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Message from the Mayor, Stephen Remington:

After the recent named storms, heavy rain, wind and flooding, it's a real relief to see the sun appearing again, spring flowers starting to bloom, and our town preparing for the season ahead. I wish everyone in Looe a happy and successful time as we move into spring.

Alongside the many routine services the Town Council provides, we are currently working hard to support the revival of our Twinning with Quiberon in Brittany. If you're interested in getting involved, please email enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01503 262255. We're also supporting the energetic fundraising efforts for the Edwina Hannaford Skatepark.

You can find out more here: <https://www.facebook.com/Looeskatepark/>

These are challenging times on the world stage and Looe may well feel some of the effects. Please remember that advice and support are available if you need them. You can ask at the Library & Community Hub in person (please check opening hours), call 01503 262255, or contact one of your Town Councillors (see the list below).

Celebrating St Piran's Day!

On 5 March 2026, Looe Town Council and the Looe Library & Community Hub celebrated St Piran's Day together! The event was a huge success, with refreshments, delicious saffron cake and scones supplied by Looe Bakery, and even a craft station!



We were also delighted to be joined by the Pelynt Male Choir and their pianist, who performed a beautiful selection of Cornish songs, including "Cornwall, My Home". It was fantastic to see such a turnout and such generosity. We would like to thank everyone who visited, baked a cake, sang along or supported the day by dropping a few



pennies into the collection bucket. Money has been raised for two wonderful local charities, St Petroc's and Porfell Wildlife Sanctuary. We look forward to hosting again next year!

We want to hear from you!

We have recently been given an opportunity by Cornwall Council to have our say on a piece of land at sunrise. We are aware there has been some concern about the disposal of this land, and we would like to provide some clarity on the current situation: "Looe Town Council was approached in early February by Cornwall Council about whether we'd be willing to take on the land.

We responded to say that we would be interested and we have until early April to confirm yes or no. Cornwall Council has confirmed that no action will be taken until after our deadline. To ensure we are acting according to the wishes of our community; we have published a short survey." – Town Clerk

You can ask for a paper copy of the survey from Looe Library & Community hub or follow this link [here](#):

If you have any questions in the meantime, please direct them to:

enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk



An Update from Looe Library & Community Hub:

In response to your feedback Looe Library & Community hub are trialling new opening times. Every Tuesday the Looe Library & Community hub will be open 09:30am- 7pm allowing those who work 9-5pm a chance to get reading!

Council Events for your diary:

- Looe Town Council Annual Meeting & Mayor Making Ceremony: **19th May 2026**
- Looe Food Festival: Sunday **14th June 2026**

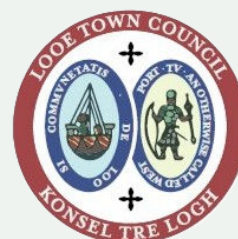


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Keep up to date:

To keep up with the latest, follow us on Facebook, sign up to our e-newsletter at:
<https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/> or pop into our community hub for a chat!



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Spring 2026

Young artists enjoyed painting and creating during February Half Term ...



LOOE LIBRARY UPDATE

Locals enjoyed free Family History Workshops using Find My Past - run by the Library Team.



We hosted a **St Piran's Day Tea Party** which included a wonderful performance from Pelynt Male Voice Choir. Donations raised over £200 for St. Petrocs and Porfell Wildlife Park & Sanctuary.



To celebrate The National Year of Reading 2026, we invite you to a whole year of **FREE** Author Talks & Workshops. Next up....

Jackie Taylor

presents

**Short and Sharp:
Crafting the Short Story**

10.30-12.30am

Tuesday March 17th & 24th

Sam Horton

Will be reading from and talking about

'The Eythin Legacy'

Series

2-3 pm

Thursday March 19th

Pamela Vass

will be reading from and talking about her book
'From Cornwall to the Crystal Palace'

10.30-11.30am

Tuesday 28th April

Being such a small (but perfectly formed!) library, spaces for our free talks & workshops are limited. Book early if you don't want to miss out. Phone: 01503 262390. Follow us on Facebook and be the first to hear.

Catherine

Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub

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Looe Library & Community Hub





LOOE RNLI LIFEBOAT STATION



Shouts

Our crew at Looe have been ready to answer the pager and rescue those in difficulty. Between 12 January and 8 March 2026 our volunteer crew have launched the charity's inshore lifeboats on three occasions in response to four shouts.

Souvenir Shop

Our souvenir shop is now open for the 2026 season. Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of gifts and 2026 products for you to choose from.

Albatross Boathouse

Subject to the weather, our boathouse will reopen daily to the public from Easter and like our shop it will be open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our team of volunteer boathouse guides will be on hand to show you the charity's inshore lifeboats and launch tractors. They can answer all your questions and tell you more about the RNLI, the Looe volunteer crew, our shouts and how to keep safe on the water.

The 2026 Looe raft race

The Looe raft race is back, it's time to get a team together and build a raft. Thanks to the Looe Boat Owners Association the raft race is on Sunday 21 June, starting at 11.30 am. More information and details on how to register your raft can be found at www.looerafrace.com Also see poster on page 10

Keeping safe on the coast

This year the RNLI celebrates 25 years of lifeguarding on UK beaches and lifeguards from our RNLI SE Cornwall team return to Tregonhawke beach for Easter with daily patrols, 10am to 6pm, between 3 and 19 April, the weekend 25, 26 April and daily from 2 May for the summer season. Daily patrols on Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow beaches start on 16 May and weekends at Freathy from 16 July. When there are no lifeguards on the beaches it is important to Respect the Water, check the tide times, wear appropriate buoyancy aids and take a method of calling for help

Please remember No Flags = No Lifeguards

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.

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>

Choose your spot

When open water swimming at the coast, make sure you know:

Where you can enter and exit the water

Your location – are there any hazards you need to be aware of?

What the tide and currents are doing -

check the tide times before entering the water

Keep an eye out for rip currents and know what to do if you get caught in one

Don't try to swim against it. If you can stand, try to wade rather than swim

Swim parallel to the shore until free of the rip and then head for shore.

Raise your hand and shout for help.

For more information and how to spot rip currents head over to:

<https://rnli.org/safety/know-the-risks/rip-currents>

However you end up in the water, if you get into trouble, remember to Float to Live.



Cold water shock is our body's natural response to entering cold water and can very quickly lead to drowning. Floating, even for a short time, allows the effects of cold water shock to pass. It enables you to regain control of your breathing and your survival chances will greatly increase.

If you see someone struggling in the water,

Fight your instinct to jump in and help.

Stay on land and 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/>

AGE CONCERN

Age Concern meet every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm & 4pm in the bottom bar of the Looe Social Club We play bingo, have a raffle and a cup of tea and a chat.

We also have trips out, plus a lot more

We look forward to seeing you

Pat

KELTIQUE

New Year Resolutions?

