest without disturbance in order to put on as much weight as possible. If they have managed to reach peak condition, then their pup will have the best chance of survival. This is because the female's fat reserves will be converted to rich milk on which the pup will feed. If all goes well, in the first three weeks of its life the pup will gain an incredible 30 kilos in weight – all of which will help set it up to overcome the challenges of living through its first winter.

In September the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Team carried out their annual survey of the island's intertidal (foreshore). This monitoring, which has taken place for almost two decades, is vital for understanding any changes that may take place around the island. One of the surveys occurs along a transect stretching from around the mean high tide mark right out to the area of lowest low water and for the first time this year St Piran's Crab was found within the survey area. This gorgeous little hermit crab had disappeared from the UK but back in 2016 it was rediscovered. Our annual survey work is sensitively carried out as the marine nature reserve is home to a host of wildlife that can be disturbed or damaged by human activity. If you want to know more about best practice when rock pooling along the foreshore then check out this poster: <https://cornwallmarinelifecode.org.uk/by-the-shore/seashore-code1/>.

To wrap up this update we need to thank a few people. Firstly, thank you to those who helped with the distribution of our new 'Keep Looe Island Special' posters, and to everyone who has read and followed the poster's guidelines. Next, we want to thank four very special volunteers. Back in the spring we put out a request for residential island volunteers and were most impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of two couples: Lauren & Toby and Letty & Luke. This unique opportunity enabled the volunteers to fully immerse themselves in island life and in turn they grew to understand and greatly care for the nature reserve. We thank them for their willingness to get stuck into a range of tasks from (very) early morning loading and unloading of the boat, to helping monitor the island's wildlife and running the public trips. They were quick and eager to learn and able to share their growing knowledge with the island's visitors. We are immensely grateful that they gave so much of their time and energy into helping us manage the island – thank you team!

**Claire Lewis  
Warden's Assistant  
Looe Island**



Lauren and Toby



St Pirans Crab by Josh Symes



## LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



**Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday 2021:** Our branch will be holding a short Armistice Day service at the Looe War Memorial on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The service will start at approximately 10.45am with a two minutes silence at 11am and we have arranged for a bugler to play the 'Last Post'. Looe Town Council have informed us that this year they will **not** be holding a civic ceremony at the Looe War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday. Therefore, we have taken it upon ourselves to hold our own Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial, starting at approximately 10.45am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. There will be no procession from the Guildhall, but we are hopeful that the St Pinnock Brass Band will be in attendance at the War Memorial. Poppy wreaths can be laid by organisations, or individuals, on the day, or at a time near to Remembrance Sunday that is convenient to them. We will put further information on our Facebook page 'Looe Royal British Legion' nearer the time.

**Poppy Wreaths:** can be ordered from our Poppy Appeal organisers, David and Annette Bryan, telephone 01503 264130. David and Annette would also like to hear from anyone who is willing to help with the Poppy Appeal collection.

**Poppy Appeal:** True to our branch's unofficial motto that 'A poppy isn't just for November', we took advantage of the relaxation in the Covid-19 restrictions to hold our first street collection in over a year on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Approximately 10 branch members were in attendance at the Rose Garden and collected nearly £600 for the Poppy Appeal. The official national Poppy Appeal will be launched on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Meetings:** Our meetings are held on the first Monday of every month in the lower bar of Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. The meetings start promptly at 7.30pm so be there a few minutes early to say hello.

**Looe War Memorial:** We would like to thank the Looe Harbour Commission for painting the war memorial flagpoles. There are five flags flown at the Memorial which are: Merchant Navy Association, Royal Navy Association, Union Flag (Union Jack), Royal British Legion and R.A.F. Association. The flags are flown on appropriate occasions and kindly raised by the Harbour Car Park staff.

**Silent Soldiers and War Memorial Grounds:** At the time of writing, the two 'silent soldiers' have been removed from the memorial railings for refurbishment by our branch members. They are also producing two more 'silent soldiers', so that eventually there will be one at each corner of the memorial railings. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our members who maintain the grass at our War Memorial and to Looe in Bloom for looking after the Memorial flower beds.

**Lest We Forget – Afghanistan:** In recent weeks have seen the final withdrawal of the coalition forces, including the British contingent, from Afghanistan. Since the start of operations in Afghanistan in October 2001, a total of 457 British forces

personnel and Ministry of Defence civilians have died, 405 of whom were killed as a result of hostile action. One such soldier, who lost his life, was 31 years old Lance Corporal Paul Upton from Looe. Paul was a member of the 1st Battalion, The Rifles, and was killed, with two comrades, by a roadside bomb on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. He had been part of a small team providing mentoring to the Afghanistan Army. In 2010 Paul's name was added to the Looe War Memorial, the first name to be added since WW2. Please find a moment to reflect on all the sacrifices made by our armed forces in Afghanistan.

