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NEWS FROM THE EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST



The Guildhall: Following the comprehensive repair of the stonework to prevent flaking masonry and water penetration to the clock tower of the Guildhall, the scaffolding has now been removed and we are very pleased with the appearance. The internals of the clock have also been refurbished along with the clock faces, and the clock chimes are back.

Guildhall Weddings: The Guildhall Chamber is licensed for weddings and there are many booked in for this year. If you are thinking of tying the knot, then please call the office and come and see our beautiful Chamber. The happy couple exiting the Grade II listed building generally stops the traffic and is a fantastic sight.

Guildhall Tea Room: is found on the ground floor of the Guildhall. This is run by volunteers and is open six days a week from 10am-12noon. Please pop in and have a cuppa and a chat – everyone is welcome.

The Old Guildhall Gaol and Museum: Our enthusiastic volunteer team are continuing to open the Museum to the public and are working hard on new displays. Please call in, step back in time and discover the fascinating history of our town. There are new and interactive displays to be enjoyed as well as a wealth of information on family history and photographs showing the development of Looe. More information at www.looemuseum.co.uk.

Summer has returned and so that means **Looe Carnival**. Looe Lions, as always, organises the many events that make up the Carnival week. East Looe Town Trust was happy to work alongside the Lions to assist with the sandcastle modelling competition on our beach and generally support the carnival week.

Return of competition sailing: East Looe Town Trust was also delighted to be able to assist Looe Sailing Club in hosting the National Scorpion Class dinghies racing. You may have noticed over 60 boats arriving for nearly a week and enjoying good racing out in Looe bay.

Beach: East Looe Town Trust works hard as a charity to keep the beach clean and tidy and ready to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. You may have seen our hard-working maintenance team out and about. Many people are surprised that the beach is privately owned by a charity and that no government grants or funding such as council tax are received to assist with the cost of looking after the beach and seafront and disposing of the rubbish from the bins. For more information please see www.eastlooe towntrust.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

East Looe Town Trust is proud to have the water refill point on the seafront – this is provided free of charge to seafront users to refill their reusable water bottles. Please do your bit to help reduce the use of single-use plastic.

We would ask that all beach users continue to use the litter bins provided and take care of our precious environment. We would remind beach users to please use and dispose of BBQs responsibly. Please do not leave used BBQs on the sand, as they can cause severe burns – take your BBQ home or, for disposable ones, put them in the metal bins provided on the seafront.

Beach Safety: When using our beach, please be aware of the sea and weather conditions. Take a few minutes to read the signs on the entrance to the beach and note the orange windsock which will give information about the direction of the wind. The yellow buoys denoting the swim zone area of the beach are in place and no unauthorised craft are permitted in this area. Please be aware that no craft are to be launched from the beach, without the express permission of East Looe Town Trust. Further sea safety information is provided by the RNLI. Please take note of safety advice and have a very enjoyable and safe summer.

Jane Day
Trust Manager



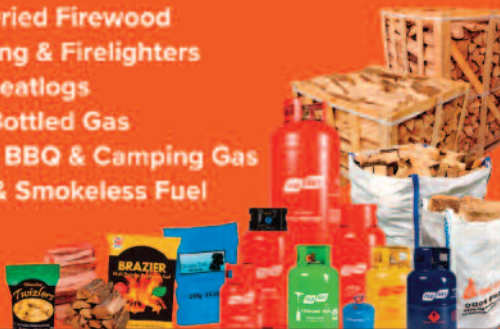
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CORNISH CHARITY APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING AMBASSADORS ACROSS CORNWALL

Citizens Advice Cornwall is appealing for people to come forward as volunteers to help not only with providing advice and support, but also with fundraising and raising awareness.

Like many charities, Citizens Advice Cornwall relies heavily on volunteers to be able to continue its work. As the cost of living and energy crisis deepens, the demand for the charity's services across the county is increasing. Fundraising Ambassadors are needed for a variety of roles including organising and attending fundraising events, talking to groups and organisations, organising collection tins etc. Opportunities are also available for volunteer advisors and administrators.

Last year, Citizens Advice Cornwall helped more than 9,000 people with almost 40,000 issues, wrote-off debt worth a total of over £1million and gained income worth more than £8.1million. It costs Citizens Advice Cornwall around £1.5m to run the service each year, a figure that is set to rise as the need for help increases.

Community Fundraising Manager, Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, said: "As a charity our entire service relies heavily on our amazing volunteers and fundraising is no different. Fundraising is important to any charity and there are lots of opportunities for people to be able to help. No experience is necessary, just a passion for the charity, as full training will be given."

Citizens Advice Cornwall provides free, independent and confidential advice on a wide range of subjects for everyone in the community, including benefits, debt, housing, relationship issues, employment and redundancy, consumer, legal issues and more.



Could you be a Volunteer Ambassador?

Citizens Advice Cornwall are looking for Ambassadors to:

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- Research potential supporters

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LOOE SAILING CLUB

After a long three-year gap, the Club was finally able to host another sailing championship when the Scorpion fleet arrived in Looe for their National Championships at the end of July. 69 crews arrived from all over England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



The event started with ideal sailing weather enabling five races to take place over the first two days. When the video was played in the Clubhouse afterwards there were some gasps as everyone enjoyed watching the skilled sailing, especially those at the front of the fleet. During the week, the conditions lightened with only one race possible on the third day and sailing cancelled with no wind on day four.

Fortunately, the race committee read the conditions well and after putting back the start, three races were managed on the final afternoon.

Everyone was full of praise for the effort of the race team, beach team and the bar staff at the presentations held on the Friday morning following a breakfast of bacon baps and coffee.

Overall winners were Tom Gillard and Rachael Gray from Staunton Harold Sailing Club in the Midlands. Looe Sailing Club did extremely well, providing four of the top six finishers.

Grateful thanks go to Looe Harbour Commissioners and East Looe Town Trust – without their support the event would not have taken place – and to the many sponsors and suppliers of provisions for their input.

Last, but not least, many thanks to all the members and friends of the Club who came forward once again to offer their help, especially as there was more help than usual needed this year.

Meanwhile, Club sailing has continued as normal right up to the Championships, and members are looking forward to getting away in late August for the Enterprise and Redwing Nationals both being held at Tenby in West Wales.



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3rd Sunday	Lay led worship St. Nicholas West Looe	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
4th Sunday	Café Church (Hall)	-	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion (BML)
5th Sunday	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30am – see websites and notice boards			
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For other events, please see websites and notice boards.				