It is not too late to make a new year resolution! If you fancy trying out a new activity which is good for your physical and mental well-being, will bring you much joy and enable you to make new friends, have you thought about joining a choir? If so, why don't you join Keltique? We are a Women's Choir who enjoy singing together and making music with our wonderful Musical Director and talented accompanist. You are assured of a warm welcome and our practices are fun.



We practise every Monday evening from 7.15 to 9.00pm in the Riverside Church, West Looe. You can give us a try for up to four practices, free of charge. Contact Penny for a chat or to let us know you are coming or simply turn up at Riverside Church for a 7.15pm start.

Our programme of concerts:

We are busy practising a repertoire to entertain you in 2026. We were delighted to have been invited to join other choirs at the Eden Project on Tuesday 17th March as part of their 25th Anniversary Celebrations. Our second concert of the year took place on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in Tregoad when we had been invited by the Inner Wheel Liskeard and Looe to sing in support of several charities.

Our diary is beginning to fill up for the spring/summer season and here are a few dates for your diaries:

- **Saturday 16th May at 3.00pm:** Outdoor Summer Concert, West Looe Quay
- **Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm:** Joint concert with the Tamar Concert Choir, The Church of the Holy Spirit, Southway, Plymouth
- **Tuesday 7th July at 7.30pm:** Concert in aid of the Looe RNLI, The Boathouse, Seafront, East Looe
- **Saturday 11th July (time tbc):** Liskeard Show
- **Saturday 8th August at 3.00pm:** Outdoor Summer Concert, West Looe Quay
- **Monday 24th August at 7.00pm:** Outdoor Summer Concert at The Heritage Centre, West Looe

Keep an eye on social media, our website and on posters around Looe for updates.

Our AGM:

Our friends and supporters are very welcome to attend our AGM which will take place on Monday 29th June at 7.15pm in the Riverside Church, West Looe.

Fundraising

Our first fundraising event of the year is a Quiz which will take place on Saturday 18th April at 7.00pm in the Millpool Centre. If you can, put the date in your diary and look out for further information.

Another date for your diary: Sunday 12th July when we will be running a "pre-loved" clothes and accessories event in the Millpool Centre, Looe. There will be amazing bargains!

For more information about Keltique, including details of events, check out our website at www.keltique.org.uk our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel or contact Penny at pennyweston@outlook.com.



LOOE RAFT RACE 2026



Sunday 21st June - 11.30am

Liskeard & Looe Radio



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EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

Spring has now sprung – although the weather may not always agree!

People often ask what we do in the winter – as there is a common misperception that ELTT “just” maintain the beach. We are very proud of our beach and seafront and our staff do work hard to keep it in good condition for all to use. There is a considerable financial cost to keeping the beach clean, not only the tractor and specialist surf rake but also paying to dispose of all the rubbish that is left in our bins (we have to pay for this as it is private land and so the council do not take litter/rubbish left there). Thank you to all of you who do use the litter bins and so help to keep the area litter-free.

So what else does ELTT do? As you may be aware, the charity does not get any income from sources such as council tax and so we have to raise funds. Generally, this is by way of renting out our properties for commercial use. Our staff are involved in maintenance issues on our buildings, three car parks and the Wooldown.

The Wooldown, nearly 20 acres of former farmland that we now maintain as open access recreational space for humans as well as flora and fauna. It is not a suburban park but a piece of Cornish countryside that provides a haven for nature. We are very proud of our bee glades which are managed to encourage bees but particularly the endangered longhorned mining bee. Kernow Ecology have been invaluable in this project with their advice and physical work on the glades. Arguably, there is one of the best views in Cornwall from the Wooldown, looking out over the bay towards Looe Island.

The wartime Observation Point is on the Wooldown – unfortunately, it has been defaced with graffiti several times and this takes money and staff time to remove. The cannons and the beacon have been on the Wooldown since 2005 (although renovated several times due to their exposed position) and it is a favourite picnic spot for many families.

ELTT are very pleased to work in conjunction with other organisations in the town and have recently seen the RNLi and HM Coastguard training on our beach and land. We all hope we never need to call on them but it is so reassuring that they are there. Please do your bit to help out – keep away from crumbling cliffs and follow safety advice from them. On the seafront you will see our orange windsock which indicates the strength and direction of the wind, as well as our safety signs.

As I am sure you all agree, one of the major benefits of Looe is our fabulous community. We have a lot of volunteers and unsung heroes who quietly get on and make a difference. Our Guildhall Tea Room is an excellent example of this – a dedicated group of volunteers open the Tea Room six mornings a week. They also organise various outings throughout the year for their regular visitors. Have you visited it lately? Call in for a warm welcome, a good cuppa and a biscuit. It is located between Quirky and the Guildhall Barbers in the Rose Garden.



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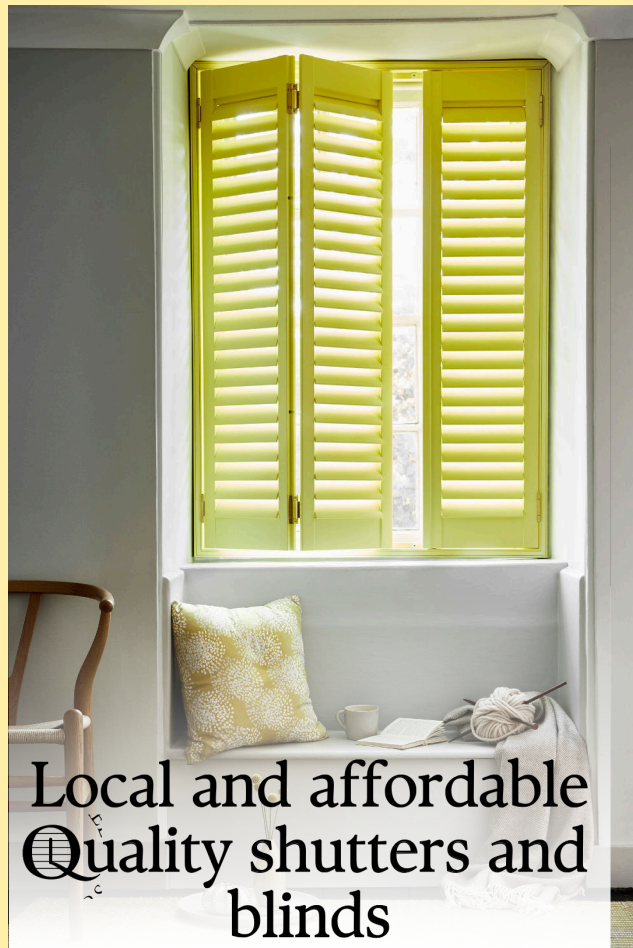


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LOOE IN BLOOM

We've started the big spruce up early this year. There has been so much sand blown onto the seafront beds that we are having to scrape it off before we can weed and dig the beds over. We feel like the 'Time Team!' It will take us a number of weeks to get everything ship shape and ready to put in some colour. Come and chat to us if you see us out and about.

