

LOOE COMMUNITY NEWS

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LOOE Festival of WORDS

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Message from the Mayor, Stephen Remington:

October 2026 sees the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the original twinning agreement between Looe and Quiberon.

We are honoured that a delegation, led by Patrick Le Roux, Mayor of Quiberon, will be visiting Looe on 10th and 11th October and we will be arranging a great Looe welcome for them – rain or shine!



The weekend will start with a flag raising ceremony, open to all, at our flagpoles by the War Memorial at **10:00 on Saturday 10 October**.

Why not come along to this once in a generation event and share in this celebration when five different flags will be raised, some specially designed for the occasion?

We also plan a walking and tasting tour – many thanks to the businesses who will welcome our visitors for a taste of the best Looe has to offer.

The Quiberon delegation will go on boat trips around the island, weather conditions permitting.

Receptions are being given by East Looe Town Trust and the Harbour Commission and there will be a civic lunch attended by the High Sheriff of Cornwall.

Above all, we want this weekend to be the launchpad for a thoroughly modern twinning between our two towns.

Quiberon and Looe chose each other fifty years ago because of our many similarities – population size, marriage to the sea, popular tourist destination, rich heritage and sense of community.

Now perhaps, added to all that, we share modern challenges in a turbulent world where things may be less clear than they were half a century back.

We believe that solutions may be found closer to home, communities working together to confront the impact of global events, and we believe that partnership with a friendly and similar community across the water can add to our ideas and our optimism.

Stephen Remington, Mayor of Looe



Could You Be Looe's Town Crier?

Looe Town Council is inviting applications from enthusiastic individuals interested in becoming the town's official Town Crier.

The Town Crier plays an important role in community life, representing Looe at civic and community events, welcoming visitors and dignitaries, and delivering traditional proclamations on special occasions throughout the year.

The Council is keen to hear from people who are confident, outgoing and passionate about supporting their local community. No previous experience is necessary. The role offers a unique opportunity to become an ambassador for Looe, helping to promote the town and represent it at a variety of community, civic and ceremonial occasions.

Anyone interested in the role is invited to email a few details about themselves and explain why they would like to become Looe's Town Crier to:

enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Closing date is Monday 19 October 2026.

Dates for Your Diary

Quiberon Twinning 50th Anniversary Flag Raising Ceremony

Saturday 10th October 10am – 10.30am

Lantern Parade Workshop

Saturday 7th November 10am – 2pm

Looe Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 8th November, 10.30am – 12pm

Looe Lantern Parade & Christmas Lights Switch On

Friday 27th November, 6pm – 8pm

To keep up to date with the latest news, events and projects from Looe Town Council:

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, sign up to our newsletter at

www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk, or pop into Looe Library & Community Hub for a chat!

Local Councillors:

To contact your local Councillor, please email enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk



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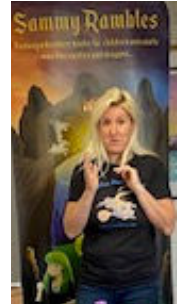
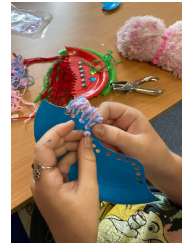
LOOE LIBRARY

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations!



...to the young readers of Looe for engaging in the **Cornwall Reading Challenge**. Thank you for coming and enjoying our Festival Week - we enjoyed author workshops with **Tom Palmer** and **JT Scott**, plus **Craft** and **Lego Challenge Workshops**.



Come and Celebrate The 50th Anniversary of the Twinning of Looe & Quiberon

French Fun Palace -
a free event for the
Community of Looe



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Saturday 3rd October
10am - 2pm, Looe Library
& Community Hub

Welcome from the Mayor of Looe

French Fun & Conversation
Cornish Bagpipes

Live music from Ilow Splann

Twinning Quiz

Plus a celebratory poem composed and performed by Bards of the Cornish Gorsedh with translations in Cornish & Breton!

Enjoy free coffee & croissants, Breton themed bead craft, write a postcard to Quiberon (In French) & borrow books that are currently popular at Quiberon Library...

Catherine
Supervisor, Looe Library & Community Hub



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August 2026 has been the busiest month since the station re-established in 1992. Over the month, pagers were sounding at all times of the day and night tasking our crews to respond to 20 incidents. 14 of these were sea based, resulting in 17 inshore lifeboat launches, while the remaining 6 incidents were shore based. Crews assisted Kayakers and Paddleboarders caught out in the strong offshore winds, people cut off by the tide and searches for missing persons and an overdue sailor. Both boat and shore crews dealt with a mix of medical incidents, and, whilst at the lifeboat station, crew members assisted a woman who found herself in difficulties attempting to wade the river at low tide and helped to reunite a lost child with his parents.

Souvenir Shop: Subject to volunteer availability, and the weather, our souvenir shop is open daily between 11 am and 4pm. Our shop has a wide range of products for you to choose from, including Christmas cards and 2027 calendars.

Albatross Boathouse: Our boathouse will be open daily to the public until the end of October half term. Subject to volunteer availability, operational requirements and the weather 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.

Keeping safe on the coast: As we move into Autumn, the times and frequency of our SE Cornwall RNLI lifeguard patrols change. Patrols at Freathy have now finished for 2026, Patrols at Seaton, Tregantle and Sharrow will finish on 27 September. whilst Tregonhawke beach will be patrolled daily until 27 September, then only at weekends until 18 October and the final week of October half term when patrols finish for the year on 1 November 2026. There have been several incidents with swimmers getting caught in rip currents. Please take notice of the red and yellow flags and follow the advice of the lifeguards when they are on duty. When there is no lifeguard cover on the beaches, please take extra care. Always 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. 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: How ever 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.

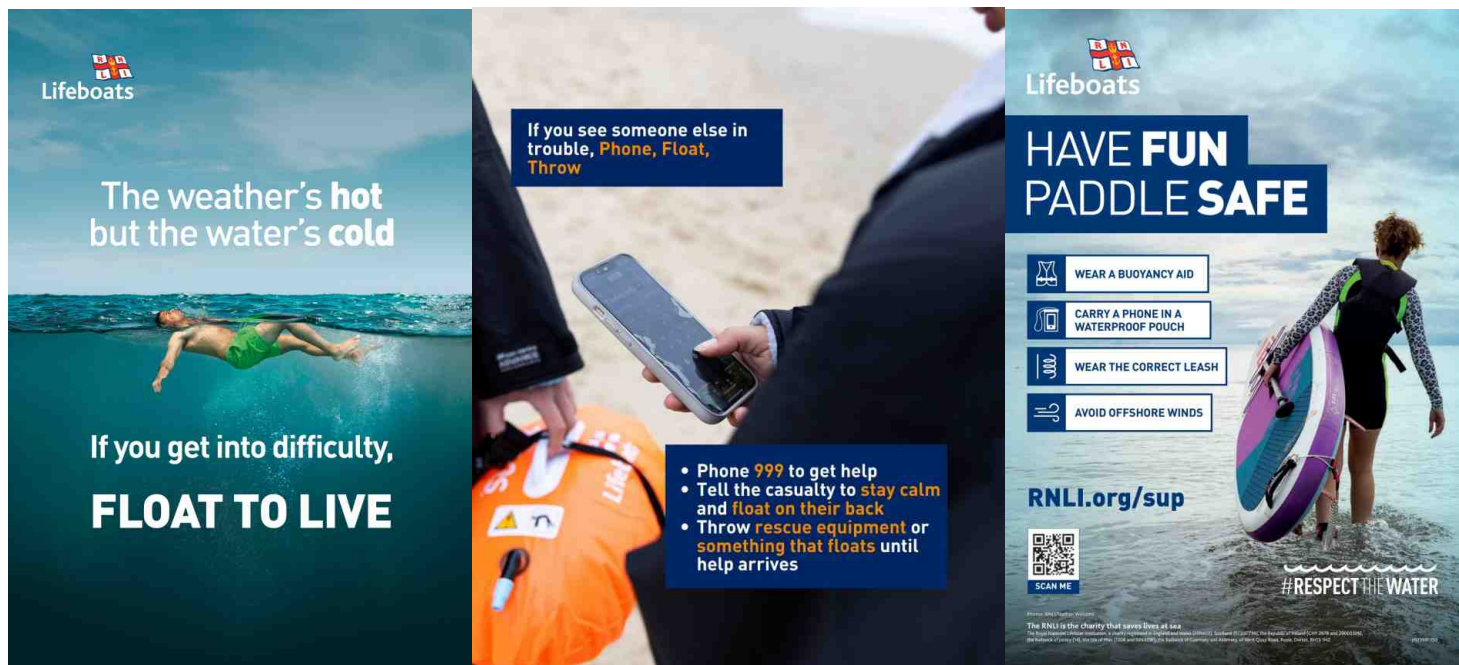
If you see someone struggling in the water, fight your instinct to jump in and help. Stay on land and 999 and ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue when inland. Tell the person in danger to float on their back and throw them something that floats, which they can use for buoyancy. #phone #float #throw