LOOE LIONS

Looe Lions Carnival

Sunday 24th – Saturday 30th July

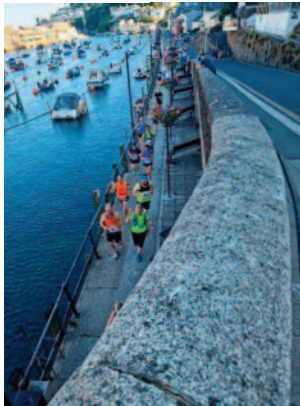


Rally Day and Car Boot – Sunday

A glorious day, with a number of vintage vehicles including cars, tractors and machinery. All exhibitors received an engraved medal, “Looe Rally Day 2022”. The entertainment was by the local band, Huckleberry Finns. For nourishment there was a Bar Tent, Tea Tent and BBQ along with support from Liskeard Lions who supplied sausage and bacon baps all day.

Floral Dance and Royalty choosing – Monday

Another glorious evening with a number of dancers following on behind Liskeard Silver Band. The dancers included Shelia’s school of dance and Looe Town Mayor, Edwina Hannaford. The Royalty Princess was Phoebe along with her attendants, Archie and Cece.



Summer Run – Tuesday

The Looe Summer Run returned this year to Looe Carnival. Previously known as the Looe Fun Run, this year was the first year for a slightly different route which was extended from 4.5 miles to 6 miles. The main aim was to attract a wider group of runners from across Cornwall to race against Looe runners and visitors. The main 6-mile route received 80 entries and the junior fun run received 46 entries. The extended run will be a permanent fixture in Carnival Week; the new woodland route was very warmly received with great comments coming back to the club through social media – on its route, scenery and lovely Marshalls.

The overall winner, setting a course time of 39 minutes 23 seconds, was Mathew Payne from Drownfield Running Club, who happened to be in Looe on holiday. First lady home Bex Ezra from Saltash. First Looe female, Joanne Robinson, first Looe male Dale Staff. Junior winners were Lucas Sweeney and Phoebe Crabb.



Sand modelling – Wednesday

Around 50 youngsters entered the Sand Modelling competition on East Looe main beach thanks to East Looe Town Trust. Exhibits ranged from castles to octopuses, and mermaids to sea creatures. There were two age categories: 0-6 and 7-15. Two judges from ELTT oversaw the event with 5 x 1st prize rosettes and everyone else received a “Well Done” rosette.



Looe Ukulele Band & Polperro Fisherman's Choir – Thursday

Very well attended event which raised over £300 for the Looe Lions Charity fund. Big thankyou to both Choirs and the RNLI for an excellent evening.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings

Sheila's School of Dancing arranged a very successful 3-night concert called “Dance to Save the Planet” which was held in Duloe Village Hall.

Three-Legged Race – Friday

There were some truly wonderful and funny outfits and I hope a good time was had by all. There were at least 59 teams (118 entrants) meaning that at least £590 pounds was raised for Looe Exercise Group (formerly Looe Breathers) which I know they will be so grateful for and delighted with.

There is one group of people without whose very kind generosity, this would not have been possible and that is the landlords and managers of the pubs that so kindly supported this event and supplied the free drinks; namely – The Jolly Sailor Inn, Looe Portbyhan Hotel & Restaurant, Harbour Moon, The Globe Inn, JJ's Bar, The Ship Inn Looe, The Bullers, Fishermans Arms and last, but not least, Boscarn Beer Garden. We are lucky to have you and your support.



Carnival Procession – Saturday

This is the climax to the Looe Lions Carnival week with many regular attendees from individuals, groups, floats and dancers. The procession followed the usual route from Hannafore through West Looe, over the Bridge and around the streets of East Looe. Bands included Plymouth Pipe Band, Liskeard Silver Band, St Pinnock Brass Band and Samba Kernow.



The Great Looe River Duck Race Sunday 28th August

This is our next big event when 5000 yellow plastic ducks are hurled from Looe Bridge to take their chances of being caught in the fishing net which is stretched across the river just up from the RNLI station. Tickets are available at various shops and at the Car Boot which is held at West Waylands betwixt Looe and Polperro every Sunday.

A record number of rafts raised vital funds for Looe RNLI Lifeboat Station:

After an enforced break of two years due to Covid restrictions, the Looe Raft Race returned to Looe on Sunday 10th July 2022, to the delight of all participants and supporters. The town was packed to watch the rafters negotiate the route from East Looe beach up to the bridge, turn and return to finish at the Lifeboat Station, with the juniors taking a shorter route. The Raft Race was sponsored by the Cornish Times who provided the winners' trophies, and additional prizes came from The Warehouse, Mayflower Gifts and Roly's Fudge.

Raising vital funds for Looe RNLI, the Raft Race was organised by Looe Lifeboat Station's fundraising team who were supported by Looe Boat Owners' Association (LBOA). Over the years, £22,000 has been raised from proceeds of the Raft Race for Looe RNLI, and this year's race raised over £1,700.



Photo by Rod Prichard

Dave Peat 'Clerk of the Course' said "this event could not happen without the concerted efforts of many Looe organisations, all of whom pulled together to ensure the event was a great success".

He said "it's a bit like watching swans glide across the water with little effort. Believe me we were paddling very hard and it is a great testament to all concerned that it was without incident or injury. We were blessed with wonderful weather and calm seas".

There was a record number of organisations involved, and our particular thanks go to Looe Harbour Commissioners, East Looe Town Trust, Looe Sailing Club, Looe RNLI volunteer crew, the local Police, LBOA members, St John's Ambulance and too many more to mention.

Asked if the event will return next year Dave Peat commented "You bet!".



The results were as follows :

Adult Elite

- 1st Ellies Haven
- 2nd Co-op Plymouth
- 3rd Bullers Arms

Adult Fun

- 1st Forlorn Hope (Paul Allen)
- 2nd Cornish Orchards
- 3rd Top Gun (Paul Pickering)

Junior

- 1st Four Musketeers (Libby/Barker)
- 2nd Little Kickers (Looe Football Club)
- 3rd Blue Revenge (1st Liskeard Scouts)

LBOA Special Award

Wave Wobblers (Ann Harry)

whose raft broke up at the start line; the team continued with their raft upside down!

Fancy Dress

Top Gun

Sponsorship Shield

The Rivercroft

who despite not entering a raft, donated the contents of their swear box!!