We are looking forward to collecting our new van in March. It will be wonderful to have a reliable vehicle to support us. The final, older van is hanging in there and we hope it will last out the year.

We will continue to fundraise for the ongoing running of our vehicles and the now necessary replacement of the original older vehicle for next year. We will keep our GoFundMe page open for this.



We will be running the BBQ and Cake Stall again at this year's West Looe May Fayre on Saturday 2nd May. Hope to see lots of you there.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 26th September – for our annual Quiz Night. More info to follow nearer the time.

As always, thanks so much to all our volunteers for your hard work. We're looking forward to working with you all again this year.

Thanks also to all our supporters and funders – we so appreciate you.

Continuing donations are all gratefully received to help keep Looe in Bloom on the road. This link will take you to the GoFundMe site: - <https://gofund.me/7517fff4> or scan the QR code:

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Lifeboats RNLI FUNDRAISING EVENTS Lifeboats

A mix of fundraising events and concerts in aid of the RNLI organised by the RNLI's Looe and Liskeard Fundraising team

Summer concerts

The RNLI's Looe and Liskeard fundraising team have been working hard to bring you a summer line up of concerts in the boathouse. The season starts with our ever popular Songs of Praise on Sunday 10 May at 3pm. We will advertise events closer to the date on social media and as ever they are all subject to operational commitments

Lifeboats **RNLI Looe**
With your support, we save lives at sea

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RNLI Boathouse Concerts 2026
at Looe Lifeboat Station, East Looe Seafrost

Sunday 10 May	3 pm	Songs of Praise Led by RNLI Chaplain Rev. Ben Morgan Lundle with Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tuesday 12 May	7-30 pm	Derry Aires
Tuesday 26 May	7-30 pm	Wandering Elderberries
Tuesday 9 June	7-30 pm	Sing Rock
Tuesday 23 June	7-30 pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tuesday 7 July	7-30 pm	Keltique
Tuesday 21 July	7-30 pm	Polperro Fishermen's Choir
Tuesday 11 August	7-30 pm	Whitsand Harmony
Tuesday 25 August	7-30 pm	Miner Quay
Tuesday 8 September	7-30 pm	Pelynt Male Voice Choir
Tuesday 22 September	7-30 pm	Stargazy

Collection in support of RNLI Looe

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Looelifeboatstation>
or scan the QR code here to donate

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
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The DerryAirs | AUGUST 15
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Shanties are back for 2026

We would like to thank the teams at Welcome to Looe & Polperro and Portbyhan Hotel, together with Catch and Pengelly's Lobster shack for arranging 3 Fish, Chips & Fizz Fridays and 3 Seafood Saturdays during the evenings of June 12 & 13, July 17 & 18, August 14 & 15.

Tickets are priced at £45, with all profits from the six evenings being equally shared between Looe RNLI, Looe NYE Fireworks, Looe Defibrillator Appeal and Looe In Bloom for more information and to book please visit

<https://welcometolooe.com/summer-shanties-2026/>

Friday 15 May 2026
Johnny Cowling Live

An evening of laughter and Cornish humour
 The RNLI Looe and Liskeard fundraising team are hosting an evening with Johnny Cowling live on Friday 15 May 2026 at the Portbyhan Hotel West Looe

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start - there will be a raffle and bar

Tickets are available through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-an-evening-with-johnny-cowling-2026-tickets-197656132713>

Friday 22 May 2026

Music in the Meadow with True Foxes

Welcome in the start of summer with an evening of music with True Foxes at Kilminorth.

For more information and tickets please visit

<https://kilminorth.co.uk/rnli-true-foxes>

Saturday 22 August 2026

Proms at Kilminorth returns

The RNLI's Looe and Liskeard fundraisers are helping the team at Kilminorth, who are hosting a Proms evening along with St Pinnock Band and Liskeard & Looe Radio.

For more information and tickets please visit

<https://kilminorth.co.uk/event-rnli>

Creative Looe: United by the Sea

Looe's Schoolchildren Celebrate Our Maritime Heritage

CreativeLooe will reach an exciting milestone at the end of March as two community events showcase how the town's young people are helping celebrate—and reinterpret—Looe's fishing heritage.

Working with local schools, CreativeLooe has spent the past year helping hundreds of pupils create ceramic fish that will form a major public artwork for the town. Alongside this, students have collaborated with fishermen, chefs and families to produce a unique illustrated cookbook celebrating local seafood. Together these projects reconnect Looe's younger generation with the traditions that shaped the town.

A Sea of Ceramic Fish

Saturday 28 March 11am–3pm Looe Community Academy

Families are invited to come along to see the extraordinary progress of the town's United by the Sea project. So far, more than 500 ceramic fish have been created by pupils from Looe's schools with the dedicated help of CreativeLooe volunteers. It is hoped that—subject to a Cornwall Council planning application—these fish will form a dramatic mural of swirling shoals across the wall of a prominent building in the heart of the harbour. This installation aims to be a vibrant celebration of the movement and vitality of the sea that has sustained Looe for centuries.

For this special open event the fish will be laid out on the floor on lining paper, arranged to replicate the final design of the mural. Children and their families will be able to walk around the display—and hopefully find the fish they made themselves.

The event will give the community its first real sense of the scale and beauty of what will become one of Looe's most distinctive pieces of public art.



Launch of Looe's Illustrated Community Cookbook Tuesday 31 March The Sardine Factory

A few days later CreativeLooe will host a media launch for its Flavours of Looe Illustrated Community Cookbook at The Sardine Factory. The book is the result of a remarkable collaboration between Looe's fishing community, local chefs and students from Looe Community Academy. Recipes inspired by the day's catch were prepared in family kitchens, then brought to life in the classroom where students painted detailed illustrations of the dishes.

The result is something far more than a traditional cookbook. As the introduction explains, it is “a vibrant, painted love letter to a town that has lived by the rhythm of the tide for centuries.”

Each page reflects the connection between Looe's maritime past and its creative future—combining recipes rooted in local tradition with artwork painted by the town's young people. The book also reflects how Looe's fishing story is evolving. As warming seas bring new species to Cornish waters, fishermen and chefs alike are adapting, embracing new catches and new flavours while preserving the town's deep connection to the sea.



By buying the book, readers will help support future CreativeLooe projects for the community and local schools and ensure the town's maritime stories continue to be shared with the next generation.

Through these projects CreativeLooe is showing how art, food and heritage can come together to reconnect a community with the sea that shaped it—while giving the next generation the chance to tell Looe's story in their own creative way.

<https://www.creativelooe.org>



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WEST LOOE TOWN TRUST STUDENT GRANTS

Applications are now invited for the School Grant 2026/27 School Terms. The new application form is available from the office (as above) or can be downloaded from our website www.westlooe towntrust.co.uk.