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>



RNLI Fundraising events

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

**Lee Quinney as Elton John returns
Saturday 17 October 2026**

The legend that is Lee Quinney aka Elton John Rocketman! is returning, by popular demand, to the Hannaford Point Hotel on Saturday 17 October 2026. His appearance last year was an electric, sell-out performance, talked about in Looe for weeks. Along with his band, Lee covers the greatest hits of Elton John encouraging audience participation both vocally and on the dancefloor.

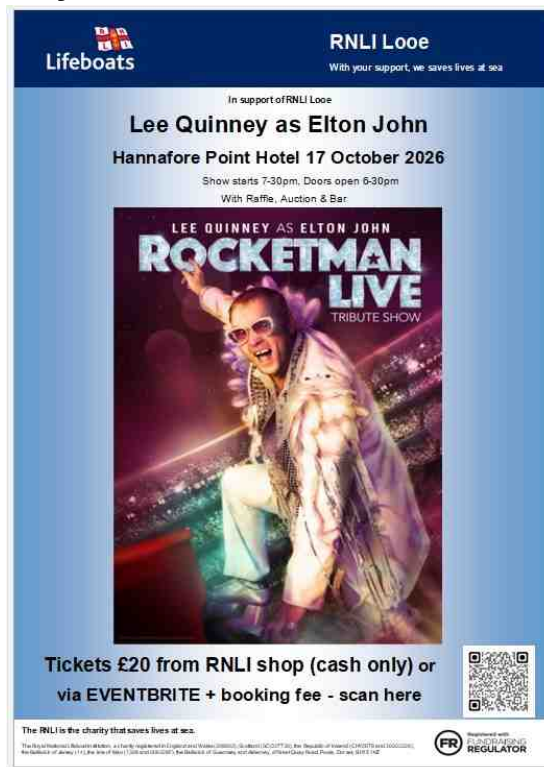
It's a night to let your hair down and enjoy the music of one of our finest singer songwriters, the fabulous Elton John.

During the interval, our fundraising team will hold an auction and draw the raffle (cash and card payments available).

There is a bar available in the ballroom, food available by arrangement with the hotel on 01503 263273 prior to the event.

Tickets – £20 from RNLI Shop (cash only) or online plus booking fee from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rnli-looe-presents-lee-quinney-as-elton-john-rocketman-2026-tickets-1985581432515>



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LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS

This summer's Looe Lugger Classics was another colourful event, with good weather, fabulous entertainment, ample food and drink and some great sailing.

The only disappointment was that the fleet of 29 boats did not include many of the well-known historic old fishing luggers, partly due to a diary clash with the 40th anniversary Douarnenez Maritime Festival in Brittany. As attractive as Looe, it was never going to win that Anglo-French battle! A couple of the larger boats were also undergoing urgent repairs and would have been unable to sail to either Looe or Brittany.

Economic and cost of living challenges may not have helped, either. Traditionally, the Looe regatta was held on 'odd' years and the 2026 edition might have put extra financial pressure on boat owners and crews who were already committed to attending 'even' year events such as Douarnenez or Mousehole's Sea, Salts and Sail Festival.

However, it was still an excellent entry for a relatively small harbour and good to see the former Eileen back in port. Now re-named Demeter, the Curtis and Mitchell lugger, built at the far end of the Millpool in 1920, originally replaced the Toms family's fast and regatta-winning lugger, Little Charlie.

The 42-footer was first worked by fisherman 'Watt' Toms; then by his son, Ernie, and later by Ernie's own son, Edward.

Looe's Paul Greenwood, the Cornish Lugger Association founder chairman, bought the Eileen from Edward Toms in 1977 and she was later sold to a Plymouth fisherman. After almost 60 years as a working fishing boat in the English Channel, the-then yellow-hulled vessel was put back to sea in the run-up to the 2003 regatta as a pleasure lugger for Lorraine Harris, of Penryn. By the time of the 2013 reunion, she was owned by Lin and Yan Speake and later by Jack and Rebecca Underhill from the River Dart in South Devon, who spent most of 2020-21 in and around the Falmouth area. They returned to Devon in March 2021 for the birth of their baby girl, Matilda, and the by-then black-hulled lugger returned to Penryn for maintenance.

Now owned by Dougal Bird, who previously attended Looe Lugger Regattas as crew on the Our Boys some 30 years ago, she has been restored at Gilla Creek, near Falmouth where Dougal says that he is "dedicating everything to rescuing this gorgeous ship from Looe". Her new name comes from the ancient Greek goddess of agriculture, harvest, grain, and fertility, often referred to as the 'Earth Mother'. She arrived in Looe early this year so that Dougal and local oar-maker Harry Poulson could make repairs to the boat's mizzen mast.

There were also several new craft from the South West Old Gaffers Association attending Looe this year as well as other familiar faces, including an increased number of Beer beach luggers from East Devon and two Edwardian-style yachts who regular race each other at Cornwall and Devon regattas.

19 of the fleet moored in the harbour, courtesy of Looe Harbour Commissioners, with the remainder anchoring in the bay.

Thoughts have now turned to the 2027 regatta but, yet again, the need for a suitable high tide is proving problematic. The two best dates of the summer are already out of the equation. The first was the June 4-6 weekend but that would have clashed with Paul Greenwood's reunion of historic Polperro Gaffers in Polperro – and Looe Lugger Classics had absolutely no intention of doing that. The second was not possible because the regatta base at the West Looe Quayside Centre (known locally as Mally's Shed) was unavailable. The organisers' favoured weekend is now before the Looe Harbour Commissioners for their approval and it is hoped that confirmation of the date will be available early in October.

LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS 2026 RESULTS:

FOWEY FEEDER RACE (on corrected time): 1, Ayesha (Richard and Judith Bond, Tim Bailey, Fowey); 2, Cynthia (Peter Lucas, Kingswear, near Dartmouth); 3, Iskra (Keith Muncey, Derbyshire); 4, Susan J (David and Julie Patuck, Ilminster, Devon).

LOOE LUGGER CLASSICS (on corrected time):

Class A (over 30-ft): 1, Cynthia; 2, Ayesha.

Class B (under 30-ft): 1, Ganso Bravo (Ben Munro, Donderry); 2, Black Pearl (Ian Kennedy, Plymouth); 3, Charlotte (Mark Steggles, Noss Mayo, South Devon); 4, Iskra; 5, Vilona May (Chris Puckey and Michael Berry, Polperro); 6, Susan J; 7, Popcorn (Mark Pughe, Looe); 8, Squiggles (Tony Laurillard, Pillaton, near Saltash).