Shouts

Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 5th June and 27th July, our volunteer crews responded to 10 shouts. More information on these shouts can be found at:

www.looelifeboats.co.uk/recentshouts.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop beside the boathouse is open daily between 11am and 4pm, subject to volunteer availability and the weather. Our shop has a wide range of sale products, including Christmas cards, gifts and 2023 calendars.

Boathouse open to the public

Our volunteer visits team have been welcoming visitors into our boathouse. Subject to volunteer availability and operational demands the boathouse will be open daily between 11am and 4pm until October half term. If you are passing, why not pop in to say hello to our friendly team. You can find out about the RNLI, what our volunteer crews have been up to and have a close-up look at the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors.

Keeping safe on the coast

Many of you have been enjoying the sunny weather and lighter evenings by going out on the water. 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.

RNLI lifeguard patrols are on Seaton, Tregantle, Tregonhawke, Sharrow and Freathy beaches for the summer months. Please check the beach information boards for duty times and any safety messages.

If you are on East Looe beach, check 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.

Float to live

All our RNLI volunteers are asking you to make the right call. If you see someone struggling in the water, fight your instinct to jump in and help. Stay on land, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue when inland.

Tell the person in danger to float on their back and throw them something that floats, which they can use for buoyancy. Find out more at <https://respectthewater.com/>.



Open water/cold water swimming

Open Water Swimming is becoming more popular around our coasts. Whether you're swapping the swimming pool for open water or just enjoying a quick dip, please take care. Safety information can be found on the RNLI website: <https://rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming>.

LOOE COMMUNITY POP-IN TEA ROOM



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LOOE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



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Helplines: If you, or your family, need help or advice from the 'Legion' then please call the RBL's free helpline on **0808 802 8080**. Lines are open from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Another alternative is the Veterans' Gateway which is a consortium of forces charities, including the RBL, with telephone access 24 hours a day on **0808 802 1212**.

Fundraising: The work of the 'Legion' doesn't come cheap and our Looe Branch is constantly fundraising for the Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately, this year we seem to be a somewhat of a 'Jonah' with the weather and we pulled out of the Jubilee/May Fayre event because of the torrential rain. Our Armed Forces Day collection in East Looe was also brought to an early finish with the high winds trying to put our gazebo into orbit. Nevertheless, the collection raised £139.93 and we thank all those, both locals and holiday makers, who gave so generously. The collection was slightly 'blunted' as another charity was collecting in East Looe at the same time, although we had been issued with a collection permit by Cornwall Council. Permits are supposed to ensure that only one collection takes place in the town on any one day (excluding events and carnivals).

VJ Day: Our next collection will be in the Rose Garden and Fore Street, East Looe, on Friday 12th August in advance of VJ Day which marks the end of WW2. We are hoping the weather is a bit kinder, but not too hot as the Poppy Man outfit can be like a sauna for whoever draws the short straw to wear it on the day.

Old Bridge Surgery Veterans Friendly: In their June newsletter, the Looe Old Bridge Surgery stated that they had signed up to become an Armed Forces Veteran Friendly Accredited GP Practice. This means that the surgery will recognise the specialist support that is sometimes needed for those who have served in the Armed Forces by:

- having a lead person for veterans' issues;
- identifying veterans on their computer system;

- undertaking dedicated training and attending armed forces healthcare meetings;
- promoting increased understanding of the health needs of veterans amongst both clinical and administrative staff.

Registering as a Veteran: To help the surgery identify local veterans, could veterans please email looe.letters@nhs.net with their full name and DOB, using the subject header 'Veteran'. A veteran is someone who has served in the British Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve) for at least one day. Veterans also include any member of the Merchant Marine who has served in a war zone. This includes crew from convoys in World War 2 and more recently in the Falklands conflict and Gulf Wars. About 18,000 service people move back into civilian life every year and whilst most of these individuals have similar levels of health to the general population, around 2,000 leave on medical grounds. The top reasons for medical discharge are for issues relating to back, knees, mental health and hearing.

Hearing Loss: Veterans are 3.5 times more likely to suffer from hearing loss than the general population. Research (published in 2009) on British infantry soldiers found that up to 14 per cent of those returning from Afghanistan in 2007-08 had hearing loss. The RBL has awarded over £2 million to help ex-serving personnel with hearing issues by funding high quality hearing aids, assisted living devices, treatment for tinnitus and lip-reading lessons.



Veteran's Badge: Still on the subject of veterans, in 2004 the British Government introduced a Veteran's badge which was initially awarded to Second World War veterans, but the scope was later broadened to include all living British Armed Forces veterans. The aim of the badge was to make identifying veterans in public easier. If any veteran still hasn't claimed their free badge, or requires a replacement, application forms can be downloaded via the link below or a hard copy can be obtained from ourselves, Looe RBL, (see our email address below or drop in to one of our meetings).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/armed-forces-veterans-badge-application-form>

Branch Meetings: We always hold our meetings meet on the first Monday of the month, and everyone is welcome to our friendly and informal meeting. If you are thinking of joining the 'Legion', or just want to know what we do, then please join us at one of our meetings with no obligation to become a member. Meetings start at 7:30pm sharp in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, West Looe Quay. They don't last more than an hour and then become a social evening. You don't need to be a member of Looe Social Club to attend one of our meetings but the Social Club membership is good value at £5 a year.

David Welch
Looe RBL Membership Secretary
email: looe.rbl@rbllooe.com

Flying the flag: With the Queen's Jubilee, and showing solidarity with the Ukraine, many Union Flags (Union Jacks) have been flown around the town. Unfortunately, in a few cases the Union Flag has been flown upside down; a sign of distress or disrespect for the Monarch. Just a gentle easy reminder that: 'at the flagpole the broad diagonal white stripe is on top'.

Try the quiz below, which flags are flown correctly? All the photographs are of different Union Flags flown in Looe. The answers are given at the bottom of next page.



LOOE GOLF CLUB LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

This took place in extremely hot conditions with the course looking fine with fast greens. The format was a medal over 27 holes off red tees.



Photo left to right Penny Weston and Penny Drake

The winners were:

- Scratch winner – Penny Drake
- Handicap winner – Penny Weston
- Second handicap – Debbie Harmer
- Third handicap – Pat Butler
- Best eighteen – Wendy Shore
- Best nine – Di Sobey

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RBL Flag Quiz Answers: 1 = √, 2 = X 3 = √, 4 = X 5 = √, 6 = X



NEWS FROM THE OLD GUILDHALL MUSEUM AND GAOL



THE CURIOUS CASE OF (CALYPSO) THE CASTAWAY CAT

I was doing some research recently when I happened to find this brilliant, true story in Alfred John Pengelly's autobiography "OH, FOR A FISHERMAN'S LIFE".