**Helpline:** If you, or your family, need help or advice from the 'Legion' then please call the RBL's free confidential helpline on 0808 802 8080, where trained staff are waiting to help. Lines are open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

**Looe's WW2 Defences:** One of our branch members has kindly provided us with his boyhood memories of Looe's WW2 defences as follows: "Tank traps and barbed wire were erected on areas at East Looe and West Looe Quay between the fisherman's shed and St. Nicholas Church. Small fixed guns were erected at Pennyland, West Looe, on the Banjo Pier and the gap between front and second beach known as the 'Khyber Pass'. The Wooldown had a radar installation, and a searchlight battery was under the Rock Towers. On the car park area of the Hannafore Point hotel were sited two 6-inch guns which were dark green and had highly polished brass fittings. The Royal Artillery men were barracked in the Nailzee Point. We West Looe boys played football with a tennis ball in West Looe Square and if the ball went into the tank trap area, it was extremely difficult to retrieve it due to the huge coils of rusting barbed wire. Between the ferry steps and the toilets was moored a fast motor launch and a floating target all painted grey. Steve Hunkin was the skipper and used to live in the cottage at the bottom of Hannafore Lane. If the West Looe lads were around when he put to sea they used to run out to Hannafore to watch the live firing. The launch would arrive at the back of the Rannies (rocks to the southeast of Looe Island) and would cross the bay towing the target some distance behind. The shells fired from the two 6-inch guns would splash into the sea sometimes nearer the launch than the target. We often wondered if Steve received danger money, he certainly deserved it."

We would be very interested in hearing of anybody else's war time memories of Looe.

**David Welch – Looe RBL**  
**Tel: 01503 265573 email: [looe.rbl@rbllooe.com](mailto:looe.rbl@rbllooe.com)**

## LOOE RIFLE CLUB

Just over four years ago Looe Rifle Club was faced with the devastation of an arson attack completely gutting their Clubhouse.

Members decided that a Club with over 100yrs of history in the town couldn't be left to die, it would have to be rebuilt. With a pay-out from the building insurance of only £5000 (as the original 1930's clubhouse was a wooden structure) the Club was faced with having to find a lot of money.

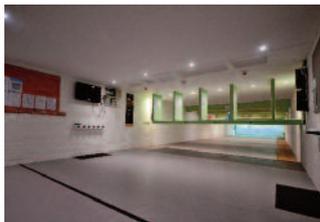
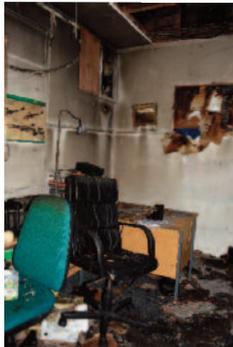
When your sport is shooting, fundraising isn't the easiest task. But cakes and bird boxes were made and sold, events were held including a coffee morning, silent auction, quiz and even a dog show. A crowdfunding page was also set up. Many people pulled together and supported our efforts for which we are eternally grateful. Thank you to each and every one of you who have helped in any way to make our dream of a new Clubhouse come true.

We borrowed the rest of the money needed to complete our project to a very high standard and now have one of the best indoor target shooting ranges in Cornwall.

Our membership stands at 75 at present, with several more coming up to join in the near future. Almost 25% of the membership is made up of ladies and juniors.

Annual membership is £60 for adults and just £10 for juniors, with ranges fees of £3 adults and £2 juniors per evening.

Recently 14 of our members have sent in their entries for the Cornwall Target Shooting Association Autumn shooting competitions. Let's hope we'll soon have Looe Rifle Club members' names back on the trophies.





## LOOE AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB



At last we are meeting again! We are a friendly group of floral enthusiasts who meet every first Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Pelynt Village Hall. Between us we have a wide range of expertise from the very experienced florist or flower arranger to the novice.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October when we will be welcoming Fiona Hammond who is an inspiring demonstrator. Non-members are very welcome; our visitors fee is £5. As a club we respect that folk who might want to wear masks and social distance – there is space so everyone should feel safe to enjoy the afternoon.

The Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies – NAFAS.

Find us on Facebook or contact Kathy Iles 07747896050 if you have any questions.



### **LOOE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: RNLI FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Join us for our RNLI fund raising event on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am till 4pm at the Millpool Centre. We will have a cake stall, jewellery stall, pre-loved clothes, crafts, tombola and the highlight of the afternoon will be live jazz by The Helen White quartet from 2pm. Teas and coffees will be served.

We would love to make this a bumper event to help raise the £78,000 needed for the new life boat.

## DIVISION



Local band Division played on the seafront on 4<sup>th</sup> September (by kind permission of East Looe Town Trust) to raise money towards The Looe Lifeboat Appeal for a replacement for the Ollie Naismith D class lifeboat and to publicly thank the West Looe Town Trust for their support for the band.

A total of £372 was raised by the band who are:

Drums:	Jonty Wearing
Bass guitar:	Charley Anderson
Lead guitar:	Ollie Hallworth
Rhythm guitar/backing vocals:	Will Jaycock
Lead singer:	Tiago Bond





## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



May I wish you all a wonderful, peaceful and fruitful autumn.

As you will be aware, Covid cases, as I write, remain extremely high in Looe and Polperro but, as we reach the end of the holiday season, we hope that cases will begin to lower.

Although not now law I urge residents to maintain the 'hands – face – space' methodology to help to reduce cases in the town which have been in the top four of the highest cases in the country over the past weeks. We have been meeting with Cornwall Council to request additional support for the town to help to reduce cases, and their Covid Marshalls have been visiting the town to offer free lateral flow tests to businesses (not to be confused with our Street Marshalls who have been doing an amazing job of reducing traffic flow through the town throughout the summer months).

Cornwall Council have analysed cases and by far the most significant method of transmission that their statistics show is inter-family transmission. If any member of your family tests positive please try to help them isolate within the home and maintain Covid measures. I am aware that this is difficult, if not impossible, for some families but I urge you to try.

