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Community Newsletter from Eyemouth Harbour Trust

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Red Bridge temporarily out of action

As you may be aware, the Red Bridge is currently unable to open due to a failure in its hydraulic system. This is impacting harbour operations and its role as a vital access route for the boatyard and local community.

We have introduced temporary measures,

including crane support, to maintain essential access to the boatyard in the short term while we work to identify and deliver a long-term solution. However, these arrangements are not sustainable over an extended period.

Our priority is to restore full functionality as quickly

and safely as possible. Plans for essential refurbishment works are progressing, which will provide a safe and reliable long-term solution and enable the bridge to return to full operation as soon as possible.

We are working in partnership with Scottish

Borders Council to reduce the impact of the disruption as much as possible.

We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders updated as work progresses.



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Spring arrives at Eyemouth Harbour



As winter's grip begins to loosen, spring has arrived once again at Eyemouth Harbour, with longer days, brighter mornings, and a renewed sense of activity along the waterfront.

After months of short daylight hours and stormy weather, the change in season is always welcome. At the harbour, spring is marked by calmer conditions, clearer light, and the steady return of familiar routines that signal the start of a new maritime year.

You will see the harbour becoming noticeably busier with the fishing fleet making the most of improving

conditions, our maintenance work moves up a gear, and we will see leisure craft begin to reappear as owners prepare for the season ahead.

Our planned schedule of works will commence with the new pontoons in Gunsreen Basin being installed and refurbishment of the Ice Plant.

Beyond its working role, Eyemouth Harbour is a place to pause and enjoy the changing season. Whether it's an early morning sunrise reflecting on the water, or the place teeming with renewed wildlife.

Repairs begin at Harbour's West Pier

As with all coastal infrastructure, our West Pier is exposed to harsh marine conditions, including wave action, saltwater, and storm events.

Over time, these conditions can take their toll on even the most robust structures and the West Pier can take the brunt of this and is showing signs of wear and tear.

Prior to undertaking more permanent repairs the Harbour Trust contracted Southbay Civils to conduct some interim maintenance to ensure safety..

We have also put up barriers on the pier above the area to keep everyone safe.

Ongoing investment in essential infrastructure such as the West Pier is a key part of responsible harbour management and helps ensure Eyemouth Harbour remains fit for purpose for all our users.

Eyemouth Harbour welcomes new workboat named in memory of former chair, Oliver Kieran

Eyemouth Harbour Trust has taken delivery of a new aluminium workboat to be named Oliver in memory of the Trust's former Chair, the late Oliver Kieran. Widely respected for his commitment to the harbour and the local community, Oliver played a key role in supporting the Trust's work to maintain and strengthen the port for future generations.

Built by Robust Boats Ltd and commissioned in summer 2025, the vessel has been constructed to a

specification to meet the operational requirements of Eyemouth Harbour. It is now fully operational and supporting a range of harbour duties including infrastructure inspections, maintenance work and spill response.

The arrival of Oliver provides the Trust with a dedicated workboat for the first time in several years, improving its ability to undertake routine and responsive operations on the water.

Constructed as an aluminium monohull

and weighing approximately 1,000 kg, the vessel has been designed to provide strength, stability and durability for harbour operations.

As a trust port, Eyemouth Harbour reinvests all operating surplus back into its facilities, ensuring the harbour continues to meet the needs of commercial users, fishing vessels and the wider maritime community.



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Latest visitors to Eyemouth

We have seen a few visitors in the harbour over past couple of months including the tall ship Williams II and Fraserburgh's new Lifeboat John Buchanan Barr. We also have 3 Windcat CTVs working from Middle Pier until the new pontoons are fully installed.

Plus everyone would have seen the dredger Wyre Sands in and out of the harbour over the last month or so ensuring that the harbour channel and berth depths are maintained.



Seatrade Cruise Global exhibition



Our Business and Community Growth Manager, Paul Olvhoj, attended the largest cruise get together of the year in Miami representing Eyemouth and the region.

Paul is also Vice Chair and Treasurer of Cruise Scotland, which promotes Scotland as a cruise destination to the sector and was on the Cruise Scotland stand as well as attending meetings with cruise lines, stakeholders and associations to ensure Eyemouth is on the cruise map.

Masterplan update

An update on the progress on some of the elements of the Masterplan.

- Evaluation for the options to repair or replace sluice gate
- Programme of repairs and maintenance after inspection for all harbour infrastructure to establish priority areas for repairs, which includes the west and middle piers
- Contractor appointed to refurbish Ice Plant
- Additional pontoons being installed

We will also be hosting a series of community events on the Masterplan on the 10th, 11th and 12th June at Eyemouth Community Centre. More details to follow.



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