He is unsure of the date but is certain that it was towards the end of the First World War, so 1917-18.

As dawn was breaking one morning a group of inshore crabbers were sailing out of Looe Harbour towards the crabbing grounds to haul in their pots. It was a fine day with light winds, so they were surprised to see a sailing trawler under full canvas not far from the shore. They went alongside to hail the crew and check that all was well but were met with silence.

Out of concern, they decided to board the ship to find the only occupant to be a well-fed cat. Seemingly there was no evidence of turmoil, damage or mutiny – just Calypso the cat. (As I am typing this article, I decided to call him that, the name just popped into my head!)

The ship was carefully sailed into Looe and moored alongside the quay – she was the "Smiling Morn" of Brixham. It transpired that the crew had abandoned her in the Channel after a collision with another ship that left them believing the vessel was about to sink! Did none of them care about Calypso the cat?

A crew from Brixham came to Looe to fetch the "Smiling Morn" and were undoubtedly very embarrassed at their reckless and unnecessary actions in the Channel. Apparently, they took Calypso back too!

Personally, I think he should have turned his furry seafaring back on them and stayed with whoever was looking after him in Looe but maybe our Calypso was a fishercat at heart and missed his life on the ocean with the wind in his fur and sea-salt on his paws?

We do have a photo of the "Smiling Morn" in our photo archives but sadly none of Calypso.

Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator, Old Guildhall Museum

WELLBEING HUB LAUNCHES IN LOOE!

Come along to Looe Library on Thursday 11th August from 10am-12noon for the launch of the new Wellbeing Hub. Pop in for a free cuppa, play some board games and have a chat with others who join us on the day. We're delighted to have a range of organisations attending too.

- Speak to the team about how you can take your next step towards employment, whether that's education, training, volunteering or support with building your confidence and gaining skills for work.
- **Citizens Advice:** Get some information and advice about managing energy bills and debts as well as benefits and consumer / housing / employee issues.
- **Liskeard and Looe Foodbank:** Ask the team about what benefits you could be entitled to, as well as what they do at the Foodbank and how you can get involved.
- **Community Energy Plus:** Chat to their Energy Advisor about how you can save energy and enjoy a warmer, more efficient home.
- **South West Water:** Find out how they can support you with your water bills through their discounted tariffs, fixed rates or debt plans.
- **Volunteer Cornwall and Age UK Cornwall:** Ask about the different help and support available to boost your health and wellbeing.

The Wellbeing Hub is supported by Looe Library, Volunteer Cornwall and Age UK Cornwall & Isles of Scilly. The Hub is free and is a great opportunity to access information about groups, services and support that can help you and your loved ones stay healthy and well.

Don't worry if you can't be there on 11th August, the Looe Wellbeing Hub will be in the upstairs room at Looe Library (also accessible via a lift) from 10am-12noon, starting on Thursday 11th August and running every other Thursday thereafter.

To find out more email Laura Chapman at LauraC@volunteercornwall.org.uk or phone 07974 706376.

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MAYOR'S REPORT



July has been a busy month for the Council with some changes. We are sad that the Council's Commercial Strategy Manager, Kate Puckey, has left us, but delighted for her that she has moved to a new opportunity. We wish her the very best and thank her for her hard work.

I hope we can work together as a team to deliver on the mission, vision, values and priorities we have collectively been working on for the last seven months. Thanks should go to both the officer team and lead members Cllr Smith and Cllr Remington on the last piece of the work to create an action plan based on our prioritisation process. The process, with all the team working together, will set milestones, help us understand what our future staffing requirements are and will inform our budget setting process. I do hope that in keeping with the previous two budgets we don't need to increase our precept. It's going to be a tough year for residents as the cost of living crisis bites, so the work of our Responsible Finance Officer and the Finance Committee is going to be critical.

Our new Clerk, Brendan, who comes with a range of impressive experience and qualifications, has hit the ground running and is a welcome addition to the team. We welcome Brendan and will do all we can to ease him into his new role.

I am pleased the accessibility audit, working with Access Cornwall, is coming to a conclusion with a final report imminent. It's important that Looe is accessible to all and that we promote areas that work well and identify areas of the town that need some adaptations. What is particularly pleasing is that other organisations in the town, including the Looe Harbour Commissioners and East Looe Town Trust, have joined in with this Looe Town Council commissioned piece of work. A map guide is being produced, with suggestions to how we can improve access, and we will be working with businesses and organisations on some training to be even more accessibility aware. I have seen the first draft of the accessibility map guide that highlights services and accessible walks for example.

I held the first Councillor surgery in the library on 9th July. Four residents attended and talked about issues ranging from parking, disabled parking, camper vans, access to housing, the allotments and a general discussion about the Town Council's work. On 16th I was accompanied by Cllr Holmes who made an excellent connection with Age UK, who had also heard about the surgery and took the opportunity to discuss collaboration. This could include filling some gaps in Looe of support groups, for example a diabetes support group. Cllr Holmes and the Library team will be following up in this excellent connection.

The Library is going from strength to strength and I thank the team for their hard work and creativity. Book lendings and memberships are up significantly. The team

has been working on projects to help people gain qualifications in digital skills, English lessons for our Ukrainian guests and Positive People sessions to help residents live the life they want. All this is alongside our regular sessions of Lego Club, story reading, Knit & Natter and July's theme in the Community Cupboards of Book Bounty where we are inviting people to donate books on a give and take basis.

The flag ship summer project is the Summer Reading Challenge with a theme of 'Gadgeteens'. The initiative is to encourage young people to read a series of books over the school holidays. There is also a giveaway of stickers and bookmarks, leading to a final sticker book, medal and certificate. The team has worked incredibly hard to promote this excellent initiative, taking a stall at Looe Primary Academy summer fair and organising events in the library.

The library team also take a lead on visitor information and have been working with the Business Development Officer to create a series of information leaflets including Explore Historic Looe, Dog Friendly Looe, Walks and Pubs. These are available to download from the Looe Town Council website and they are working on adding them to the Visit Looe website. They are available in the information trailer and within the Community Hub. The team has been collating a gallery of fantastic photographs to show Looe at its best and encourage people to make Looe their first choice to visit and stay.

The Library team is also encouraging the next generation of librarians, having recently welcomed a work experience student, Jodie, who has created an interesting quiz on the Dewey cataloguing system.