As normal the closing date will be 1st July 2026.

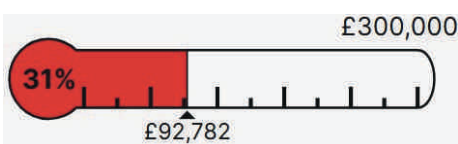
Please do read the criteria page to ensure you are eligible before sending in your application.

If anyone needs any help or has any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Sue Pengelly
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

EDWINA HANNAFORD SKATEPARK – UPDATE

Thanks to an incredible combination of pledges, crowdfunding, and fundraising events, we've now reached an amazing total towards building the skatepark! A huge thank you to every single person who has attended events, liked and shared our Facebook posts, or donated - whether through our Crowdfunder or directly to Looe De4velopment Trust. Every contribution truly makes a difference, and every share helps spread the word across our community.



We currently have several funding applications submitted to external organisations and are casting the net as wide as possible. However, the more we can raise within our own community, the stronger our chances of success - funders love to see local support and real community backing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SKATEJAM – Saturday 21st March (10am–4pm)

A fun-filled day of skating competitions, free skating, advice from experienced skaters, and music.

- FREE entry
- Lots of prizes and free merchandise
- T-shirt colouring competition for non-skaters

This is the first event of its kind in Looe, and we'd love to see a big turnout. We already have skaters coming from across Cornwall and Devon, so it's set to be a fantastic day!

A huge thank you to the wider skating community for their generosity in providing prizes, ramps, and judging support. It really shows why Looe deserves its own skatepark—to be part of this amazing “family.”

Monday 23rd March, Nomansland Village Hall 6:30pm – Freestyle Disco

The second in our series of disco fundraisers—last week raised £238.50!

Big thanks to Vicky Richardson, Teresa Weeks and the team.

- £5 entry
- Great music and a fun evening for all

Friday 24th April Hannaford Point Hotel – Quiz Night

“Let's Get Quizzical!” hosted by Pauseland

- £5 per person (teams up to 6)
- Bar available
- Limited tickets

To book: loewsf@gmail.com 01503 240685 (Kim)

27th June – Annual Business Awards Gala

Hosted by Mike Allsopp from Liskeard & Looe Radio

A donation from the event will go towards the Skatepark. Huge thanks to Mike for his continued support and publicity.

Special Thanks To Our Supporters

- Sheila's School of Dancing
- Gocha Wellness
- Pasty Skateboards
- Bradleys Estate Agents

Get Involved

Want to help make the skatepark a reality?

We'd love to hear from you!

loewsf@gmail.com

01503 240685

Watch this space for even more fundraising events coming soon!

Crowdfunder: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/looeskatepark>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Looeskatepark>

Rewards & events: loewsf@gmail.com



Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe



The Museum will re-open on Monday 30th March in time for Easter.

It seems like only yesterday that we closed for the winter break and were making plans for the jobs ahead of us.

We managed to get most of those tasks completed, some nearly finished and ended up doing projects that we didn't know we were going to do.....

For the coming season there is a new "Daily Life" display, which is a collection of items from our extensive vaults (Ok, archival cardboard boxes but we like to think big. We don't have a staff toilet, we have an "Executive Washroom"!). Some of our winter volunteers chose their favourite piece to be displayed, I can't remember now who chose the chamber-pot.

Our WW2 Cabinet is concentrating on Frank Curtis and his building of vessels for the war at his boatyard, these boats went all over Europe.

Apparently, there is some sort of world cup football match thingy happening this year?! We will have a tribute display to Raymond Bowden of Looe who played for the England team.

The dressing-up collection has been re-vamped for this year. You can do the local history reading first then the family can go all Tudor style and act out the Court plays. This entertains the volunteers as much as the visitors!

Looking forward to seeing you.

Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator, Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol



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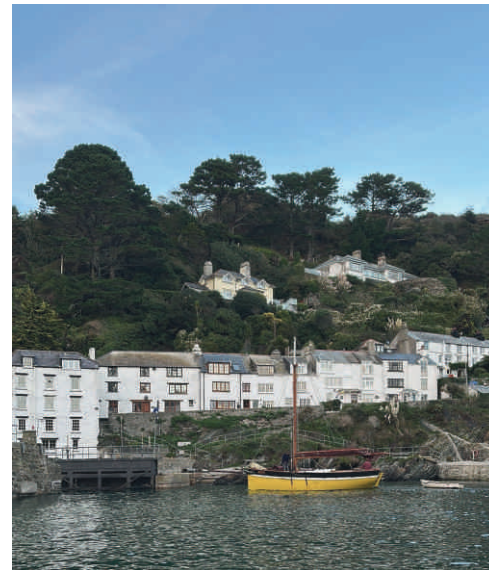


LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS

A former working fishing boat, built in the town more than 100 years ago, is back home and planning to be at this summer's Looe Lugger Classics regatta.

Polperro crab fisherman Chris Puckey has bought the yellow-hulled Vilona May and pencilled in the July 31-August 2 weekend event for one of her first public appearances. Previously owned by Andrew McCloud, of Milford Haven, in Wales, the Vilona May was built at West Looe in 1898 by Peter Ferris as one of the first of a new class of fishing boat, the Polperro Gaffer.

History has it that when a devastating storm hit Polperro in March 1891, the whole fishing fleet was destroyed overnight. A naval architect is then said to have been dispatched from Whitehall to design a new 25-footer, complete with gaff rig, boom-less main, topsails and a deeper draft than that on which previous Polperro fleets had relied.



HOME FROM HOME: Polperro fisherman Chris Puckey has brought the Looe-built Polperro Gaffer, Vilona May, back to her spiritual home port

A small but versatile vessel, moulded on years of tradition and effectiveness, the new Polperro Gaffers would emerge as one of the most iconic of the Cornish fishing industry's working boats. First named Muriel, the Vilona May was owned by the Searle family of Polperro. Her change of name came when the Muriel passed into the Curtis family and was re-titled after two of the Curtis brothers' daughters, Vilona and May.

She fished out of Polperro until the 1950s when it seems likely that Bill Cowan sold her to a Plymouth owner who converted her to a yacht with a lug rig.

Years later former Looe fisherman Chris Rees rescued her from the banks of the Helford River and restored her extensively at his Millbrook boatyard. He took her back to gaff rig and with his wife, Marsha, they sailed her across the Atlantic on at least five occasions, also visiting Greenland and Iceland.



HANNAFORE ASTERN: The Polperro Gaffer, Vilona May, with Chris Rees at the helm, taking part in a previous Looe Lugger Regatta.

Her new 25-year-old owner, who manages 300 lobster and crab pots, says he feels privileged to have brought the Vilona May back to Polperro, his home village, too – and jokes “the octopus has paid for this” after the Mediterranean cephalopods that gorged on Cornish shellfish stocks gave the industry an unexpected financial windfall when catches were snapped up by Spanish, Italian and French exporters.