Many of you are asking what events are happening this year and I have to thank the Harbour Commissioners, East Looe Town Trust, Looe Development Trust, Looe Lions, Looe Royal British Legion, Looe Firework Display, Looe Co-op, Looe Christmas lighting group and Santa, amongst others for meeting with us to work on the plan for the town. All of the organisations in the town strongly feel that now is not the time to organise formal events, but want to support residents to enjoy the town. I would like to update you on what will, and will not, be organised this year.

**Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November** – there will be a small ceremony organised by the Looe RBL to commemorate. If you wish to view this it will be live streamed on the Looe Town Council Facebook page.

**Remembrance Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November** – there will be no parade again this year and we invite organisations and individuals to lay wreaths in the week before (avoiding the 11<sup>th</sup>). Looe RBL will again be holding a small ceremony which will be live streamed.

**Light switch-on, Lantern Parade and Carol concert** – there is no ceremony this year but, thanks to the Lions, we will again be broadcasting the switch-on on Facebook with a Drone flying high over the town which should be an amazing view! There was much talk on rising prices of electricity but all of the organisations within

the town agreed that Looe without lights at Christmas was not Looe at all. If you are a resident and have problems with fuel poverty you may be eligible for support through Looe Hardship fund: <https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/covid-19>.

**Lantern Making workshop** – this will be going ahead on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, so please book. These workshops are free and we hope to accommodate as many children and families as possible. Details to follow on session times from our website [www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk). We hope that these lanterns will help Santa to find his way and welcome him to Looe.

**Santa** – the announcement you have all been waiting for! Santa will, again, be touring the town and surrounding area on his sleigh, accompanied by his reindeer. The route and times will be announced as soon as his Christmas Elves have finished the planning, and details will be on Facebook and our website.

The competition for business, large residential and small residential lighting displays will also be going ahead. While it would be wonderful to again see Looe lit up this winter please do not feel it is obligatory to 'shine a light'. Details once more will be on our website.

**New Year's Eve Fireworks** – these will not be going ahead again this year. This is the statement: It is with a sad heart, we have to inform you all that the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display for 2021 has been cancelled. The general feeling across the town with Harbour, Council, pubs etc. is that we need to try and keep the town as empty as possible over winter and try to get our rate back down. Hopefully we'll see in 2022, so stay safe, and let's kick this virus once and for all! All the best, The Shockwave Crew.

There will be additional physical and virtual fun which is in planning at the moment so please keep an eye on our noticeboards and also online. Also please consider donating to the Looe 'Spirit of Christmas' this year – your support, particularly this year, is more important than ever to help our neighbours, vulnerable people, children and community who may be struggling. You will be able to donate online from the 1<sup>st</sup> October on our website.

The Town Council have several new members of the team, most notably our amazing Library and Community Hub team and new Deputy Clerk. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the re-modelled Library then please visit – it is warm, welcoming and open for business! The Library is now open most days (apart from Wednesday), and will be open on Saturday mornings from 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The whole team are excited to welcome you and support the community so please pop in and say hello. Our Council officers are always open to discussion and I thank them for greatly improving our customers' experience as well as helping us meet the Council and town priorities including economic development. We are currently working on the Town Council's vision, values and strategy so please keep an eye on our website as we would love your feedback.

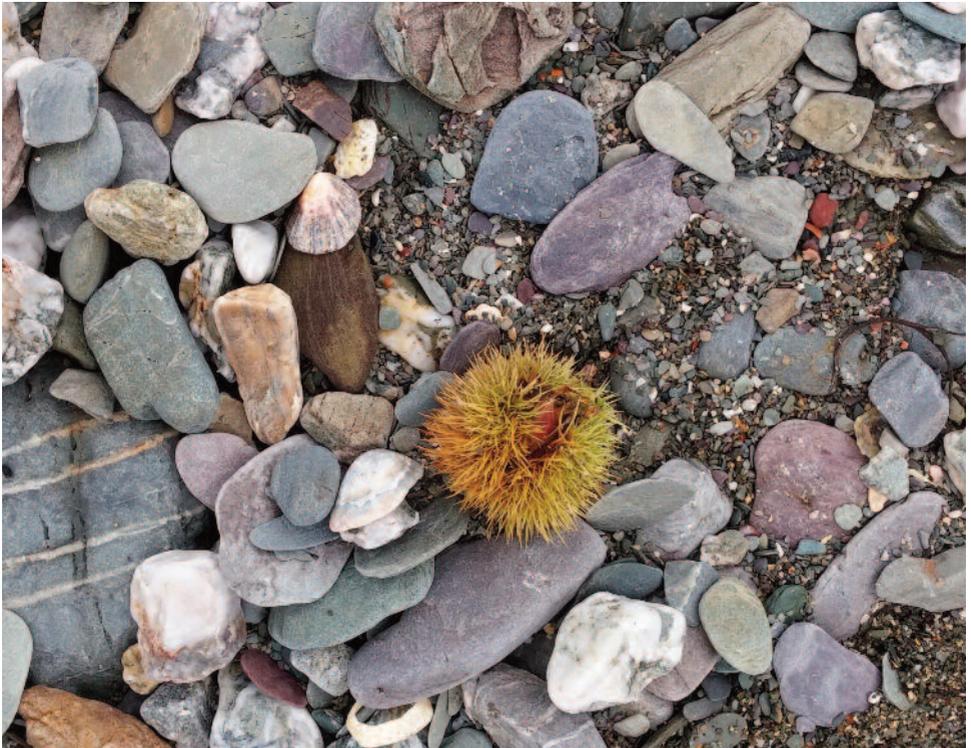
It is nearly time to vote on our Neighbourhood Development Plan, a plan that has been developed by residents, for residents within the Town. Your vote is important as it help us to support the Town for the future. The key themes are to:

- Support the economy
- Enable self-sufficient and resilient communities
- Promote good health and wellbeing for everyone
- Make the most of our environment

To view the plan please go to <http://www.futurelooe.town/>.