Our Business Development Officer is working hard on populating the Visit Looe website, bringing in new advertisers and developing the online booking system. Her work includes being tasked with kitting out our new initiative of a pop-up Visitor Information kiosk in the redundant telephone box on Buller Quay. We are also very grateful for her work over the Jubilee long weekend. The window displays and dog show in particular were some of my favourites.

Following the positive vote at referendum for the Looe Neighbourhood Development Plan, our senior administration and planning officer is working on guidance for applicants wishing to submit a planning application to ensure they are compliant with the NDP policies. The team also really pulled together to plan the Mayor-making and will be working with me to plan further civic events in support of the Mayor's charity which this year will be the Boundless Trust. They run 'The Haven', a centre on Buller Quay working with young people and are the new accountable body for a range of social initiatives that the Council set up at the beginning of the pandemic. These include The Looe Community Fund (formally hardship fund), Looe Community Meals, Looe Community Cupboard and soon to be launched Community Fridge and Freezer and the Secret Santa.

The maintenance and cleaning crew are in their busiest time now as we approach peak season. It's a hard and difficult job maintaining five sets of toilets. The charging on the Millpool toilets is paying dividends and we will shortly be launching the

residents' card so they get free use after an initial investment in the card.

Although I missed some of my duties as Mayor during June because of Covid, I have attended the following meetings and events:

- Presentation of the prestigious Trelawny Plate in Pelynt Church
- Sheila's School of Dancing presentation of exam certificates
- Looe Community Meals steering group
- Presentation on proposed visitor accommodation mandatory registration scheme organised by SECTA
- Looe breakwater and economic regeneration scheme consultation feedback
- Attended two Councillor Surgeries and met with Ukrainian guests in Millpool Centre
- Wheeled Sports Facility discussions
- Looe Marine Conservation Group "throw jelly not balloons" initiative prior to the Raft Race

I am grateful to Cllr Smith for deputising for me at a number of civic events.

Lastly, we are sad to hear that Cllr Truran has resigned as a Cllr for personal reasons. We thank him for his work and wish him all the best for the future. We hope his position will be filled by election shortly.

Councillor Edwina Hannaford
Mayor of Looe

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VISIT LOOE WWW.VISITLOOE.CO.UK LOOE TOWN COUNCIL TOURIST DESTINATION WEBSITE

**Hello from Lucy George-Foster,
Looe Town Council
Business Development Office**



For those that do not know me, I would like to introduce myself as Looe Town Council Business Development Officer. Perhaps a little bit about my background will help you to understand my drive and passion for my role managing the Visit Looe site.

I have proven record of achievement in Business Development, Project Management, sales, sponsorship, marketing, media, sales to business professional services industry; Healthcare, Elderly Care, Ford Motor Company, Lombard Motor Finance; and DMGT Western Morning News. During my time working for the newspapers, I became the UK Newspaper Sales top business executive in the UK.

I have over 20 years' experience managing events and product launches and, in my spare time, I created and developed the "Garden of Italy", an online Italian wine business. Read my full bio at

<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/council-and-committees/town-council-team>

I hope you can understand my integrity, passion and energy and come and speak to me or perhaps consider becoming an advertising member of Visit Looe. Our sole aim is to support, promote and help generate more business coming into the Looe community. We are based in Looe so be assured you have our 100% support where and when it is needed.

So please send me details and quality JPEG photographs that we can use to promote your events, products, services and eateries. Why not come and talk to me about any community campaign or competition you think might generate more income whilst raising your businesses profile? I would love to hear from you and I am always at the end of the phone from Monday to Thursday on 0787 293 5893 or email me at lucy@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



The Visit Looe website has a strong online presence to help promote your business profile, providing a gateway to everything in and around Looe and surrounding areas in Cornwall as a top choice, all year-round destination. It provides visitors with an easy-to-use search tool with links across the site content with lots to see, do, discover, and experience, attracting a high volume of visitors to generate a greater spend and profitability for our local businesses.

Visit Looe offers our customers: an online profile; opportunity to list your events on the What's on Page; to appear in search results across [visitlooe.co.uk](http://www.visitlooe.co.uk); inclusion in the monthly Visit Looe newsletter; access to themed campaigns; member only events and communications; plus many more services.

Visit Looe www.visitlooe.co.uk Looe Town Council Tourist Destination Website

Advertising membership package costs are set out on the following page and I will be happy to email our membership pack details on request. Please note, we offer a free basic advertising package called 'Tin.' It provides an opportunity to upload one photograph, and to advertise unlimited events.

We have carefully tailored a competitively priced bespoke advertising package, to suit every business and sole trader. Starting with the Bronze at £15 per month, and the Silver Membership at £21 per month. Both these packages allow more than one photograph to be added, social media content, and to be included in the Visit Looe newsletter.

Our main aim and focus is to provide additional value to your current marketing of your business and to increase your business' profitability. The Visit Looe site offers affordable and cost-effective marketing that will communicate your business vision to regional and national markets. You will also gain the expertise and support from our marketing team FREE of charge.

We feel Visit Looe plays a huge part to help underpin the economy of Looe by generating more visitors and increasing the revenue brought into Cornwall.

The Visit Looe marketing team are delighted to see the benefits of the recently created destination website in helping to strengthen Looe's identity as a quality destination to stay, visit and explore the sea, eat and enjoy the great outdoors. The great news is that we are currently working on developing the site further which will provide visitors everything they need when searching for their holiday. With the aim to make the site gain an even stronger reputation as a strong leading destination site. Watch this space!

With the noticeable growth month-on-month of new visitor numbers and users on www.visitlooe.co.uk, we continue to make ongoing developments to the site to help us gain maximum exposure for our business advertising members and partners. The excellent working partnership with Tregoad Holiday Park, Cornish Original Cottages, Portbyhan Hotel, Tencreek Holiday Park, and Tremaine Manor and Country Cottages has played an instrumental part in helping drive this growth.

I would be happy to discuss the site and advertising packages, to include banner advertising. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0787 293 5893 – Lucy George-Foster.