And the Vilona May might not be the only Polperro Gaffer at Looe's Lugger regatta this summer. Mike Berry is restoring the Maggie; Roger Puckey has plans for the Ferris-built Nellie, and Rees is currently renovating the Edith.

Former fisherman and maritime author Paul Greenwood, the founder of the Cornish Lugger Association back in 1989, is now planning to host a reunion festival in Polperro next year for any surviving Polperro Gaffers – there are thought to be only 9 left. “A fishing vessel has to be a tool for a job and the new Polperro Gaffers were ideal for that harbour,” said Paul.

John Collings



LOOE OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

Looe OCS meet in St Martin's Hall, Looe, at 2.30 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

Talks:

11th April. "War Graves in Cornwall"
by Tony Smith

9th May "A Cornish Miscellany"
by John Little, President of Looe OCS

All welcome - You don't have to be old or Cornish. Members free, non-members £2.

In addition, we have a Spring Lunch in May, a boat trip on the West Looe River and a guided walk and lunch at St Neot over the summer.

Find out more at a meeting.

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LOOE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE UPDATE

Each spring marks the start of another season of public trips to Looe Island Nature Reserve, with first trips around the end of March/Easter. Of course, the weather/ sea state can put paid to our best laid plans but whatever the actual date the island always looks so beautiful at this time of year. However, the exceptionally wet winter and the powerful storms have hindered the pre-opening jobs, so in those calm dry spells it has been full steam ahead.



Once greeted off the Looe Sea Safari boat, our first visitors can follow the self-guided trail and enjoy uplifting signs of Spring. There are carpets of lush green leaves of wild garlic (ramsons) and clumps of 'prima rosa or 'first rose' of the year... which in fact alludes to the pale yellow flowers of primrose. Other early wildlife sightings include the unmistakable flutterings of the red admiral butterfly. With its black velvety wings and red stripes, it's often the first butterfly spotted each year.

As to seabirds its usually cormorants (black birds with long necks) who win the race to be first to build nests, lay eggs and raise chicks. Each year they normally start showing signs of breeding in December, with several obvious nests in January. However, the storms usually hinder progress and it's in March when we see plenty of cormorants displaying and sitting on nests with up to 4 eggs.



Shag and Cormorant in breeding plumage



Herring Gull at cliff nesting site

Over the winter the island supports a huge winter gull roost. Maybe you've spotted gulls at dusk flying down the Looe valley and out across the sea? If so, you'll be watching a great spectacle as several thousand gulls (mainly herring and great black-backed gulls) take overnight shelter here. Remember those great black-backed gulls are the world's largest gull and the island has Cornwall's largest breeding colony of this species! As for the herring gulls? Well, with

they are the quintessential sound of the seaside but in fact they are in serious decline. Still the island supports a large breeding colony of both these birds, so an early spring visit means you'll get to witness the antics of courtship and nest building.



Black-backed Gull



Sleeping seal

Finally, a delight of any trip is the chance to see Cornwall's iconic grey seals. Our visitors typically encounter seals as they rest in the sea.

When we tell people that the seal is probably asleep, this always surprises them, especially if the seal 'sinks' underwater and we say that if has remained undisturbed it will continue to sleep! Seals can sleep on land too – indeed they do need plenty of undisturbed rest as it's a time to digest food and replenish their energy levels, especially if they are

going through their moult or are pregnant and need to lay down fat reserves.

Want to know more about the island, including how you can visit? Why not check out the Looe Island pages of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website:


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

Claire Lewis

Looe Island Warden for Cornwall Wildlife Trust

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LOOE SHEDDERS NEED A PERMANENT HOME

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Why It Matters

Currently, we rely on borrowed rooms and temporary storage.

A permanent home will give our community the stability it deserves.



Help Us to convert our new Doer-Upper into a place where people can find friendship, purpose, and community.

Donate NOW

Our planned workshop will include:

- A large toolroom
- A quiet room and linking space
- Insulated pitched roof with solar panels
- Heat pumps and excellent insulation
- Power, water, and sewage connected to Abbey utilities

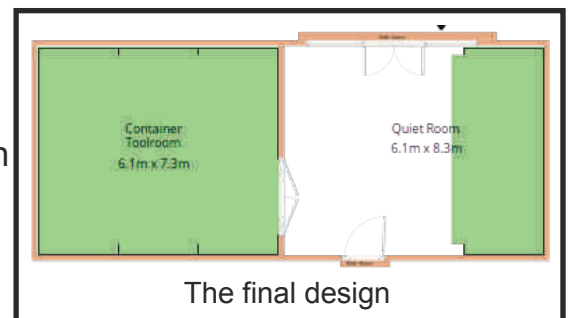
Our Plan

The build is divided into affordable stages, each **under £5,000** (except the final roof).

Every £5,000 raised unlocks the next stage as we work towards our **£100,000** goal.

How You Can Help

- Make a donation — every gift helps
- Sponsor a £5,000 module
- Support us through your business or organisation
- Share our appeal with others
- Help with fundraising events



**Together, we can build a place where people find
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Visit our Website: www.looeshedders.co.uk/looeshedappeal.html

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Are you retired or semi-retired? Looking for some lively company, fun friendships and stimulating activities?

Then why not join Looe & district u3a.

We are a friendly organisation meeting once a month in St. Martin's Hall to listen to informative speakers covering a wide range of topics. We also have smaller interest groups: from Art to Wild swimming and everything in between! Enjoy social events? We arrange many trips, concerts, quizzes, lunches and teas.

The motto of the u3a organisation is **Learn, Laugh, Live** and that's what we do!

Check out our website on looeu3a.org



For more information, please contact the Chair, Alison Currah on chair@looeu3a.org or the Membership Secretary on membership@u3a.org

WEST LOOE MAY FAYRE

We look forward to welcoming you to the annual West Looe May Fayre, taking place on Saturday 2nd May from 11am to 3.30pm.

We have availability for stallholders. The cost of a stall is £10. If you are interested, please contact Zoe on 01503 263387 or email info@jollysailorlooe.co.uk.

We hope to see many of you at this wonderful community event.

Zoe and Jo

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Saturday 2nd May 11am - 3.30pm

WEST LOOE



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West Looe
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Branch News: As we head into Spring, the Looe Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) looks forward to the warmer and sunnier weather and planning for several organised Legion, armed forces and poppy appeal events, and related trips for its members.

With a new Chairman at the helm (Armand Toms), the Branch is keen to raise the profile of local and wider RBL efforts; to improve internal and external communications and to attract new members. To assist with these aims, two new Committee members were voted in (Andy Shaw and Gareth Thomas). A refresh of the Looe RBL website is underway, and greater use of its Facebook pages planned. Link: (<https://www.facebook.com/LooeBranchRBL/>).