Finally it only remains for me to remind you that, as Town Councillors, we are at your service and welcome feedback on Town Council activities at any time. Stay safe and my very best wishes to you all.

**Cllr Martin Gregory**  
**Mayor of Looe**





## NEW DEPUTY CLERK AT LOOE TOWN COUNCIL



Looe Town Council team welcomes our new Deputy Clerk, Kate Puckey, to the team. Kate says:

I have recently joined the Council after five years working for the DWP. In my five years I worked in a variety of locations across the country and was lucky to have the opportunity to work in a wide array of roles. Prior to that I worked in insurance and hospitality and spent three years in Australia travelling, working and studying for a Business Management degree at the International College of Management Sydney.



I grew up in Polperro and Looe, and I am excited to be part of a team where we can make a real difference to the community of Looe and for the people.

In my spare time, I enjoy a variety of things including climbing, crocheting and spending time with my son and my dog. We like going out for walks and our favourite Looe spots are Hannafore and Kilminorth where both my son and my dog like to get as wet and muddy as possible!

### CONTACT CORNWALL COUNCIL

General Enquiries (and all services)	0300 1234 100
Children, Schools and Families	0300 1234 101
Libraries	0300 1234 111
Benefits	0300 1234 121
Adult Care and Support	0300 1234 131
Refuse and Recycling	0300 1234 141
Planning	0300 1234 151
Housing	0300 1234 161
Council Tax and Business Rates	0300 1234 171
Registration Service	0300 1234 181
Trading Standards	0300 1234 191
Environmental Management	0300 1234 202
Environmental Health and Licensing	0300 1234 212
Roads, Transport and Parking	0300 1234 222
Fire and Community Safety	0300 1234 232

**WEBSITE:** [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to an 01 or 02 number and must count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way as 01 and 02 calls.

## HELLO FROM THE COMMUNITY HUB

Since we opened our doors to the public on 26<sup>th</sup> July, we have enjoyed meeting and greeting the public. We have been delighted to meet regular library borrowers and welcome many new faces. In addition, we have shared information with many visitors helping them to enjoy their stay in Looe. We were honoured to have Mayor Gregory, & his wife and Cllr Hannaford launch our opening.



**Summer Reading Challenge**  
Over 50 children came into the library to join the Summer Reading Challenge with many more joining online. Children have enjoyed the new look of the Junior Library and have written book reviews for the display board.



### Craft Fun

During August, we teamed up with Looe Marine Conservation Group and had fun creating & painting sea creatures.



### Looking Ahead

When it is safe to do so we will run a variety of community groups. We are busy planning these now so watch this space!

### New Look Library & PCs

We have been busy reorganising the library to make it welcoming for you and now have public PCs working too.

### Back to Basics Campaign

We will be sharing regular 'Do you know' facts to erase any myths and highlight what a modern library service offers. Look out for posts on social media, Looe Town Council website and posters around the town.

Please come along to the Hub and say hello if you have not been down since we reopened. We hope to continue to offer the community a great service.

**Catherine, Carly, Tania & Nic**

**The Community Hub Team**

**Follow our Library & Community Hub Facebook Page for regular updates**



## LOOE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM SEEK HELP WITH VOTE YES! CAMPAIGN



The Looe Development Plan (NDP), which has been five years in the making, is now on the home straight as it nears its final approval at referendum this autumn.

Co-Chair of the NDP steering group Cllr Edwina Hannaford said, “The plan needs one last push and a fair wind to get us over the finishing line at referendum.” We are very grateful to all the volunteers over the years who have helped gather the views and evidence that has shaped the NDP, but we now need the communities help, one last time.”

Co-Chair Cllr James Lundy said, “We need all hands on deck to form a “VOTE YES!” campaign team to ensure as many people as possible get out to vote.” “So if you are at a loose end for a few hours this autumn, shake a leg and come on board!”

The Steering Group has already developed a communications plan but need community expertise to promote a positive outcome to the referendum. Edwina added, “Because of election rules, Looe Town Council is unable to promote a Yes vote, although we are able to encourage people to get out and vote. That’s why we need the community’s help to form a Vote Yes! campaign team.”

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community’s needs.