Class C (small boats 21-ft & under): 1, Brenda Jean (Justin and Toby Adkin, Beer, East Devon); 2, Pixie (Jason Goddard, Beer); eq.3, Fulmar (Antoine Jones, Looe) and Hannah (Giles and Hannah Frampton, Thorncombe, Dorset); 5, Ivy May (Joe Andrews, St Germans).

Alan Pape Memorial Trophy, Spirit of the Regatta: Looe Harbour Authority.

Taff's Trophy: One of the most surprised winners at the Lugger Regatta was retired fisherman Phil ('Taff') Spencer who received a special award, presented by the Mayor Stephen Remington and Deputy Mayor Michala Powell, for all his hard work behind the scenes contributing to the success of the weekend.

Picture: Neil Richardson



LOOE SAILING CLUB

Another very busy year for the Club is drawing towards its conclusion; evening sailing and junior sail training has finished for the year, although Saturday racing continues until the end of October.

We are also due to host the South West Enterprise area championship over the first weekend in October.

The biggest event during the summer was the hosting of the Scorpion National Championships during the first week of August. Having lost the first two days with no wind, the programme was stepped up over the following days to complete a very successful week. Over 60 boats arrived at the start line from all over Britain and, with spinnakers of many colours, it proved to be a very colourful sight in Looe Bay. Winners were Tom Gillard and Rachel Gray from Sheffield.

Grateful thanks go to the organisations in the town without whose help we would not be able to run such events.

During the same period the Club organised and ran the bar for the Looe Lugger Classics Regatta on West Looe Quay involving a further team of volunteers, so a big thank you to everyone.

The end of August saw the presentations for the Summer Series of race. **Winners were:**

Enterprise: Matt & Ivan Jaycock,

Laser: Hugo Hercod,

Mirror: Jowan Carnell & Will Bray and

Redwing: Peter Kinver & Antoine Jones.

The Autumn Series is now progressing, with the presentations taking place at the end of October.



DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISING APPEAL UPDATE

A huge **'Thank You'** to everyone who generously supported our recent defibrillator fundraising appeal. We are delighted to announce that the £5,616 target was exceeded.

This will ensure that these vital, life-saving resources remain available across our community.

The Looe Defibrillator Project Team met with Andy Collins South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) recently to commence the handover of the defibrillators.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation is extended to Ivor Campbell, who has agreed to become the Primary Guardian of all the Looe units. Ivor will complete the monthly checks and report his findings to the Circuit (NHS Response Centre).

Looe Harbour Commissioners' staff will continue their role as Secondary Guardian and will be responsible for ensuring the units remain rescue ready, arranging community training sessions, replacing the G5 units, batteries and pads when they have reached their life expectancy, and raising funds to ensure the future of the project.

The order has now been placed for the interim pads and batteries, and the surplus funds from the recent appeal are being held by Looe Development Trust to purchase replacement pads (when required) over the next three years.

The units in situ will reach their life expectancy in March 2030. Therefore, looking to the future, we must continue to fundraise, and any donations (however small) will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital community project.

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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me (Tina Hicks) via my usual Looe Harbour Commissioners (LHC) contact details;

Mobile – 07918728955

Email – ce@looeharbour.com



Free Defibrillator & Basic Life Saving Skills Training Session

Friday 6th November 2026
In the Heritage Centre, West Looe
1.00 - 3.00pm (2 hours)

The session is limited to 12 persons.
please contact:

Looe Harbour Office on 01503 262839
or by email: reception@looeharbour.com

The session will be filled on
a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to hearing from you.



NEWS FROM EAST LOOE TOWN TRUST

The Trust are so proud to own and maintain the beach and seafront for everyone to enjoy and it was certainly very busy this summer. Looe Beach Hire reports that they were busy in hiring deck chairs, loungers, windbreaks and kayaks as well as providing the famous octopus roundabout for the younger visitors.

ELTT have worked in collaboration with Looe Town Council to facilitate the installation of CCTV on the seafront to assist in keeping safe. We are fortunate that our beach is known as one of the safest beaches to visit, but there are still emergencies that occur that need the assistance of emergency services and specialised help – such as HM Coastguard and the RNLI.

Please always take a note of the tides and weather conditions before enjoying the beach and the sea and make sure you and your family/friends know to call 999 in an emergency. There is more safety and information on our signs on the seafront.

ELTT welcomed many events this year, including the Lions Carnival, Punch & Judy shows, Looe Sailing Club events, United Beach Missions, Barnsley Youth Jazz Orchestra to mention just a few.

As we are in autumn and heading towards winter – what does this mean for the Trust? We continue to manage and look after our land at the Wooldown. There will be some management of the trees and meadows in the autumn to continue to keep the Wooldown a habitat for many flora and fauna as well as a lovely place for humans to visit.

The Watchtower (where our office is located) and The Old Lifeboat Station were renovated with the assistance of a grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund and ELTT were delighted to receive the annual Cornish Buildings Group Jenny Gason award for the “restoration of an outstanding small building, using traditional and innovative materials and methods”. The presentation was done in Redruth where Dr Patrick Newberry FRSA presented the award to LePage Architects and Trustee Galipeau and Trust Manager Jane Day, who accepted the award on behalf of ELTT.

There are more town events coming up throughout autumn and winter and ELTT are pleased to be able to co-operate and assist other town organisations in putting on events- we will soon be welcoming Looe Festival of Words in using the Guildhall for their festival week.

The Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol is open until the end of October – have you visited and have you “met” Jennifer the resident ghost? Our Museum relies on the team of volunteers and their work continues in the background over the winter – if you are interested in history and have a few hours a week to spare – why not join the team?

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Well, another season is drawing to a close, we will shut on 30th October for our regular winter break after another busy and enjoyable few months.

One of the questions that visitors often ask us is "What is your favourite artefact?" For many of us it is the building itself- the history and the stories we can tell.

Take yourself out of the 21st century and come with me to the year 1450 when Looe looked very different but still very recognisable to you and me. You need to know that the main road into Looe is along the cliffs and fields from the Saltash direction. After farms and cottages dotted along our route we arrive at the castellated look-out tower at the Tower Hill/Castle Street junction. Go down Tower Hill and the building in front of us is The Guildhall, the most important building in town after St. Mary's Church (dedicated in 1259).

The fishing settlement of East Looe is already well established and boats and ships with all the associated trades and requirements need to be properly organised and regulated, so the merchants and Guildsmen build the Guildhall as their head-quarters in this prime position. We have entered town and the towns-people mean business.

East Looe had its first Royal Charter from Henry III in 1237, but let us leap to 1587 when Elizabeth I grants East Looe an updated one which includes the right to hold a Magistrate's court every third Monday. The Charter states that this should be held in "The Hall", the most important public building in town.

So, here we are in a crowd of people - do we go into the Guildhall to listen to the proceedings or wander to the market stalls in Market Square? Obviously, I am dragging you inside to listen to the Mayor and Burgesses pass their judgement on the local miscreants, neighbourhood disputes, fines to pay, etc., but the responsibilities of these elected men go way beyond Court Day.

Over the following centuries I can tell you of the Overseer of the Poor helping widowed fisher-wives or injured soldiers, the Justice of the Peace requesting information on a suspected spy, French prisoners of war being watched over by the Town Sargent and Constable, the local militia holding meetings downstairs by the cells and so much more.

The stocks, pillory and whipping-post were sited outside, so it was highly visible that if you broke the law in our town, you would be punished as per the Laws of the Land!