Looe residents will soon see fliers and posters popping up around the town to support this effort. The Branch currently has 78 members, and we'd like to improve on this. As a reminder, you don't have to have served in the armed forces or be currently serving to join the RBL. We welcome all comers.

Looe War Memorial: The incident involving damage to the Silent Soldiers, reported in the last update, has been resolved. Two new Silent Soldiers are being constructed. With spring approaching, the memorial garden has had a refresh by the hard-working 'Looe in Bloom' ladies, for which we are most grateful. A heartfelt thanks also goes out to East Looe Town Trust, West Looe Town Trust and Looe Town Council for their generous contributions towards the purchase of a new lawnmower for attending to the maintenance of the Memorial grass.



Events: To mark the end of the Gulf War in 1990, Looe Branch members attended an event at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday 1st March 2026, organised by the Gulf War 90-91 Memorial Trust Association, to remember everyone who served in the Gulf War and honour those who did not return home. The event marked 35 years since the conclusion of the Gulf War. In response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, an international coalition was formed. The British Armed Forces played a key role through Operation GRANBY, deploying 53,000 men and women. After a month of airstrikes a ground offensive followed, leading to the liberation of Kuwait. But it came at a cost. During the conflict, 47 members of the British Armed Forces lost their lives.

Forthcoming local and national events include:

Friday 8th May – VE Day (Looe RBL Stall)

Saturday 27th June - Armed Forces Day (Looe RBL Stall)

Saturday 15th August – VJ Day (Looe RBL Stall)

Friday 23rd October – launch of the Poppy Day Appeal

Saturday 24th October – Poppy Day (Looe RBL Stall)



Nationally, the RBL will remember the 15th anniversary of the end of the Iraq War (Operation TELIC). A commemorative event will take place at 12pm on Friday 22nd May at the National Memorial Arboretum, to honour the extraordinary service of the British Armed Forces in the Coalition. We invite all personnel who served with the British Armed Forces in Iraq, families of those who served and the bereaved to come together for an afternoon of comradeship and reflection.

Branch Trips: For the benefit of members, Looe RBL Branch organises trips to various local and wider military establishments and, for example, the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire. Two imminent trips include: Jupiter Point Royal Navy Establishment on May 5th and to Trebah on 30th May. Trebah played an important role in D-Day and was home to thousands of American GIs who, after months of preparation and training, departed from the quiet Cornish beach for the treacherous battlefield of Omaha beach in Normandy, France.

About the Royal British Legion: Remember that the Royal British Legion (RBL) supports the entire UK Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, veterans, and their families, offering help from just one day of service onwards with financial aid, housing, employment, welfare, health (physical/mental), and support for carers, aiming to help them transition to civilian life and live independently. If you think you, or someone you know, qualifies for help from the 'Legion', then see the help details at the end of this article.



Meetings: If you are interested or simply curious about the 'Legion' then please come along to one of our friendly meetings. They do not last long and then transcend into a social evening. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the ground floor bar of the Looe Social Club, starting at 7.30pm. You do not have to be a member of the Social Club to attend and there is no pressure to join the Royal British Legion.

Help from the Royal British Legion: You can call them on **0808 802 8080** from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Calls are free from UK landlines and main mobile networks. Also available is an online chat service from 8am to 8pm every day or email on: info@britishlegion.org.uk. 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 802 121**.

Looe Royal British Legion email: rbl.looe@gmail.com



This year's hugely successful Looe 10 Miler took place on Sunday 1st March, with runners from all over Cornwall, Devon and even further afield. The main race had 637 starters and the mini miler around 88.

This year we raised **£8000** for charity:

- £4954.23 Cornwall Air Ambulance
- £2045.77 Cornwall Hospice Care
- £500 Boundless Trust
- £500 Skatepark in Looe

We could not have staged the event without our amazing 80+ volunteers, including for the first time the army cadets, or our equally amazing sponsors:

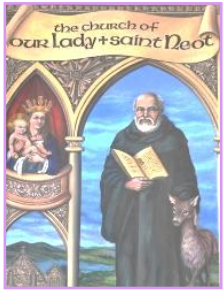


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Friday – 10.00am

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Good Friday 3rd April at 3pm.

Holy Saturday 4th April at 6pm.

Easter Sunday 5th April.

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Our Lady & St Neot Liskeard
 11am.

Please Refer To Our Website For Up To
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Millpool Launching Area Local Permits: 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027

1. Annual Local Permit (Motorised)
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2. Annual Local Permit (non-motorised)
To include conservancy plus parking of car (unlimited use) – £143 (including VAT).
3. Annual Local Permit (motorised)
conservancy only, no parking - £150 (including VAT).
4. Annual Local Permit (non-motorised)
conservancy only, no parking - £60 (including VAT).
5. LHC Kayak Storage (including conservancy)
(Polean area, near Jewsons) - £105 (plus VAT).

For further information, please contact:

Looe Harbour Commissioners,

Looe Harbour Office,

The Quay,

East Looe PL13 1DX,

Telephone: 01503 262839 or email: reception@looeharbour.com

Quay Wall Collapse (West Looe) & Bulging Wall (East Looe)

The contractors (TMS) set up a site compound on West Looe Quay on 12th February and commenced work on 13th February 2026. As of 13th March 2026, the temporary works, drilling, piling and lego block elements of the project have been completed. The stone facing of the façade, is 50% complete. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2026 and is on target.

A second bulging of the West Looe Quay wall is also being investigated by the project team and contractors. A scheme to stabilise this area will be undertaken.

Stabilisation works started on East Looe Quay on 9th March 2026.

Unfortunately, the planned repair works using platypus anchors were not able to be completed, due to the discovery of an impenetrable structure. An alternative solution is now being developed, under close supervision of the Marine Management Organisation.

Until a solution has been found, plant and equipment have been removed from East Looe Quayside. The team remains committed to progressing the works as quickly as possible whilst minimising disruption.

Looe Harbour Commissioners March 2026



Looe Harbour Commissioners Car Parks Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What type of system is operating on the Buller Quay, East Looe car park?

An Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR) is now in place.

2. If I purchase a car park ticket, can I exit and re-enter within that period?

Yes, provided any 'overstay' is paid for before the vehicle leaves the car park (for the second time). Please note, Top ups are only available on the Buller Quay, East Looe car park.

3. Are the car park tickets transferable ie, If a Pay and Display ticket is purchased on Buller Quay, East Looe, can I use the same ticket on West Looe Quay (or vice versa)?

No. Tickets are not transferable between LHC East and West Looe car parks.

4. Can I extend the length of my parking before my time expires?

Yes.

(i) Buller Quay, East Looe car park – Top ups can be made via the P&D machine or the Parkonomy App

(ii) West Looe Quay car park – Top ups can only be made via the Parkonomy App.

5. If I overstay the time that I have purchased a P&D ticket for, can I Top-Up before I leave the car park?

(i) Buller Quay, East Looe Car park - Yes. Overstay top ups can be made via the Pay and display machines or by using the Parkonomy App.