Advertising Membership Plans

Enquiries Email: welcome@visitlooe.co.uk
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What's included in your Visit Looe Membership	Partner £2,500 £208.25 p/m	Platinum £648.00 £54 p/m	Gold £450.00 £37.50 p/m	Silver £252.00 £21 p/m	Bronze £180.00 £15 p/m	Tin FREE
Priority in search results	1st	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	5 th
Basic business listing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extranet login (ability to edit your own listing) At the discretion of Visit Looe.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Listings	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Online ticketing or links to your existing ticketing platform (Attractions & activities only. Under development)	✓	✓	Max 8	Max 6	Max 4	
Add any event to our partner brand Visit Looe Free of charge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Booking system – Under development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Press and PR opportunities	1st	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Select number of images (can be changed as often as you like) Photos W 902px X H 528px	10	8	6	4	3	1
Featured in 'What's On' carousel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Newsletters: Inclusion in the Visit Looe e-newsletter (150 words + image per newsletter)	✓	6 free + £50 per addition	4 free + £50 per addition	3 free + £50 per addition	1 free + £25 per addition	£25 per addition
Social media shared on Visit Looe's social media platforms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Appear in homepage 'Highlights' carousel	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Enhanced business listing including your address, email, address, website link, awards, facilities, map, display opening, times, prices & directions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Contribute guest blogs/articles to Visit Looe (Number per year)	✓	Max 6	Max 4	Max 3	Max 1	
Dedicated social media post on Visit Looe's social media platforms	✓	Max 8	Max 4	Max 2	Max 1	
Appear in themed campaign listings	✓	✓				
Video content in your listing	✓	✓	Max 2			
Assist & support with promotional media campaign & PR (Min 1 per QRT)	✓	✓	2 x per year			
Exclusive category homepage banner advert (Advert can be changed throughout the year)	✓					
We can help arrange Looe Radio – Local Coverage, Interviews advertising and Podcasts.	✓					
Banner Advertising – Can be changed mthly	12 Months					

www.visitlooe.co.uk



Visit Looe – Attract more visitors – Generate bigger spend!

Looe Town Council and Simple View, have created and designed the official Visit Looe website in partnership with global leader in destination management and technology the Tourist Exchange Great Britain (TXGB).

Looe Town Council's close relationship with Visit Cornwall and Visit Britain will ensure we deliver the best opportunities to our business customers in providing the best information to our visitors.

Visit Looe is the perfect marketing vehicle to promote Looe as a top choice and all year - round destination. Offering lots to see, do, discover and experience, attracting a higher volume of visitors to generate a greater spend and profitability for our local businesses.



Visit Looe online competition: Win a luxury break for up to 8 people at our 4* Gold property, Lindos in Looe

Visit Looe has teamed up with Cornish Horizons to offer one lucky family a chance to win this luxury break.

Cornish Horizons

- Has over 870 holiday cottages throughout Cornwall.
- Over 70 of which are in or around Looe.
- An Office in West Looe.
- Cornish Horizons is looking forward to working with the team at Visit Looe to help further promote the town.



This competition
closes on
31/08/22.

Planning an event or competition?

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HELLO FROM LOOE LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB

Summer Reading Challenge

We have been busy visiting local schools in the area to promote our Summer Reading Challenge. So far, we've signed up over 50 children. The Challenge runs throughout the summer holidays, so there is still time to sign up if you haven't already! Once you have completed the Challenge you'll receive your own certificate and medal.



Looe Library Summer Fun



THURS 28TH JULY 10:30-11:30
STORYTIME WORKSHOP
(AGES 3-11)



Thurs 18th August 2-3pm
JT Scott Stories & Activities
(Ages 3-11)



TUES 30TH AUG 10:30-11:30
DRAWING ROBOTS (ANY AGE)

AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER ...



JOIN US ON SATURDAYS @11
FOR LEGO CLUB (ANY AGE)



LIBRARY TREASURE HUNT &
WIN A SMALL PRIZE

Summer fun

During the summer holidays, we are running lots of exciting sessions including author visits, treasure hunts, robot drawing and craft sessions. Pop in and see us or look on our Facebook page for more information.



Library Groups

We are currently running Knit & Natter on a Tuesday afternoon, Stories & Songs on a Thursday morning and Lego Club on a Saturday morning. All our groups are free and you can just turn up!

Wellbeing Hub launches in Looe

Come along to Looe Library on Thursday 11th August for the launch of the new Wellbeing Hub. From 10am to 12noon pop in for a cuppa and a chat with other residents as well as organisations which may be able to offer help. We'll also have some board games available and we would love for you to come along and have a game with us...



The Wellbeing Hub

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Every other Thursday**

**11th & 25th August
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Meet Your Councillors Sessions

The newly elected Mayor of Looe, Cllr Edwina Hannaford is inviting residents to meet their Looe Town Councillors at a Drop-In Session on Saturday mornings from 10am-11am in Looe Library Community Hub. This is an opportunity to ask Councillors questions, find out about the work of the Council and raise any issues.

Please come along to the Hub and say hello, we're looking forward to seeing you.

Catherine, Nic, Sharon & Tania
The Community Hub Team

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



MILLPOOL TOILET CHARGES RESIDENT CARDS



Residents may be aware that we have installed gates at the Millpool toilets requiring a 20p entry fee, payable by contactless card. This avoids the need for cash to be collected, counted and banked, as well as removing the risk of money being stolen. Evidence from other towns is that vandalism of facilities is also lessened when people have to pay for access.

If you live in Looe and are a frequent user of the public toilets, or if you don't usually carry a debit or credit card, you may wish to consider buying a 'resident card' for easy access to the public toilets. This card will provide up to 30 entries to the toilets per calendar month for a one-off administration fee of £5, just to cover the cost of the cards. Cards are now available from Looe Library and you will be asked for proof of address when you come in, e.g. driving licence, Council Tax bill, etc. Library opening times are:

Monday	9.30am to 1pm
Tuesday	9.30am to 5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am to 5pm
Friday	9.30am to 10pm
Saturday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	Closed

We appreciate that paying to use the toilet is a new concept to Looe but, as you'll know, it has been the practice in many other places for a long time. Looe Town Council is introducing charges as a large part of its precept income (which comes from the Council Tax you pay) is being used to fund the facilities, which the Council does not believe to be good value for our residents. The income generated from toilet entry fees will be used to offset increases in the costs of running the toilets as well as contributing to the ongoing maintenance and improvements that are necessary.

Over the next few months, Councillors will be reviewing the success of the scheme and considering whether to introduce payment at the other public toilets around the town. As always, if you have any views about this, we'd love to hear from you – please send any feedback to enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.



Living with Seagulls in Looe



Gulls are a protected wild bird and we all know that Looe wouldn't be the same without them. However, they can also be a nuisance to residents and, in some cases, affect people's health and safety. There are simple steps we can all take to reduce the impact of gulls and live alongside them.