For approximately 400 years all the major decisions for East Looe and its inhabitants were made and carried out in this wonderful old building - everything from ordering people to keep their hogs out of the streets, ensuring the piers and jetties were maintained, to settling paternity issues were actioned in the very room we sit in.

So, yes, my favourite artefact is the Guildhall and let me share the history with you.

Penny McHugh
Volunteer Curator Old Guildhall Museum & Gaol, East Looe

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CreativeLooe: Creativity bringing the community together

CreativeLooe is continuing to grow as a Community Interest Company, with a developing programme of projects spanning dance, visual art, film, music and community participation. From sold out theatre productions to groundbreaking public installations here is a look at the latest milestones.

Dancing Borders Away – onYon

The first production of Dancing Borders Away – onYon, a celebration of Looe's historic connection with the Onion Johnnies, took place at Liskeard Public Hall on 23 September – and was a huge success. The performance was sold out, with audience feedback afterwards reflecting the quality and originality of the production.

Not only was the music for this performance created especially for the event and performed live by talented musician Arlo Anwin, outstanding costumes designed by the international fashion artist Elaine Foster-Gandey, and incredible lighting design by young talent Alfie Collings who made the production shine, but even the performance programmes were original works of art. CreativeLooe invited anyone and everyone to submit a piece of art inspired by onYon. More than 130 works were exhibited and made available for sale, ranging from photography and textiles to drawings, words and even dried fragments of onion. Contributors included established artists as well as pupils from Looe Primary Academy.



The first production of
Dancing Borders Away – onYon

Dancing Borders Away is led by professional choreographer Gocha (Maria Mendible), working alongside trailblazing ballet icon Julie Felix MBE and Rachel Bond, director of the Bond Dance Company. They are collaborating with Sheila Brock, director of Sheila's School of Dancing, and Sam Day, Head of Performance at Looe Community Academy.

More information can be found at [creativelooe.org](https://www.creativelooe.org).

<https://www.creativelooe.org/portfolio-collections/dancing-borders-away>

United by the Sea

CreativeLooe has now received planning permission to install United by the Sea – a sweeping 60-metre-long shoal of more than 800 ceramic fish on the west elevation of the Lower Quay Stores.

The ambitious public art project will create a striking new mural celebrating Looe's maritime heritage. The fish have been hand made by pupils from Looe Community Academy, Looe Primary Academy, Polperro Primary Academy and Trenode Church of England School, and glazed with the help of more than 30 local volunteers.

There is, however, one important technical challenge to overcome before installation can begin: how to ensure that the fish remain securely attached to an exposed wall beside the sea for many years to come.



An artist's impression of
the United by the Sea mural,

CreativeLooe is tackling this challenge with the help of Mapei, the international building materials company. More than 100 test tiles have been produced using the same materials and processes as the fish. Mapei has attached them to rendered surfaces in its laboratories using a range of products and is now subjecting them to rigorous accelerated weather testing, including wetting and freeze/thaw cycles, over a two-month period.

Subject to the results and the remaining practical arrangements, installation is planned to begin in January 2027, with the completed mural expected to be in place by Easter.

CreativeLooe 2027 Calendar

Work is also well underway on CreativeLooe's 2027 calendar, following the success of the 2026 Unsung Heroes calendar, which accompanied the 12 Days of Fishmas music and video project and culminated in coverage on social media and a film shown on ITV.

The new calendar turns the spotlight on some of Looe's many community groups and organisations, including the Looe Pioneers, Looe Sea Swimmers, Looe Shedders, Looe Bowling Club, Looe Lions, Looe in Bloom, Looe Sailing Club, Looe Marine Conservation Group, Looe's Literary groups, History groups, Music groups and local dancing schools, to give a flavour of the many social groups that help make Looe such a vibrant community.

The accompanying music will be the well-known Cornish Carol "I Saw Three Ships", performed by a brass band, ukulele group and an assortment of local choirs.

Whether through contemporary dance, community art, or shared musical traditions, CreativeLooe's projects are bringing people together while celebrating the creativity, history, and character of Looe.

EDWINA HANNAFORD SKATEPARK: SEPTEMBER 2026 UPDATE

Our sincere thanks to Looe Shedders – in particular Rob Hamblett – for the creation of the Edwina Hannaford Skatepark totaliser, which is now standing proudly in the window of the Millpool Centre.

This is a visual reminder to everyone using the Millpool Carpark and Millpool Centre that we are progressing well with our fundraising efforts – the total now stands at an impressive **£145,000** of a project of **£250,000** plus VAT.



A big thank you too to everyone in the town, and in the wider area, who has supported our fundraising efforts to date. We have had a wide range of events and every contribution helps demonstrate community support – really important for when we apply for larger funds. We have so many other great events in the pipeline but there is always room for more. If you want to support us with an event, please email Kim at loewsf@gmail.com.

Our Crowdfunder campaign is open and active and if you want to make a donation, please just click on the link.

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

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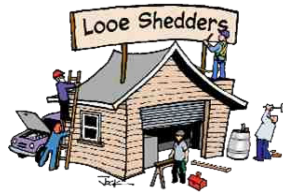
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Looe Sheddars puts practical skills to work across the community

Looe Sheddars CIO has been busy in recent weeks, with members putting their practical skills to work on a growing range of projects around Looe and the surrounding area.

From a Buddy Bench for Duloe Primary School to a fundraising totaliser for the proposed Mill Pool skate park, and from a miniature railway engine to a showcase of traditional and modern craft skills, Looe Sheddars continue to find new ways of contributing to the local community.

Buddy Bench arrives at Duloe Primary School



On 17 September, Looe Sheddars delivered a specially made Buddy Bench to Duloe Primary School. The bench is to provide a friendly place where children can sit if they would like someone to come and talk or play with them and the project attracted considerable interest, with the delivery being covered by BBC Spotlight.

The bench is one example of the way Looe Sheddars can use the skills and facilities of its members to produce something with a practical benefit for the community.

Keeping track of the skate park fundraising

Another recent project has been the construction of a fundraising totaliser for Kim Spencer, who is helping to publicise the campaign to raise £300,000 for a new skateboard park at the Mill Pool.

The totaliser, which will be displayed in the window of the Millpool Centre, is rather more eye-catching than the usual fundraising thermometer.

Kim is a trustee of Looe Development Trust, which is involved in the campaign to raise the funds needed for the skate park.



A railway reminder for the Mariners Garden

Looe's railway heritage is also being brought back to life – in miniature.

Looe Sheddars is building a scaled-down GWR engine and railway wagon, complete with rails, as part of the revamp of the Mariners Garden next to the GP surgery.



The location has a particular connection with the project. Many years ago, the railway line crossed this area before continuing along the quayside in Looe.

GWR has provided Looe Town Council with a grant to help carry out the work, with some of the funding

being passed to Looe Sheddars for the construction of the model.

The engine is being built in wood and will then be given a fibreglass skin. The aim is to produce a robust structure which will withstand the weather and remain in the garden for many years.

A showcase of skills

On 12 September, the Sheddars also opened its doors for a showcase of the wide range of crafting activities taking place within the organisation.

Visitors were able to see members using a laser engraver and cutter, as well as demonstrations and examples of stained glass, resin ornaments, pokerwork, encaustic wax images and clay modelling.

The event was promoted particularly as an opportunity for people to find out more about the Sheddars and perhaps become members – and that aim was achieved, with a number of new people expressing an interest in joining.

The event also demonstrated that Looe Sheddars is about much more than traditional woodworking. Members have access to a wide variety of skills, equipment and creative activities, with people encouraged to learn from each other and try something new.

More to come

And there is more planned. Looe Sheddars is preparing a similar open day at its workshop near Hillcrest nursing home, this time focusing on some of the larger power tools used by members.