The Steering Group are looking for just a few hours commitment through October and November to undertake the following tasks:

- Developing the messaging, and presenting in an interesting way
- Creating social media posts and graphics
- Explaining what’s in the plan to residents
- Producing promotional material like stickers, posters, flyers and graphics
- Distributing literature
- Pop up information sessions in the town



The plan, which is as result of extensive consultation and surveys includes the following policies:

- Limiting the number of second homes with a principle residency clause
- Promoting good quality local need affordable housing
- Improving the quality of new builds and extensions with local distinctiveness
- Respecting the historic fabric of the town and the conservation area
- Enabling the development of Polean to provide business space and jobs
- Maintaining the town centres as retail and social destinations
- Protecting the town from flooding
- Improving bathing water quality
- Tackling climate change, protect and enhance our natural environment
- Compelling applicants to take into account land stability
- Protecting and enhance our green spaces
- Improving town infrastructure i.e. digital connectivity and community facilities

If you can spare a little time to join the Looe Neighbourhood Development plan Vote Yes! campaign team then join us at a special Zoom briefing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm to find out how you can join the crew:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81076479254?pwd=SDg0OS9FSU9NTjBaZis5V2lRHNFQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 7647 9254

Passcode: 384009

For further information call Looe Town Council on 01503 262255 or email [enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk).

Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan - Submission Draft: [bit.ly/3i8LHYU](https://bit.ly/3i8LHYU)

[www.futurelooe.town](http://www.futurelooe.town)





## LOOE TOWN COUNCIL

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# Living in Looe

## Protecting our Conservation Area

Looe's history and character made it a Conservation Area in 1973. Help us preserve and enhance our heritage and the town's distinctive features by seeking Planning advice before you do any work to buildings in this area.



Looe Town Council is consulted by the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) about Planning Applications in the town. You can attend our Planning Committee meetings if a particular Application interests you or just to see what happens there

The Town Council will support alterations and building proposals that preserve or enhance the distinctive character of the area.

### LISTED BUILDINGS

Some buildings are also 'Listed' for their architectural and/or historic interest. These may be within or outside a Conservation Area and additional Listed Building Consent is needed for any work to these.

### TREES

In conservation areas, the Planning Authority requires 6 weeks notice for work to any trees with a trunk diameter of more than 75mm.

## WHEN DO I NEED PLANNING PERMISSION?

Owning or living in a property in a Conservation Area is a real privilege but does mean more rules apply when you want to alter a building.

An Article 4(2) Direction applies in the Looe Conservation Area which means that some alterations normally classed as 'permitted development' will need planning permission. This includes replacing windows and doors; erecting a porch; changing roofs and chimneys; erecting or demolishing boundary walls; and even painting or rendering a building's facade.

Applying for planning permission gives the opportunity for Planners to guide you on appropriate development for the area.



Contact the Planning team at Cornwall Council for advice about any planning proposals you have on 0300 1234 151 [planning@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:planning@cornwall.gov.uk)

Further information about Looe's Conservation Area and the requirements of Article 4(2) can be found on the Planning Information page of our website at [www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk).

### OTHER PEOPLE'S PLANS

You will be consulted if your immediate neighbours apply for Planning Permission but anyone can comment on planning matters.

If you want to give an opinion on a proposal, please submit your comments to Cornwall Council through the online Planning Portal or via email.

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME UPDATE

We are continuing to work with our partners to build the strong economic case required to help secure Government and other sources of funding to deliver this much needed scheme.

As part of our case we need to gather as much evidence as possible on the dates and extent of historical flooding over the past 20 years. While we have already received information and pictures about previous flooding incidents in the town from a number of people, we are still keen to gather more information so please contact us if you have any further evidence which could help to strengthen our case for funding. Please email information to [LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk).

Over the coming weeks and months we will be collecting more detailed data to inform the final design. This includes information on tidal levels, tidal flow, and the movement of sediment along the river; as well as carrying out detailed ground investigations.

As part of this work, Socotec will be on site with drilling rigs from 4<sup>th</sup> October, which will involve some fencing on the beach and at the back of the beach to maintain public safety during these works.

Once the final designs have been developed and the funding has been secured, the scheme will be subject to a significant planning process before any final decision is taken. This will include an application for planning permission, as well as well as application for a harbour revision order and a marine licence.

If the necessary permissions are secured in accordance with the current timetable, construction could begin in 2024, with scheme completed by 2026.

You can find out more about the project at:

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-flood-defence>

You can also email us at [LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:LooeFloodDefence@cornwall.gov.uk)



Looe Flood Defence and  
**Regeneration Scheme**



## LOOE SAILING CLUB

Once again the sailing season seems to be going by very quickly as we are now at the end of September. Evening racing has finished now the light is failing much earlier, although Saturday racing continues until the end of October.

A wonderful week in paradise was enjoyed by all the sailors and families from Looe who travelled to the beautiful Isles of Scilly for the Redwing National Championships at the end of August. The weather was great, although the sailing programme had to be changed at times due to a lack of wind.

Five races were managed during the week. However the final day's racing had to be abandoned due to a complete lack of wind. Nine crews from Looe took part, making up the largest contingent in the event. The Club also supplied the race and safety boat teams. Many thanks go to Dominic Lozynski and his team for laying the courses and looking after everyone afloat. The remainder of the fleet came from the Isles of Scilly, North Devon and Tenby.

Matt Jaycock and David Jackman from Looe enjoyed their week, winning all five races to retain the overall winners' trophy they won the last time the event was held in 2019. The nearest they came to being beaten was in the fourth race when Jack



Matt Jaycock & Dave Jackman – photo by Neil Richardson

Pope and John Crabb managed to gain the lead but were forced to retire late in the race with gear failure.

Runners up were another Looe crew Simon Bennett and Adam Hayler who managed four second places during the weeks racing.