Be responsible with rubbish:

Gulls are natural scavengers so don't allow them to access your food waste:

- Use seagull-proof sacks or bins
- Always close lids on rubbish containers
- Don't put your household waste out too early.
- Don't drop litter

Prevent nesting on your roof with anti-bird spikes; parallel wires; bird netting; bird gel; decoy kites; lasers;

Seagulls nest on any structure, returning to nesting sites over and over. Remove any nesting material from your roof after nesting season (usually September). Nesting on roofs causes problems for your neighbours as well as those living/staying in a property.





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A WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY FOR LOOE



The first meeting with Looe youth was hosted by Boundless Trust and there was a really great discussion between the skatepark designers, Maverick, and the young people who attended.

Following that first meeting, Maverick have come up with some initial designs based upon the views expressed, which reflect the desire to see a more street-based layout rather than a transition one. These designs were shared with the youth group at a further meeting and they were very well received with only minor amendments suggested.

Looe Development Trust have taken this feedback back to Maverick and a final design is hoped for in the following couple of weeks.

In conjunction with this work, Looe Development Trust have now instructed InAcoustic to carry out the noise survey of the site and this should be taking place over the next couple of weeks.

The proposed site is within the boundary of the Millpool Car park at the far end of the site immediately adjacent to the boat launch area. Once this work has been completed the Trust will be in a position to submit the required planning application.

Work is also being undertaken by Looe Town Council to have the land in question devolved to them.

The WSF steering group is hoping to hold an open morning in August to show the initial plans proposed and further meetings will be held as the project progresses.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the project should contact the Trust's coordinator Kim Spencer at ldt.looe@btinternet.com.



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- ◆ RELIEF BACK PAIN AND MUSCLE CONTRACTIONS.

3

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PILATES

- Tuesday at 11am
- Wednesday at 8pm
- Thursday at 11am



CONTEMPORARY DANCE FOR ADULTS

- Wednesday at 7pm



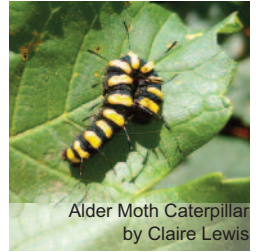
POWER VINYASA YOGA

- Saturday at 10am

Please book your place at: www.gochawellness.com
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LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

As well as great range of 'larger' wildlife like the island's birds and grey seals, the summer seems to be a time when we discover some of our more diminutive wildlife. One of my favorite recent finds was a strikingly marked Alder Moth caterpillar. With its black body, yellow bands and club-ended long hairs it really was a stop in your tracks moment. The bold coloring suggests to predators that it might be poisonous but in its younger stages the caterpillar looks more like a bird dropping!



Alder Moth Caterpillar
by Claire Lewis

Lesser Stag Beetle
by Lauren Brenton-Crabb



During a return to the island, last year's residential volunteers, Lauren and Toby also spotted a tiny creature. It was a Lesser Stag Beetle, an unusual find for Cornwall and only the second time one had been recorded here. Maybe you may have heard of its rare relative – the Stag Beetle? At up to 7.5cm long it's Britain's largest beetle! The Lesser Stag Beetle, however, only reaches around 3cm.

Thinking back to the birds, the July heatwave put a lot of stress on our nesting seabirds with visitors commenting on how the birds seemed to be panting and yes that's exactly what they do. Just like dogs and other animals they pant to help keep cool. Some lucky visitors also mention the noisy oystercatchers and boy, can their calls get loud! Sometimes it's just a 'contact' call to let each other know who's around and sometimes it's to sound the alarm, especially if there are young around. If you follow Cornwall Wildlife Trust on social media then you might have seen a video of one of our oystercatcher chicks hatching out. This wonderful clip was taken by residential volunteer Lukas. He, along with his wife Megan are here for the season to help look after the island. As well as monitoring wildlife and managing visitors' access to the island, recently they have been repairing the flight of steps through the woodland. After being taught the skills needed for this project they have got stuck into the job and one day visitors and islanders alike will be able to safely walk down the woodland path.

Oystercatcher Chick



Megan and Lewis and the woodland steps by Claire Lewis

In July we were invited to the mainland to help with Operation Seabird. It's a national project organized by the police and the Marine Management Organisation and supported by lots of other interest groups. The aim of the project is to help raise awareness of our amazing local wildlife and wild places... and to remind us all to avoid wildlife disturbance. This is a particular problem in the summer season as there are just so many more people wanting to get outside and enjoy being near, on or in the sea. The project wants people to understand that we need to GIVE WILDLIFE SPACE and avoid doing anything that might change an animal's natural wild behaviour. This includes not moving directly up to animals or trying to attract them closer or feed them. These are simple steps that we can all do to help respect and protect our wildlife.

For more information see: <https://cornwallmarinelifecode.org.uk/>



Some of our visitors have noticed a brightly coloured box that's recently been installed on the nature reserve. Looe Harbour Commissioners have organised for Looe Island to have its very own defibrillator! The device (also known as a defib or AED) was kindly sponsored by Tregoad Holiday Park. This is a great match as Tregoad are also business supporters of Cornwall Wildlife Trust. The defib is from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) and having one on the island could help save lives. Defibs are used following a sudden cardiac arrest ('heart attack') and while waiting for emergency services, they can check for a heart rhythm and send an electric shock to the heart to try and restore a normal rhythm.

It's a priceless piece of kit and we are grateful for all those involved in getting the island's defib installed.

Remember, more information about the island (including details about access and authorised trips) can be found on the Looe Island Nature Reserve pages of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website:

<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/visit-looe-island>

Claire Lewis
Looe Island Warden's Assistant
Cornwall Wildlife Trust

LLOYDS BANK

Dear residents

You may have heard that Lloyds Bank is closing on 23rd January 2023. This is a blow for residents, visitors and businesses. There is uncertainty about what will happen to the building, whether a free cashpoint will be retained, and whether existing cash outlets will cope.

I have asked managers to come to Looe for a town hall meeting to explain the decision making and work with the town to minimise impact.

In the meantime, I would like to hear from people about the likely impact this decision will have on you.

Email/write to me: mayor@looe town council.gov.uk

Cllr Edwina Hannaford Mayor of Looe

I have written an open letter to Mr Nunn, the Chief Executive of Lloyds Banking which is below:

“Dear Mr Nunn, Chief Executive Lloyds Bank

I am writing as the Mayor of Looe and the Cornwall Councillor for Looe West to protest in the strongest terms about the announced closure of the east Looe branch in January 2023.

When I heard the rumour, I rang as a Lloyds customer and was told by 2 of your operatives that there were no plans to close this branch. I now find this not to be the case.