Visitors will be able to see equipment including saws and thicknessers in operation and find out more about what goes on in the workshop.

For an organisation whose members are always making something, the next few months look set to be just as busy – and Looe Sheddars is clearly demonstrating that a community workshop can make a contribution well beyond its own walls.

For more information visit our website: www.looeshedders.co.uk

Or email to : membership@looeshedders.co.uk

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As I write, the sun is shining and the sea is calm but as is increasingly common, predicting the weather and the impact it has on the island and its wildlife has been interesting this year!

Normally at this time we would be busy harvesting from the wildlife friendly veg plots but the summer's extreme heat and lack of water means that we have grown very little produce this season. Having said that, there are still some seeds and wild fruits about to provide food for wildlife. And as ever the flowering ivy is doing its magic and providing plenty of pollen and nectar

for wealth of insects. It's been great to show visitors just how valuable ivy can be. This evergreen climber has been putting on a great show with humming, buzzing and fluttering of bees, flies, wasps, butterflies and moths!



Ivy Bee



Red admiral

One insect that we particularly enjoy spotting around now is the ivy mining bee. They are like honeybees but with a furry orange thorax and clear yellow and black bands on their abdomen. They emerge from their nests in late summer which is to time with ivy being in flower. They are solitary bees but one will make its own nest close to others and we have groups of hundreds of nests in some of the loose, soft soils of our south facing cliffs. These busy bees are fascinating to watch as they continue to be active into November.

Out at sea we've been spotting sandwich terns. These small angular gull-like birds can be heard 'kerrick'ing and diving headlong into the water as they feed. Only seen here in the summer, they migrate to southern Africa to avoid our harsh winters. Other birds that you may see or hear as they make their passages to the warmer south include large waders with long down curved bills called whimbrel as well as smaller, white rumped perching birds such as wheatear.



Wheatear

Around the island we've also been enjoying the noisy 'tink tink' and liquid song of robin. Both male and females will sing as they mark out winter territories, but late summer/early autumn singing is more subdued and melancholic than their spring equivalent.

All around the island nature reserve garden spiders are easy to see at the moment – they can be identified by the large white cross (made up of pale spots and streaks) on their abdomen. When a female has mated, her body becomes swollen with eggs. In fact, she can be twice the size of a male. She builds a silken egg sac in which to lay the eggs and dedicates the rest of her life to protecting them. Unable to leave the eggs to hunt and feed, she dies in late autumn leaving her mass of spiderlings hatching out next spring.

As many readers will already be aware, the island provides habitat for grey seals. Individual grey seals don't spend all year here but we do have seals using the island and its waters all year round. How do we know this? Because we record seals through photo ID. We have an expansive database showing the unique fur markings of individual seals. Photos are taken using zoom lenses so that we can collect data from a distance to minimize the risk of disturbance.

We work with volunteers linked to Looe Marine Conservation Group and Seal Research Trust. From the photos it's possible to work out which seals are here and how long they stay. Then as we are linked into a huge network of volunteers and other sites, we also know where else 'our' seals go. It's amazing work and helps us to understand more about these iconic marine mammals.

As usual around the autumn equinox we try to reflect and report on the visitor season that's coming to a close. This year, the particularly hot and calm summer weather meant that the water surrounding the island was very busy with recreational water users and commercial operators and we'd like to thank everyone who gave wildlife the space and respect it needs to thrive. It's by respecting guidelines and not landing on the island that wildlife and wild places can flourish and be enjoyed by everyone in the future. For more information check out The Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code.



Resting grey seal



Looe Island Volunteers Len and Rosie

Whilst we are on the subject of 'thank-yous', we'd also like to thank our residential seasonal volunteers, Len and Rosie. This year Jon (the Looe Island Warden) and myself are incredibly grateful for all the hard work and dedication that they put into to helping us manage Looe Island Nature Reserve. They demonstrated incredible commitment and willingness to get stuck into all sorts of tasks, no matter what the circumstances. We are also grateful for the fact that they understood the complexities and challenges of running the island along with a wider appreciation of what actions are

needed to help restore and enhance wildlife and wild places. We wish them all the very best in whatever adventures lie ahead for them.

Looking to the future, as we move deeper into autumn and winter we will continue to monitor all wildlife. Sightings and records will continue to be collected via monitoring and surveys as well as through ad hoc wildlife encounters. We are involved with lots of schemes and projects, but we also simply use Cornwall Wildlife Trust's ORKS (Online Recording Kernow and Scilly) App to share wildlife records. In fact, anyone can share wildlife records – no matter where or how common or widespread the species. All records help improve understanding of the natural history of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, as well as to be used in decision-making, education, research and other public benefit purposes. You can find out more here: <https://erccis.org.uk/share-sightings>.

Finally, remember that every year public trips to the island end early October and then after a winter of catching up on lots of maintenance and admin tasks we will be ready to re-open around Easter 2027! Look out for more information on how you can visit (or even stay in Smuggler's Cottage or the Bell Tent!), on the Looe Island pages of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust website:

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

Claire Lewis
Looe Island Warden's Assistant

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Recent trips included visiting the Story of Emily, Fowey Valley Cider for
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Pioneers Shine Bright Through a Season of Racing and Community Spirit

What a summer it has been for the Looe Pioneers! From high-energy race days and challenging hot training sessions to carnival celebrations and community events, our members have shown incredible dedication, team spirit and stamina.

Hitting the Tarmac: Summer Race Highlights

Summer got off to a flying start, with 24 Pioneers heading to the super-fun Ivybridge Team Relays, hosted by Erme Valley Runners, a brilliant evening of racing, teamwork and plenty of Pioneers spirit.



June also saw us enjoy our annual Founders Run, with club members joined by runners from Bodmin Running Club for a Sunday morning social run from Looe to Talland and back along the coast path. The route has a special place in the club's history. Founding member Ian Slee used to run this route daily on his way to work, and it has now become a firm fixture in the Pioneers' annual calendar — a great way to celebrate our roots while enjoying some miles together.

The Cornwall Road Running Grand Prix continued in style at the Mag 7 in Saltash. Our Pioneers turned out in force, tackling the scenic but challenging course and putting in some fantastic performances to set the tone for the rest of the season. Next came the Turkey Trot, Indian Queens Half Marathon, Treggy 7 and Truro Half Marathon. Once again, our runners showed determination, consistency and plenty of Pioneers' pride. Next up, the focus is The Cornish Marathon on 1st of November; 15 members are taking on this highlight of the Cornish Running calendar which starts in Pensilva, hosted by East Cornwall Harriers. For some it's their first shot at a marathon and we look forward to supporting their training and cheering them on out on the course.

A standout highlight of the summer was, as always, our very own **Looe Lions Summer Run**. The event was a roaring success, thanks in no small part to the tremendous effort of our club members. Whether pushing through the miles on the course or giving up their time to marshal, cheer runners on and volunteer behind the scenes, the Pioneer presence was felt everywhere. It was a fantastic example of what makes our club so special.

For those who love the trails, the ever-popular Tywardreath Trotter provided the starting point for the **Cornwall Multi-Terrain Running Series**, giving our trail runners the perfect opportunity to tackle some different terrain and enjoy the beautiful Cornish countryside.

Pioneers runners have attended and achieved at events from Scotland to the Isles of Scilly and beyond this summer.

Beyond the Finish Line: Looe Carnival Week

It wasn't all about chasing race times, though! The Pioneers once again turned out in force to support our local community during the annual Looe Carnival Week. Members swapped their racing trainers for dancing shoes to take part in the traditional Furry Dance, bringing plenty of energy, enthusiasm and smiles to the streets of Looe.