It was good to see some younger crews taking part, which should bode well for the future of the class when some of the senior members decide to put their feet up.

Looking to the near future, the Club will be staging an Enterprise Open Meeting over the first weekend in October, with five races over the two days. Early indications suggest there will be a good sized fleet on the water.

Junior sail training is also taking place on Saturday mornings, although with smaller numbers than usual due to the recent restrictions.

## LOOE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

Looe Scottish Country Dancers are back. At long last we are able to dance again, thanks to Riverside Church who have kindly suggested we use the Church until such time as we are allowed to dance at the Community Hall. I know that Riverside wants to be used as much as possible, as it is at the heart of Looe and exists to serve the community in every way possible, and "if you don't use it, then you lose it" and we don't want that do we? So we are very happy to rent the Church for our dancing, and we have both doors open so passers-by should be able to hear the lovely Scottish dancing music. So if you hear the music and want to investigate why not pop in and see what it is all about and have a go?

So, what have we been doing this last year and a half? When lockdown was lifted we started walking together, so now we know each other far better than we did before. We have encouraged and helped each other and written poetry, taken photos etc. and now have a colourful and special Covid Book filled with photos, poetry and walks, riddles and cartoons. You name it, we had a go at it.

My personal thanks to all our dancers who have been so good at lifting my spirits, they really are special people. Why not join us and find out what it is all about, and at the same time get fitter both in mind and body.

For more information contact me at: [bettyattrill@gmail.com](mailto:bettyattrill@gmail.com).



**ST. WENNA'S CHURCH MORVAL**  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
**19TH - 21ST NOVEMBER 2021**

**CHRISTMAS  
SPARKLE**

<b>FRI. 19th</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
<b>SAT. 20th</b>	<b>10 - 4pm</b>	<b>Craft Stall</b>
<b>SUN. 21st</b>	<b>1 - 4pm</b>	<b>Raffle</b>

**Can you help to bring the Ollie Naismith II to Looe?**

Next year, our current D Class Ollie Naismith will have reached the end of its operational life and needs to be replaced. To make this happen the RNLI has launched The Looe Lifeboat Appeal – Ollie Naismith II. Our appeal has received several generous donations and our supporters continue come up with some wonderful fundraising events. People wishing to support the appeal can donate and/or fundraise in a number of ways:

- Visit our JustGiving page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/looe-lifeboat-appeal>  
or visit our donate page <http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/donate.html>
- If you want to hold a fundraising event or activity, you can set up your own JustGiving page by visiting:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Looe-Lifeboat-Appeal>  
and clicking on the “Start Fundraising” button.

**Keeping safe as summer draws to a close:** Throughout the pandemic, our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Our RNLI Lifeguard teams on Whitsand Bay have started the process of ending lifeguard patrols on certain beaches using staggered closures. Patrols at Freathy have already finished. Patrols at Seaton and Sharrow will finish on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Tregantle beach will be patrolled weekends only until 26<sup>th</sup> September. Daily patrols at Tregonhawke continue until 26<sup>th</sup> September, our lifeguards will then be on Tregonhawke beach for the weekends only and the whole of the October half term.

If you visit these beaches when there is no lifeguard cover please take extra care, remember to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help. If you need help or see someone in difficulties call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

Remember to pay attention to the orange windsock on East Looe Town Trust’s building by the Old Lifeboat Station. If it is pointing out to sea this denotes an offshore wind which can easily blow an inflatable, stand up paddleboard, kayak or canoe out to sea and hinder your attempts to return to shore safely.

**Shout:** Our volunteer crews have been kept busy over the summer months launching to 11 shouts between 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021. More information on these shouts can be found at [www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts](http://www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts).

**Souvenir Shop:** Our Souvenir Shop beside the boathouse is open daily between 11am and 4pm. The shop has a wide range of products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2022 calendars.

## LOOE VALLEY SINGERS

The Looe Valley Singers have finally managed to sing to a live audience, performing their first concert in 18 months.

Having had to cancel a few bookings planned for the end of the summer, the choir not only sang in public but also managed to raise money for a charity close to their hearts, the RNLI lifeboat station in Looe.



Secretary of Looe RNLI Marilyn Berry said: “A huge thank you to the ladies of the Looe Valley Singers for a wonderful afternoon. You really brightened up a grey day and the audience obviously thoroughly enjoyed your singing as we collected a superb £432, a record for this year! “We hope that you were able to enjoy the occasion and it rewarded your many months of hard work and effort. It was lovely to actually collect monies for the new Lifeboat Appeal in such a delightful way.”

Socially, the choir are tentatively looking to book a Christmas meal in Looe, and a possible theatre visit, but in the meantime, they are rehearsing for Christmas performances by continuing to practise outside for as long as the weather will allow.

The Looe Valley Singers would like to welcome their two newest members Evelyn and Glenda who joined the choir recently, and would like to encourage anyone who is interested in joining the group to contact Jill at: [jillthomson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillthomson1@hotmail.co.uk) or Kathy at: [kathyhebbbs@btinternet.com](mailto:kathyhebbbs@btinternet.com).

# THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL

**The Raddy Collection Exhibition  
20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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Looe Museum is very proud of its collection of images handed down by the Raddy family, photographers in the town since the end of the 1800s. Over the years we have been given sporadic access to the Collection and also have been able to collect postcards issued by the family business over the years. At the end of 2019 we were presented with over 470 glass plates by Colin Raddy, the fourth generation of the family to run the shop in Fore St. As Museum Manager, I applied for a South West Museums 'Small Grant Big Improvement' grant in March 2020 and we were awarded a full grant towards digitising all of these plates. The contract was awarded to GENUS, a specialist archive digitisation service, and their work on the images, as well as the reduction in their rates because we are such a small museum, has resulted in a wonderful addition to the Museum's archives. They are now all catalogued and will be available for sale as prints, cards, jigsaws etc. via our website link to mediastorehouse, which will be available very soon.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Colin Raddy in 2020 – and this long awaited exhibition of the images is in memory of him and the advice and support that he gave towards this project. Kevin Raddy will open the exhibition on 20<sup>th</sup> October with our Mayor. A percentage of the sale of the images will be incorporated into a new 'Colin Raddy Memorial Prize' for young Looe photographers, which will be awarded once a year. My thanks go to Kevin Raddy and the Raddy family for their support of the Museum.

## **The Raddy Family**

Alfred Ernest Raddy was born in Liskeard on September 5<sup>th</sup> 1879. His father was a general carrier with a contract to deliver the mail in the area and Alfred was given the job of delivering to Looe and Polperro. This meant an early start, meeting the train at Liskeard Station around 6am, before journeying down to Looe and onto Polperro. Once in Polperro he would then have to wait around nearly all day before leaving at 5pm to head back to Liskeard.

Out of boredom AE took up photography, buying himself a camera and tripod. His time in Polperro was soon taken up taking photos of the harbour and all those around it, and before long he and his family would move to West Looe where he set up as a professional photographer. When the First World War came along, AE served in the Royal Flying Corps, possibly as an aerial photographer. On return he transferred the business from West Looe to East Looe, and the family have remained in the same building ever since.



Although the business would become known as AE Raddy and Sons, it was left to the eldest son Tom to run the shop as AE got older and eventually died. Tom continued his father's love of taking photos and also built up a large collection of early images taken by others, including many glass lantern slides from the late 1800s.

Tom's son Rex would be the third generation of the Raddy family to run the shop and studio, now based in a large upstairs room lit by skylights. Photography was about to explode with the arrival of instamatic and Polaroid cameras making the whole process accessible to all. Films could now be sent away and developed within a few days, allowing holidaymakers to get their snaps developed before they returned home.

As the 20th century came to a close Rex handed over the day to day running of the shop to his son Colin. Sadly soon after, Rex would have a stroke, which eventually led to his death. Colin continued as the technology of photography was revolutionised by digital cameras and mobile phones. The 21st century does not bode well for small independent photographic shops, but for the moment the name of AE Raddy still graces Looe Fore Street, and the images collected there play a big part in telling the story of Looe over the last 150 years or so.

**Petra Stephenson**  
**Volunteer Museum Manager**

## **SCLERDER ABBEY**

Chemin Neuf Community will hold two Quiet Days at Sclerder Abbey during November - on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The days run from 10am to 4pm, with two short introductions and plenty of time for personal prayer and quiet in the Abbey and the Abbey garden. A simple lunch will be provided.

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# Looe Valley Trails



## Looe to Cremyll recommended route

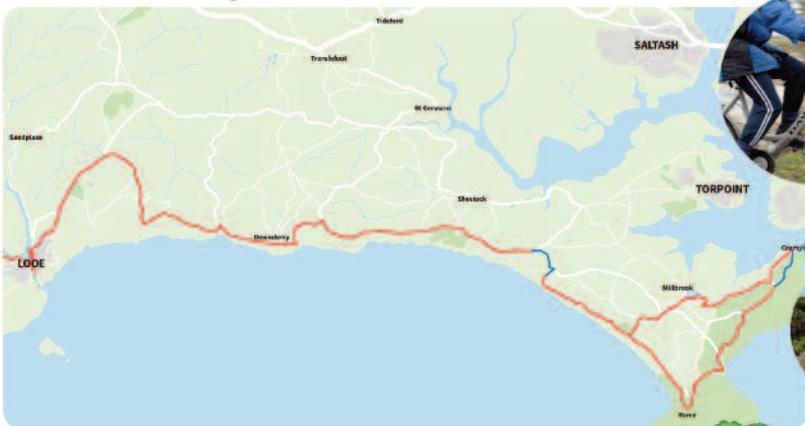
Details of the recommended Looe Valley Trails route between Looe and Cremyll have now been published and the project team are keen to hear the views of members of the public.

The proposed route covers a distance of around 32km between Looe and Cremyll, covering the main population centres of Downderry, Seaton, Portwrinkle, Craffhole and Freathy along the way.

Linked to the promoted National Cycle Network from Plymouth, the on-road waymarked route is mainly aimed at more confident and experienced trail users. At the Cremyll end of the route, there is an 8km on-road loop which provides a waymarked route connecting the settlements in the Rame area and completes a gap in the existing promoted cycle network, providing a safe environment for all to enjoy the area.

A number of changes have been made to the original proposals following initial feedback from people in the community. Read on for more details.