(ii) West Looe Quay car park – No. Overstay top-ups cannot be made on the West Looe Quay car park. Please ensure that you purchase enough time for your visit.

6. Are there any concessions for disabled badge holders?

LHC provide 3 disabled badge holder spaces in Buller Quay, East Looe car park. However, the normal parking charges apply.

7. If there is an emergency and my parking time expires, what should I do?

Please contact the Harbour Patrol staff (07539 176 046) or Harbour office (01503 262839) as soon as possible.



8. If there is a hold-up to exit the Buller Quay car park (East Looe) and I am concerned that I have over-run the parking time that I have paid for, what should I do?

Please contact the Harbour Patrol staff (07539 176 046) or Harbour office (01503 262839).

Please note the ANPR cameras on the Buller Quay car park is linked to a CCTV system.

9. Is there free parking for short visits, for example collection of prescriptions?

No. Following requests from members of the public, a half-hour car park charge (50p) has been introduced. This can be purchased to cover short stays in LHC car parks. If there is an emergency and you cannot find a car park space, please contact the Harbour Patrol staff on 07539 176 046.

10. Why can I no longer purchase a £2 overnight ticket (6pm -> 8am)?

With the new car park system, it is no longer possible to do this. However, a local's yearly parking permit has been introduced (£100 + vat). This allows local residents to park on either of the LHC owned car parks for £0.33p per night from 6pm to 9am the following morning. Employees of local businesses that reside outside of the catchment area, may also qualify for a discounted yearly annual parking permit. This must be applied for by their employer. Application forms and further details are available from the Harbour office.

11. How Do I Raise an Enquiry with Alliance Parking?

Email: info@alliance-parking.co.uk

12. How do I Pay a Parking Charge (PCN)?

Visit: <https://www.alliance-parking.co.uk/payments> Or Call 0330 333 8427(option 1)

13. How do I Appeal a Parking Charge?

Visit: <https://www.alliance-parking.co.uk/appeals>

Please be advised Looe Harbour Commissioners cannot get involved with an Appeal.

14. How Do I Complain to Alliance Parking?

Email: complaints@alliance-parking.co.uk



KAYAK STORAGE AVAILABLE AT POLEAN WEST LOOE



Please contact Looe Harbour Office
for further information

Telephone: 01503 262839

Email: reception@looeharbour.com



LOOE REPAIR CAFÉ



Looe Repair Café takes place on the second Saturday morning of each month in St Martins Community Hall, at the same time as the Looe Shedders meeting.

Our title says it all really- we try to repair things. We will try to fix most things as long as you can carry it in (therefore no washing machines or fridges) and as long as it is not petrol driven (fire hazards). You can send an enquiry via email RepairCafe@LooeShedders.co.uk to check if we will accept your repair request.

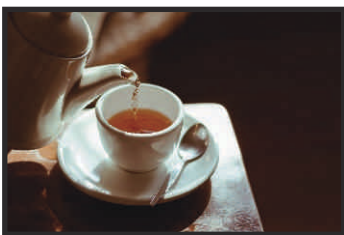
We have successfully repaired lots of small electrical items and a wide range of other things. To our March session people brought along 2 stools, a glass dish, an electric drill, a carpet cleaner, a garden strimmer, a snooker table iron (we couldn't fix that) and a wooden tray.

At previous sessions we have had all sorts of things presented including bikes, handbags, candlesticks and a weathervane.

Apart from the exclusions stated above, we will try to fix just about anything.

So - Don't bin it, bring it to the Repair Cafe!

We do not charge for repairs but donations are welcome.



LOOE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

The Community Tearoom in the Rose Garden is open from 10am until midday Monday to Saturday.

It is run by volunteers.

We also have two trips a year.

Do come along and have a tea or coffee and biscuits and a chat.

Everyone is welcome. We all look forward to seeing you all.

Pat and her team



THE LOOE COASTGUARD FLATS

Work on The Coastguard Flats has been progressing at a brisk pace, thanks to our dedicated contractor Waneless PK Ltd. When we first took on the project, the rear wall was heavily overgrown, with vegetation and unsecured trees posing a genuine danger due to the steep, unfenced slope. Neighbours and tenants had even reported stones falling into their backyards, something clearly had to be done about that.

To tackle these safety concerns, a specialist team with abseiling gear and helmets were brought in to clear the slope and stabilise the area. They've worked wonders to clear the slope and make the site safe, installing geotextile netting to secure the slope. This has allowed us to set up scaffolding throughout the site. It hasn't all been plain sailing, our Technical Support Officer, Pete will tell you, stripping the roof in the worst winter we've had for ages was no easy task! The rain didn't let up, but the team kept going. When it was too wet and windy to work on the roof, they got stuck indoors, clearing out the flats.

Most of the roof has now been removed, the slope has been stabilised, and work is set to carry on into early 2027. If you've had the chance to look up on the hill lately, you'll have seen how much has changed, especially at the back.

More Social Housing for Cornwall

Those who are signed up to our mailing list or follow us on socials (please do if you haven't already!) will know that we are also moving forward with two other projects, aimed at creating affordable homes for local Cornish communities.

Carn Thomas, Isles of Scilly: In partnership with the Duchy of Cornwall, we are converting the former Carn Thomas Primary School on St Mary's into seven homes designated for social rent. The building's beautiful granite walls will be kept, so its character stays intact, but inside will be fresh, providing much-needed local housing. Once we sort out the freehold, we'll look after these homes for years to come. The plans include gardens, parking and a shared courtyard, everything you'd want for a great place to live.

Coombe Park, Downderry: We are delighted to support the Deviock Community Trust (DCT) in their ambitious project to deliver over 20 new homes for social rent at the Coombe Park site in Downderry. DCT recently secured a £460,000 borrowing agreement enabling them to buy the site, so it's protected while detailed plans are drawn up. This is a huge step forward and brilliant news for everyone in the area.

For more Information, please visit our website www.threeseascornwall.org.uk where you can sign up to our newsletter and link to our socials.

Thank you all for your continued support.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

Warm regards, The Three Seas Cornwall Team

SCLERDER ABBEY: EVENTS FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 2026



QUIET DAY to recharge your batteries:

Step off the treadmill of everyday life into a beautiful and quiet place by joining us on **Tuesday 12th May 2026**, from 10am to 4pm.

Hot drinks and a simple lunch are provided.

There is no charge for the day, but donations are very welcome!

GREEN ABBEY RESIDENTIAL SESSION:

Friday 17th to Wednesday 22nd April 2026. A chance to explore how we can work with nature to grow food sustainably, how this links with care for our planet and the people within it, with an opportunity to experience community life and the spiritual rhythm of the Abbey during the session. The programme includes practical demonstrations and practice, with activities offered suitable for different ages and abilities.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES residential silent retreat:

Saturday 30th May to Saturday 6th June 2026 (from 6 pm 30th May, ending 10 am on 6th). An opportunity to be immersed in the quiet and peace of Sclerder Abbey to come closer to God and discern his will for you.