Later in the week, the club joined the vibrant Carnival procession, this year taking part as a giant dragon! It was a brilliant evening of fun, laughter and community spirit, celebrating alongside locals and visitors and showcasing the warm and fun-loving heart of the Looe Pioneers



Growing Stronger: Looking Ahead

The summer has also brought exciting growth within the club. We're delighted to have welcomed a fantastic wave of new members over the season. It's brilliant to see the club continuing to grow and attract runners of all abilities and backgrounds. Of course, a club like ours wouldn't be able to keep moving forward without the energy, enthusiasm and support of our volunteers. From organising training sessions and events to helping behind the scenes, that commitment is vital in keeping the Pioneers moving from strength to strength and ensuring we continue to offer a friendly, supportive and active environment for everyone – thank you to everyone involved.

As summer draws to a close, we're looking forward to keeping everyone moving through the darker evenings and colder months.

If you're interested in running with the Looe Pioneers, whether socially or competitively, we'd love to welcome you. We hold three sessions a week and cater for all abilities.

During the autumn and winter, we meet by Looe Library:

- **Tuesday 7pm:** One session, two options — you choose!
- **Thursday 6pm:** Run/Walk
- **Thursday 7pm:** Run

You're welcome to join us for up to three sessions before signing up, so there's no pressure — just come along and see what we're all about. We offer a half-year membership from the end of September for just £13 visit our website www.looepioneers.co.uk for full details.

A massive well done to every runner, volunteer, marshal, supporter and cheerleader who helped make this summer so memorable.

Don your hi-vis, charge those head torches and get ready for some fun winter running. Here's to more miles, more adventures and plenty more Pioneers spirit!



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LOOE IN BLOOM

As we reflect on the amazing summer we have enjoyed, we are grateful to have kept the flowers looking gorgeous, despite the harsh conditions of the extreme heat. Thanks again to our amazing watering team for all their hard work. Next year we have some ideas to help with this, should we be lucky enough to have another summer like it. It did mean, however, that this year we incurred additional costs because of all the extra watering. We are extremely grateful to Lions Club of Looe for their very generous donation to us to help us through this tricky time.



We had great success at Looe Carnival, achieving first place for our 'Flower Bed' walking float. Much fun was had by all of us and we thank the judges for voting for us to win. We are already making plans for next year's entry!

In the next few weeks we will be taking the Summer planting down (sob) and the Autumn/Winter baskets and troughs will go up. You will see us out and about tidying everything up before we put things to bed for the winter. Still lots to do over the next month or so.

We are looking forward to our annual Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd October. There are very few tickets left, so grab them if you can.

Thanks as always to all our supporters old and new and to our funders – we so appreciate you.

Continuing donations are all gratefully received to help keep Looe in Bloom on the road. We will be looking to replace our oldest van in the near future.

This link will take you to the GoFundMe site:

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Now that the busy Summer period is over, the RBL Looe Branch has started to turn its attention to October and November and the important events up to and including Remembrance Day.

For further details please visit the Looe RBL website:

<https://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/looe/>

and, for those who use Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/LooeBranchRBL/>.

At its last meeting in September, the Branch welcomed 5 new members (all local to Looe) and had 35 of its 80 plus registered members in attendance. It's a real positive to see this level of support for the RBL in Looe.

The Branch held its third fundraising event of the year on Saturday 15th August (Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day)), with a stall in the Rose Garden. An amazing £700 was raised from the stall and by the 'Poppy Man', so thanks to our Branch members that took the time to support the event and, of course, to all those that contributed.



Forthcoming local and national events include:

Friday 23rd October – launch of the Poppy Day Appeal

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

On 11th September, the Branch Chairman, Deputy and one of our members attended a 9/11 memorial service in Hayle for a former member of the Parachute Regiment, and true Cornishman, Rick Rescorla. Rick's story is truly inspiring. He is remembered for his service, courage and commitment to others, in a career that saw him move from the British Army to the US Army (Cavalry), service in Vietnam where he earned, amongst other honours, the Purple Heart.



Rick then worked in the Twin Towers in New York where he sadly lost his life whilst saving others on that horrific day. You can read more about this remarkable individual here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick_Rescorla

Branch Trips

For the benefit of members, Looe RBL Branch organises trips to various local and national military sites, for example, the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire. Three further trips this year include: AWE Aldermaston, RNAS Culdrose and RAF St Mawgan.



The Branch recently visited the RN training facility at Jupiter Point and attended the Babcock Devonport Open Day. Both were interesting in their own way. Special thanks go to the RN team at Jupiter Point for their welcome and hospitality.

About the Looe Branch of The Royal British Legion

For many veterans, leaving the Armed Forces can mean losing close bonds and the sense of belonging that military life provides. Joining your local RBL Branch can offer the opportunity to reconnect with that spirit of comradeship, friendship and mutual support. The RBL is built on values of service, collaboration, integrity and care. These values bring together people who understand the unique experiences of military life and who are committed to supporting one another in their communities. Our local Branch is more than just a meeting place; it is a welcoming community where veterans can make new friends, spin 'dits' over a beer, support charitable activities and continue serving others. Whether you have recently left the Forces, or served many years ago, you will find understanding, respect and companionship among fellow members.

Meetings

If you are interested, then please come along to one of our 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 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 our 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



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

KELTIQUE

Another hectic summer for Keltique and hasn't it been hot! Sunglasses and shorts weather, especially when you're out there singing, and hopefully outdoors too. Happily this summer we've been outdoors most of the time and enjoyed singing at the Looe Lifeboat Station, the Liskeard Show, on the Quay in West Looe, at the Looe Heritage Centre and at Tregoad Holiday Park with a beautiful sunset, see below

Now with Autumn approaching Keltique is dusting off its Christmas repertoire again and it always seems too soon to be singing carols and festive songs but Christmas celebrations start earlier every year - and we have such an eclectic range of venues for this season.



First, a return visit to **Christmas at the Eden Project Mon 29 November tbc**

Then back home to Looe where we'll be singing on both sides of the river

Christmas Concert at the Riverside Church, West Looe - Sun 6 December, 7 pm

Carol Concert in aid of Looe RNLI, St Martin's Hall, East Looe - Tue 8 December, 7 pm

And maybe some entertainment while you do your late night Christmas shopping?

Christmas Late Night at the Duchy Nursery, Lostwithiel - Fri 11 December, 6 pm

This was huge fun last year so we're delighted to be invited back

Christmas Concert with Liskeard Silver Band at St Martin's, Liskeard - Sun 13 December, 7 pm

And ending our Christmas season with a fun festive singalong at the Smugglers

Christmas Carols at the Smugglers Inn, Seaton - Sun 20 December, 6.30 pm

All times to be confirmed.

We'll look forward to seeing you at one or more of the above, wearing your Christmas jumpers and sparklystuff!

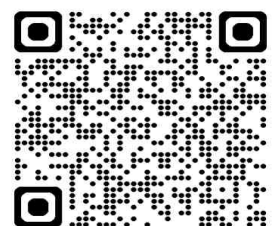
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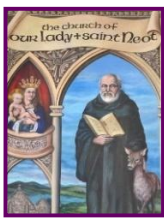
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RCIA

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Saturday 5th December.
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Liskeard Town Hall.

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Looe Marine Conservation Group

It's hard to believe summer is already drawing to a close! It has been wonderful to see so much activity happening across Looe's coastline, harbour and beaches over the past few months, with plenty of opportunities for our community and our members to get involved. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our activities over the summer, whether through volunteering, joining our events, helping with our projects or simply taking an interest in the work we do. We really appreciate the enthusiasm and support from our local community.

Now that autumn is approaching, we are looking forward to bringing back our popular evening talk series in October. Following a brilliant programme of talks over the winter and spring, we're excited to have another fantastic line-up planned, exploring a range of marine, coastal and local environmental topics.