## Looe Valley Trails Looe - Cremyll Overview



### KEY

- = route option, on road
- = route option, off road



Changes include taking steps to secure an off-road section in the Tregantle Fort area to build a new path adjacent to the B3247 road from the junction with Anthony Hill, all the way round to Military Road, following concerns over high traffic volumes and speeds from motorised users. This will also provide a safe pedestrian route at all times, closing the gap in the coast path at times when the Ministry of Defence need to close the route that traverses across their land.

Work is also taking place to look at road improvements through Craffhole following concerns from the local community over the impact of traffic on the current route.

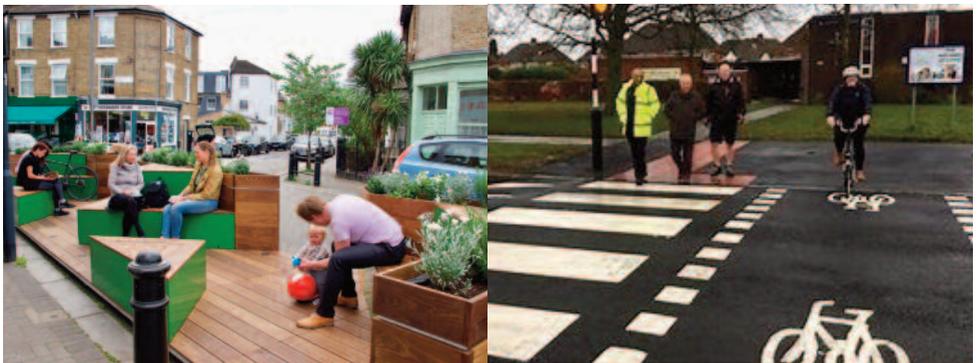
As well as seeking the views of the public on the recommended route, the project team are asking for feedback on potential enhancement options to support the trail's success. These include new stopping places, parklets, additional signage and bike-parking facilities. Other potential options include parallel zebra crossings which include pedestrian and cycle crossings.

Details of the recommended Looe to Cremyll route and the potential enhancements are available on the Let's Talk site: [letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-valley-trails](http://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/looe-valley-trails), together with other information about the project.

People who are not online can pick up information about the recommended route from Looe Town Council offices at the Millpool and from other local places along the route to Cremyll.

Plans are also being made to hold a series of consultation days to enable people to ask questions and give their views on the recommended routes once all three have been finalised. Details of dates and times of these events will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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Tues	8.30am - 9.30am 11am - 12pm 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm 6.15pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm	Pilates with Kerry - 07588 220 007 1st floor Pilates with Gocha Wellness ground Floor 07539 178 840 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila's School of Dance 07866771429 Gentle Exercise Class with Looe Breathers - 01503 265947 1st floor Power Hooping : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor Pure Stretch : Bond Fitness 07779 059 868 1st floor
Weds	8am—9.30am 10am - 11am 11.30 & 1pm 10.30am - 11.30am 6pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 Hartbeeps: Musical play sessions for pre school children: Ground Floor Hartbeeps: contact Lisa 07786 544 849 Ground floor (term time only) Physio-led Pilates for <b>beginners</b> (Rebecca: to book <a href="http://www.mikeredshaw.com">www.mikeredshaw.com</a> ) starts 30th June 1st Floor Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor
Thurs	8.30am - 9.30am 9.45am - 10.45am 11am - 12pm 11am - 12pm 4pm - 9.30pm 7pm - 9pm	Pilates Kerry King 1st floor Pilates Kerry King 1st floor Sheila's School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor Pilates with Gocha Wellness Ground Floor 07539 178 840 Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Dance with Jodie 1st floor : call Jodie on 07584 428 163 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY) Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775(starts end July 2021) ground floor
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## KELTIQUE NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Our concerts**

In our last article, we explained how delighted we had been that our programme of events had finally restarted on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July with a concert to support the RNLI. That event had started a programme of concerts aimed at raising money to replace the existing Ollie Naismith lifeboat. We were delighted to be invited to sing again for the RNLI on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm on the seafront. It is always our pleasure to support such an excellent cause as the RNLI.

We have had more opportunities to perform outdoors with four concerts at the Quayside Centre on the following Friday evenings: 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. The concerts were free and we welcomed donations to our chosen local cancer charity for the year: the Triangle Centre based in Liskeard. We will let you know how much we raised in total in the next edition.

It has been wonderful to be out there singing, in the open air with very appreciative audiences of locals and holidaymakers alike. Most of all it was lovely to be creating music together again.



### **Our practice sessions**

All Keltique's members had been asked to complete a voluntary survey to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible if indoor practices and events were to resume. Having carried out a full Risk Assessment, we decided to resume our indoor practice sessions from 9<sup>th</sup> August in the Riverside Church. However, to ensure we were safe, we suspended our practice sessions temporarily when the Covid infection rate was high in Looe early September.

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at [www.keltique.org.uk](http://www.keltique.org.uk), our Facebook page, or call Carole on 01503 263237.

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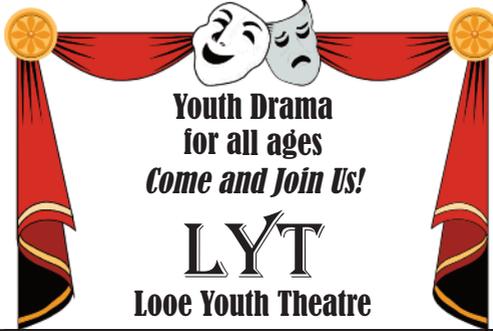
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