CANA WEEK FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES.

Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August 2026. A week to enrich your relationship with your spouse or partner. Children are looked after and follow their own exciting programme, to give the parents space for themselves.

THE GREEN ABBEY PROJECT

Working with nature on a small area of land to produce vegetables, salad and fruit ecologically and organically. This Winter we will start making beds ready for sowing spring and summer crops in the new year. We have construction projects to improve rainwater collection and irrigation. We will collect and turn material to make compost. Would you like to volunteer for a couple of hours, half a day, or more (including as a residential volunteer for 1 week or more) to help us develop this project? Volunteers are also welcome to join the daily community life and prayer in the Abbey.

PERSONAL RETREATS: At times it is possible to do a personal retreat. Contact us to apply.

For more information about quiet days and retreats or the Green Abbey project or to apply, please email to sclerder@gmail.com, or ring 01503 272 238.

You can also get information about all our activities or apply online by going onto our website at <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>



Looe Marine Conservation Group

So many opportunities to get involved in protecting our marine wildlife and habitats around Looe. Make this the year you help make a difference!

Now Spring has arrived, we're outdoors on rockpool rambles and beach cleans, and indoors hosting some fantastic talks. Our events are FREE to attend but we request donations.

TALKS

'Campaigning for an end to sewage pollution' Tues 21 April: 18:15 - Hannafore Point Hotel

Channel 4's Dirty Business docu-drama has put sewage pollution and the water companies in the spotlight. Our speaker, Marcus Kern, is the Regional rep for Surfers Against Sewage - a grassroots environmental charity dedicated to the protection of the ocean, waves, beaches and wildlife. We'll learn about their campaign for an end to sewage pollution through ambitious and radical reform of the water industry in England and Wales.



Next talk Tues 19 May : Snorkelology at the Millpool Centre 6.15pm

BEACH CLEAN - Saturday 4th April Meet 1-2.30pm

HANNAFORE BEACH WEST LOOE below Coastguard Station

During the Easter weekend, this sociable, educational activity will fulfill ambitions to do something rewarding and outdoorsy, involving family & friends. We provide all litter-picking kit. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Check our Facebook page for updates.

ROCKPOOL RAMBLE - Friday 17th April 12.00 – 1.30pm

HANNAFORE BEACH WEST LOOE - below Coastguard Station

Whatever your age, enjoy exploring Looe's fascinating rocky shore with knowledgeable local knowledgeable experts to learn about animals & plants calling it home. Join us for this ever popular educational activity.



Could you help? Become a member for only £8 a year: [Join/donate](#)

Learn about volunteering opportunities; our talks programme; help run our calendar of events. Discover unique training opportunities. Share your skills and bring your own ideas!

Come along to one of our monthly meetings, **held every third Tuesday of the month** at 6.15pm at Hannafore Point Hotel.

Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Further details on our website www.looemarineconservation.org and Facebook page.

LOOE AND DISTRICT EUCHRE LEAGUE

A very enjoyable Presentation evening was held at the Pelynt Institute recently which included a Charity Pairs competition, delicious buffet and a large raffle, a fitting finale for the Looe and District Euchre League season.

The winning pair of the evening, Carole Dudley and Alan Graham kindly nominated Cancer Research UK for the £100 prize and the Secretary, Ann Alford, kindly donated the buffet food. The raffle was carried out by Carole Day. Chairman Rob Sainsbury thanked the committee for their work over the past year and everyone for supporting the League and was looking forward to next season.



Results as follows:

League Winners: Pelynt Rebels (above left)

Runners up Pelynt A

Team Knockout Cup Winners – Salutation Inn (centre)

Runners up Pelynt Rebels.

League Pairs Winners - Barry Davis and Deano Dicks - Pelynt A

Runners up Shaun Powell and Jerry Richards - Salutation Inn.

Chairman's Cup Winners - Louise Brown and Steve Eastley - Pelynt A

Runners up Carole Dudley and Shaun Powell - Salutation Inn.

Charity Cup Winners - Carole Dudley and Alan Graham - Salutation Inn

Runners up Yestin Hutchings and Ellie Sainsbury - Pelynt Rebels.

Wooden Spoon Winners - Sociables. (above right)



LOOE BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION



The Looe Boat Owners Association have the following events coming up. All will take place in Looe Sailing Club.

Newcomers are always welcome.

Visit www.lboa.co.uk for further information or contact publicity@lboa.co.uk.

Tuesday April 14th 7.30 pm - AGM and Quiz. Supper.

MILLPOOL CENTRE

LOOE



CHILDREN'S PARTIES
WEDDING RECEPTIONS

CHARITY EVENTS : PRIVATE PARTIES

The Millpool Centre is an idyllic setting for your DIY wedding reception, birthday party or a stress free child's birthday party.

Children's party rate is only £45 (up to 5hr session) for a weekend or day time booking;

We have a fully licensed bar, fantastic kitchen & everything you need for your event or party to hand. (Discounted rates for charity events). For children's parties we can accommodate all sorts of soft play, bouncy castles & activities.

Contact Wendy: 01503 265947



MILLPOOL CENTRE, WEST LOOE. PL13 2AF
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Mon	8am– 9am 10.30am– 11.30 4pm - 8pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Yoga with Gocha: www.gochawellness.com Paracise: Exercise class with Lisa Gorman 1st floor 07890 381 516 Bond Dance company: contemporary & commercial age 3-young teens term time only contact: 07969 212 902 Looe Karate Club –Contact Dave - 07889 310 908 1st floor
Tue	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Pilates with Barabara - 1st floor 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila’s School of Dance 07866771429 Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor
Wed	8am—9am 6pm - 7pm 7pm - 8pm 4.30pm—6pm	Yoga with Gocha 07539 178 840 1st floor (Check for term dates) Adult contemporary dance with Gocha wellness 1st floor Pilates: Gocha Wellness 1st floor Last Wednesday of each month - Community Meals - 07766 020 524
Thu	11am - 12pm 1.45pm-3.45pm 4pm - 8.30pm 7pm - 9pm	Sheila’s School of Dance Adult Dancercise - 07866 771 429 1st floor Cornwall Mind Community Café 2nd Thu of month Ballet & Tap classes, contemporary & street Child & Adult with Bond Dance Company: contact Rachel 07969 212 902 1st floor (TERM TIME ONLY) Ukulele Club (Ground Floor) contact Roger Lane: 01503 262775
Fri	4.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Looe Youth Theatre - 07920 282 818 (Fiona) ground floor (Term time only) Looe Karate club 01503 264767 (Dave) 1st floor

Sat & Sun Centre Available For Private Hire - 01503 265947

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