October Talk: Exploring Looe Beneath the Waves Tuesday 20 October Hannafore Point Hotel @ 6:15pm

We are delighted to kick off our winter talk series with Tom Inger, owner of Dive Looe, who will take us on a fascinating journey beneath the surface of Looe Bay. After many years as a local teacher, Tom decided to fulfil a long-held ambition to run his own dive centre. Based in the heart of Looe, Dive Looe offers everything from test dives and diving trips to snorkelling and dive training, providing another wonderful way to explore and appreciate our coastline. We're incredibly fortunate to have such a rich marine environment right on our doorstep, and Tom has captured some amazing photographs and video footage during his dives and snorkelling adventures around East Looe Beach, Hannafore and beyond. Join us for an illustrated talk and discover the fascinating world that lies just beneath the waves – much of it only a few feet from our shores!



A Huge Thank You to Our Crab Line Recycling Volunteers



As we look back on another busy summer in Looe, we want to say a huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who help run the Crab Line Recycling Scheme. Summer is always a particularly busy time for the scheme, with lots of activity along the harbour. Our volunteers have been working hard to keep the recycling points managed, collect and sort the recovered crab lines and help make sure discarded lines are safely removed from our coastline. Throughout the season, volunteers empty the collection points before carefully working through each batch by hand. This means separating crab lines from other waste, removing non-recyclable items and sorting the different materials. It is labour intensive and mucky work, but it is an essential part of making sure as much of the material as possible can be recycled.

The work does not stop when the crabbing season ends either. Following the October half term, once the season has finished, the final sorted collection will be transported to Fathoms Free and then on to the Materials Reclamation Facility in Exeter as part of the Odyssey Innovation Marine Regeneration Scheme. The usable plastics are kept separate so they can be processed into

recycled plastic pellets and used to create new products, including kayaks, giving marine recovered plastics another life and helping to reduce the need for new plastics.

It is a fantastic example of what can be achieved through a community led scheme, and we are incredibly grateful to every volunteer who has given their time this summer. The scheme simply would not be possible without you! You can find out more about the Crab Line Recycling Scheme and how it works here:

<https://loemarineconservation.org/conservation/crab-line-recycling-scheme/>

Seagrass Trip in Looe Bay with Expert Eden Stevens

In September some of our members enjoyed a cruise round Looe Bay in one of the towns' glass-bottomed boats to explore part of the Marine Conservation Zone accompanied by seagrass expert Eden Stevens (Blue Meadows Community Engagement Officer at The Ocean Conservation Trust). After cruising near Millendreath and hearing from Eden about the seagrass, we popped across to have a closer look at the newly installed buoys, the yellow buoys mark a Voluntary No Anchor Zone and hope to raise awareness of the presence of the precious seagrass.



In addition, Eden explained all about the other Advanced Mooring System buoys and how much of a difference they have made to the seagrass habitat health in other locations. We are hoping for the same 200% improvement to the Looe seagrass in the next couple of years! The new buoys are the result of hard work by Eden and The Ocean Conservation Trust



<https://oceanconservationtrust.org/about/> alongside Looe Harbour Commission.

Finally, we cruised closer to Looe Island and over a large area of beautifully long thong weed (or sea spaghetti), sea kelp, and all the marine wildlife that call it home. The big starfish was my favourite and of course the seals....who were very curious about what we were looking at!

After returning to shore, in the back room of Ye Olde Salutation Inn, the enthusiastic discussions continued and the group enjoyed taking a closer look at the seagrass using Virtual Reality goggles! We can't wait to repeat the trip next year and see if there are any noticeable improvements following the conservation work....

Join Us

Membership costs just £8 a year and helps support our work protecting Looe's coastline, marine life and estuary. **Sign up here:** loemarineconservation.org/join-looe-marine-conservation-group/

Find full details and updates on our website: www.loemarineconservation.org

Or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LooeMCG

Thank you, as always, for supporting Looe Marine Conservation Group and helping care for our beautiful local coast.

Laura Walsh

On Behalf of Looe Marine Conservation Group

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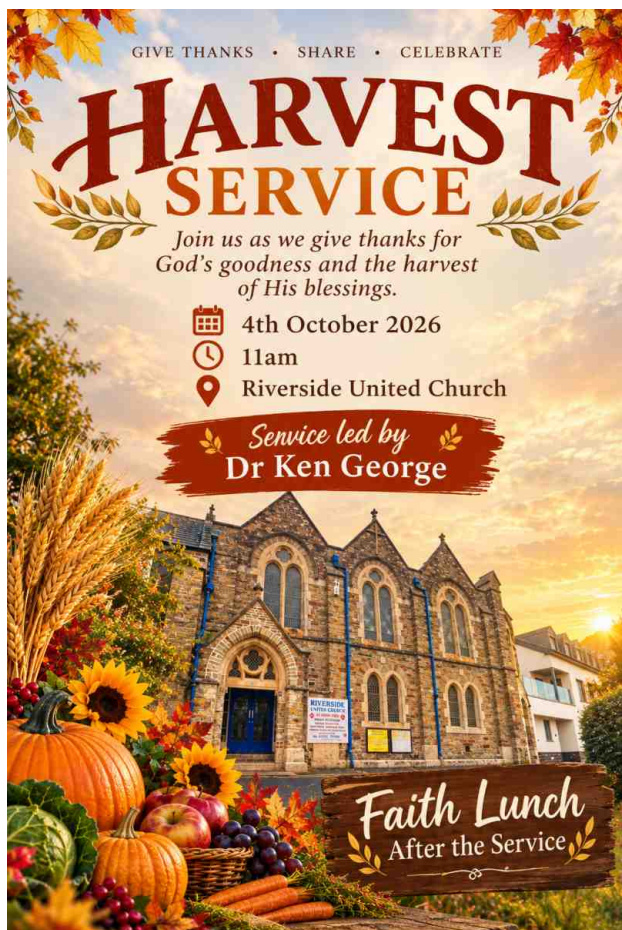
**Age Concern meet every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4 pm
in the bottom bar of the Looe Social Club.**

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



RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH WEST LOOE

Sunday worship every Sunday at 11am.

We are also available to hire for events and local community groups. We have a large space and kitchen available to hire for children's parties and we can work in conjunction with Tweedle entertainments to have bouncy castles and other equipment in the Church.

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October events:

Friday 2nd at 7pm:

St. Ive Church
£10.00 entry to include pasty supper and in church bar.

Friday 16th at 7pm:

St. Petroc's church Bodmin PL31 2DP.
Pelynt MVC anniversary concert, with Polperro Fishermen's MVC, Burraton MVC and Launceston MVC. Retiring collection.

Sunday 25th at 6.30pm:

Harvest of the Sea service at Lansallos Church.
Retiring collection.

Friday 30th at 7.30pm:

Lerryn Village Hall
Remembrance Service.

The Polperro Wreckers will be as usual alternating between The Ship Inn Polperro and Polperro Royal British Legion on Wednesday evenings 9.15 for an hour starting on Wednesday 7th October in the Ship.



LOOE GOLF CLUB LADIES PAIRS OPEN DAY

A good field of ladies, 68 in total, from Looe and surrounding Clubs took part in the Ladies Pairs Open Day at Looe Golf club playing a pairs 4-ball better ball off the red tees.

Winners, with a marvellous 48 points, were Margie Bunton and Angela Barrett, second with another good score of 46 points were Wendy Shore and Toni Stokes, third with 42 points were Mary Brinsley and Karen Ford (St. Mellion), fourth on c/b with 41 points were Shirley Nicholls and Pat Hodge and fifth with 41 points were Sue Wenmouth and Sally Ford (St. Mellion).



Left to right Angela Barrett, Lady Captain Jill Westbrook and Margaret Bunton.