As a Lloyds customer I have not been consulted, nor have the businesses or residents in the town to help you understand the implications of losing the last bank in the town and I presume the cash point machine.

We are a small town of 5200 people but that swells to over 100,000 in the summer months as a popular visitor destination for day visitors and staying visitors. This will have implications on visitor spend in the town if they can't get cash.

I note you have taken footfall and banking statistics for the last 4 years which does not take into account that Looe was in lockdown for a lot of the last 2 years. Many businesses were closed for months on end. Footfall will be significantly reduced for this time which is not using meaningful data on which to make a decision as significant as this.

Not all businesses are or can be cashless. Boating businesses have no access to cashless payments as there is not full internet coverage in the town. The Looe branch also serves the surrounding seaside villages of Polperro, Seaton and

Downderry that all rely on tourism. Sometimes card machines go down. How will these businesses operate?

This move will disadvantage the elderly, disabled and infirm people in the town who may not have internet banking or understand how to use contactless or prefer to use cash. Looe and Cornwall is one of the most disadvantaged regions of Europe let alone the UK.

Lloyds Bank were keen to take £13b of taxpayers' money when we had to bail you out following the banking crisis in 2007/8. You received further bail outs and this is how we get treated?

My understanding is that you have agreed not to close branches that were more than 5 miles from the next nearest branch. Looe is over 7 miles away from Liskeard which has an intermittent bus service. Many people will not be able to afford the cost to get to the bank in Liskeard to do their banking business.

I am also concerned about the impact on the viability and attractiveness of the town centre of the closure of this significant building. We have had to lobby on many occasions that the building was looking shabby. If there is a gap between closure and finding a buyer this poor maintenance will only get worse.

I would like to invite you and other Lloyds Managers to a town hall meeting to explain your decision and hopefully help you reconsider your decision and tell us what steps you have taken for your customers to access the cash point and other banking services locally. I would like to know the timetable for disposal and would want to work with you to find a buyer quickly.

I hope you can explain the business hub the statement refers to please.

Your sincerely

Cllr Edwina Hannaford Town Mayor
Cornwall Councillor Looe West"

LLOYDS BANK



LOOE FLOOD DEFENCE AND REGENERATION SCHEME



Following the breakwater engagement events staged earlier this year, we have carried out detailed analysis of the feedback we received from members of the local community, stakeholders and directly affected property owners on the current proposals and early-stage designs for the flood defence and regeneration scheme.

As well as providing a general update on the progress of the scheme, we asked people to tell us their priorities, and to comment on the current proposals for modifying and extending the Banjo Pier and constructing a breakwater.

The priorities identified by the people who took part in the engagement included:

- Providing access to water at all states of the tide
- Economic regeneration
- Reducing the impact of the scheme on the marine environment
- Decreasing the carbon footprint and
- Managing the visual impact of the scheme on the town

Further information on the feedback from the engagement events, together with a copy of the report, is available on our Let's Talk site:

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

While we had the opportunity to talk with a number of local businesses during the engagement events, we are keen to seek the views of as many businesses as possible within the town on the latest proposals.

We want to find out how the situation has changed over the past five years, how the risk of flooding impacts local businesses and what is important to businesses as we develop proposals for the scheme.

To gather this information we will be inviting businesses to take part in a short survey

in the Autumn to help us to better understand the financial implications of continued flooding on businesses in Looe and support the case for investment. Please email us at LooeFloodDefence@wsp.com if you are interested in taking part.

The technical and design teams are taking all the comments made during the engagement into account while drawing up the next stage of the scheme. We will be staging further engagement events in the town in October to display the latest plans and enable local people to see how their feedback is being used to shape the emerging designs.





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- **Sunday 4th September at 3pm** – Looe seafront – when we will be singing to support the Looe Branch of the RNLI.
- **Sunday 18th September** as part of Looe Live! – times to be confirmed.



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



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Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month 8-10 (Bacon/Sausage Sandwich & Coffee £5)

(No purchase necessary for the above but best to book so we have an idea of numbers)

Plus, we have pop-up nights such as

Theme Nights, Gin & Jazz, Jazz & Magic, Pudding Club, (Dates tbc)

We also have a 'Pay-it-Forward' scheme where you can buy a coffee token to pass on to those having a bad day, struggling financially or just lonely. If you'd like to make use of one, just ask for a coffee/tea 'for Ken'.

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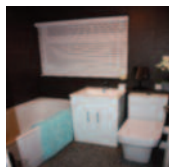
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ROCKPOOL RAMBLES

Sunday 14th August 1.30-3pm

Join Matt Nott discovering the starfish, crabs, anemones, and lots more at this educational event guaranteed to satisfy the whole family. Free but donations welcome. Meet us below the coastguard station on Hannafore beach. For latest information see:

www.facebook.com/looe marineconservationgroup.

PORT NADLER BEACH CLEAN AND PICNIC

Saturday 10th September 11am-2.30pm

Join us for a fun and healthy social event. Meet at Hannafore fields' gates at 11am to walk the coast path to Port Nadler. Here we do a beach clean, bringing the rubbish collected back to Looe. Plenty of time to relax on the beach / have a picnic. All welcome.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday 16th August 7-8pm Monthly meeting held on Zoom. Join the conversation – find out more about what we do e.g. the crab line recycling scheme, our campaign activities and survey work.

Tuesday 20th September 6-8pm

Come with your ideas to create our events programme for 2023. Sign up to attend this key meeting via our Eventbrite page: www.looe marineconservation.eventbrite.com



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CRAB LINE RECYCLING SCHEME

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LOOE SHEDDERS MEMBERS MEETING NOTES SATURDAY 16TH JULY



Chairman Chris Roy welcomed three new members which brings our total to 31 signed up Shedders.

The latest news is as follows:

- We are now registered as a Community Interest Company, Looe Shedders CIC and have applied for a bank account with the Co-op, as they will give us a fee-free account.
- We are currently negotiating for a local parcel of land and will reveal the location once we have properly secured a lease.
- Construction possibilities for our shed have been identified and a couple of videos shown to demonstrate how it could be simply built. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8JBKNtwjjs>
- Our Secretary, Sara Hawkins, is pursuing grant opportunities to fund the construction and fitting of the shed.
- We now have the capability of adding low-cost internet access from the shed via a small portable 4G modem. Google "4G LTE Wireless Router" for more information.

The attendees voted to accept a membership fee of £2 per session, with the proviso that new members could attend the first meeting for free.

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