Min Green and Mo Inglis had a 2 on the 14th as did Heather Johnson who had a 2 and nearest the pin in one on the 9th.

Delicious cakes made and donated by the Looe Ladies awaited players at the 10th and although there were a few heavy showers in the afternoon it did not spoil the day.

A raffle run by Sara Walker and Norma Knight was held at the Clubhouse, making the goodly sum of £250, which will be shared between the Lady Captain's charity, Cornwall Blood Bikes and the Ladies Section.

Well done to all the organisers, helpers, donators of cakes and raffle prizes and of course all the players who took part to make it such a successful day.



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Tue	8.30am & 9.45am 11am - 12pm 2pm - 3.30pm	Pilates with Barabara - 1st floor 07702 051 797 50 Plus Dancercise with Sheila's School of Dance 07866771429 (no classes in Aug) Exercise Class with Looe Exercise Group - 01503 265947 1st floor (no classes in Aug)
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 (no classes in Aug) 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 (not in Aug)
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 The Millpool Centre, West Looe. PL13 2AF : manager@millpoolcentre.org		

2026 Events

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 and to book tickets.

Monday 28th September

11am	Dominica (historical novel) Talk with Ann Foweraker	<i>Heritage Centre</i>
2pm	Bridges and Connections Poetry Workshop with Anna Saunders	<i>Looe Library</i>
7pm	Festival Launch Night A taste of the Festival with stories and poetry	<i>Heritage Centre</i>

Tuesday 29th September

10.30am	Times of Looe Walk With Mark Camp	<i>Heritage Centre</i>
10am and 12.30pm	Dyslexia (DIS-LEX-SEE-AR) Meet Sharon a qualified teacher and assessor of dyslexia and literacy challenges	<i>Looe Guildhall</i>
11am	The Power of Setting and Landscape Creative writing workshop with Jason Mann	<i>Heritage Centre</i>
2pm	All Around Morocco Travel Memoir with Paula Rooney	<i>Heritage Centre</i>
7pm	Different Minds Talk with Pete Wharmby	<i>Hannafore Point Hotel</i>

Wednesday 30th September

10am To 2pm	Homeschool Poetry Day Fun drop in for homeschooled children and their parents.	<i>Looe Guildhall</i>
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Wednesday 30th September

All day	Crime on the Quay Event <i>Heritage Centre</i>
11am	Crime Panel with Terry Green, Jayne Chard and Jenny Kane chaired by Richard Handy
2pm	Forensics for Crime Writers with Richard Handy

Thursday 1st October

All Day	National Poetry Day
11am:	The Spriggan's Child: Droll telling workshop with Anna Chorlton and Mazed Tales <i>Heritage Centre</i>
2pm	U3A Book Club meet Annalisa Crawford <i>Duloe Jubilee Centre</i>
4.30pm	Poetry performance workshop with Shoals of Starlings <i>Riverside Church</i>
7pm	Looe Bookish Club meet Salt & Stone authors <i>Sails Bar</i>
7pm	Valley Verse and Friends <i>Riverside Church</i>

Friday 2nd October

11am	A Cornish Bestiary Luke Thompson in conversation with Paul Taylor-McCartney <i>Heritage Centre</i>
2pm	Cornwall Uncharted Paul Taylor-McCartney in conversation with Jackie Taylor <i>Heritage Centre</i>

Friday 2nd October

2pm	Book Craft Workshop Make your own Bridge of Words with Sandra Brown. <i>Looe Library</i>
4pm	Women's Writing for Wellbeing Group Panel <i>Heritage Centre</i>

Saturday 3rd October

10am to 4pm	Bookfair With talks from: Angela Smith (historical fiction research) Ed Buckingham (climbing 7 Peaks) Jackie Taylor/Women Speaking Volumes (in)visibilities <i>Hannafore Point Hotel</i>
	Young Poets Showcase and Seagull Trail prizegiving

Sunday 4th October

11am	Writing Old Age, Dependency & Care Clare Owen in conversation with Jackie Taylor <i>Heritage Centre</i>
2pm	Festival Facts and Fiction Quiz Test your literary knowledge and win prizes! <i>Heritage Centre</i>
7.30pm	Stags, Hens, & Honeymooners talk by Mark Camp <i>Jolly Sailor</i>

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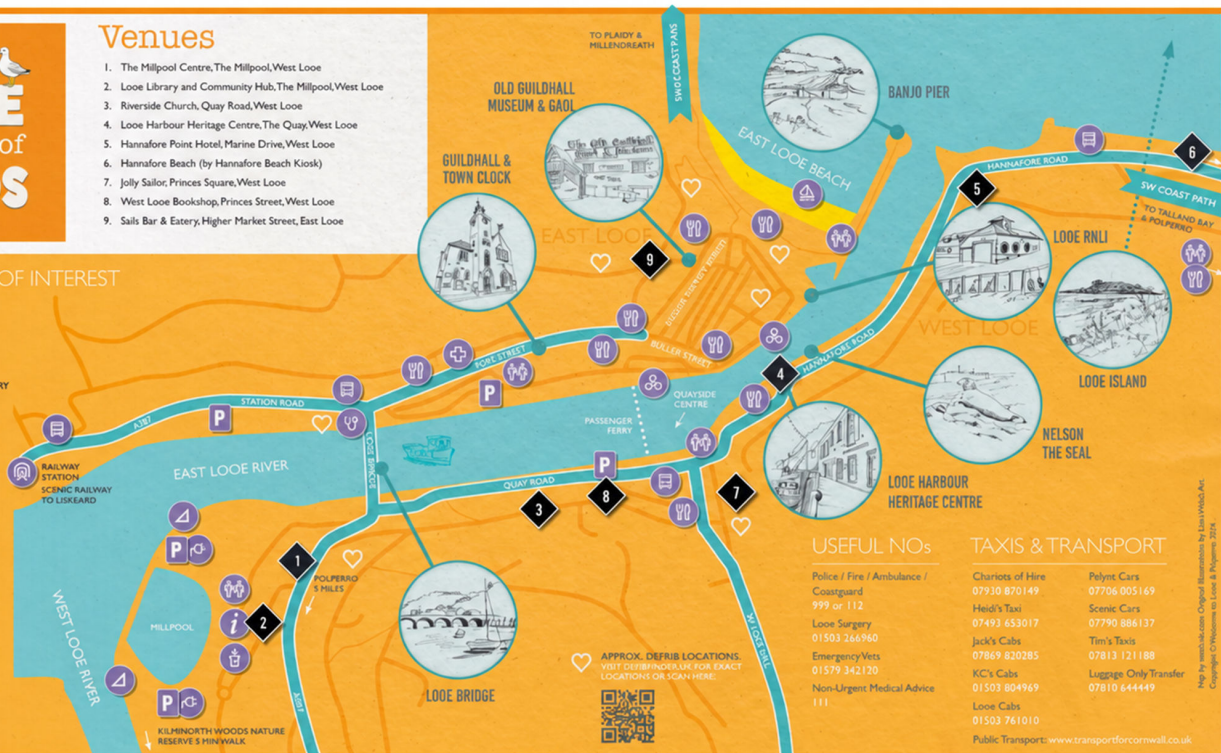
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2. Looe Library and Community Hub, The Millpool, West Looe
3. Riverside Church, Quay Road, West Looe
4. Looe Harbour Heritage Centre, The Quay, West Looe
5. Hannaford Point Hotel, Marine Drive, West Looe
6. Hannaford Beach (by Hannaford Beach Kiosk)
7. Jolly Sailor, Princes Square, West Looe
8. West Looe Bookshop, Princes Street, West Looe
9. Sails Bar & Eatery, Higher Market Street, East Looe

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