

HARBOURSIDE

Community Newsletter from Eyemouth Harbour Trust



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Summer Arrives in Eyemouth

Summer has truly arrived in Eyemouth, bringing sunshine, visitors and plenty of activity around our busy harbour. The fishing fleet continues to be at the heart of the town, with boats coming and going throughout the day, providing a colourful reminder of Eyemouth's rich maritime heritage and we welcomed the visiting fishing fleet that arrived, adding to the mix of vessels.

Summer is also a busy time for the leisure vessels with both visiting yachts and vessels operate out of the harbour. We were also delighted to complete the installation of our new pontoons within Gunsreen Basin which currently are the home for the Windcat vessels that are working on the NnG windfarm. With the harbour bustling, the fishing fleet hard at work, and visitors enjoying all that our beautiful coastline has to offer, Eyemouth is looking its very best this summer.



Trustee Recruitment

Eyemouth Harbour Trust is inviting applications from experienced professionals and community leaders to join its Board of Trustees and play a key role in shaping the future of one of Scotland's most ambitious trust ports.

Anyone interested in learning more about the role is encouraged to contact Eyemouth Harbour Trust for an information pack or click on <https://www.eyemouth-harbour.co.uk/>

Eyemouth Herring Queen

Eyemouth Herring Queen festival, culminating in the crowning of the 82nd Herring Queen, proudly representing one of the town's most cherished traditions. The Herring Queen arrived by sea on the charter vessel Sagittarius leading a flotilla that included the Harbour Trust workboat, Oliver. The event helped celebrate the strong community connections that make Eyemouth so special.



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Red Bridge

The bridge was removed in June and taken offsite while specialist repair work is being planned. During this period, diversion routes remain in place for pedestrians, and access arrangements have been implemented to support ongoing harbour operations. We recognise the importance of the Red Bridge to residents, businesses and harbour users and the Trust has confirmed that restoring the bridge remains a priority. While a reopening date is not yet known, the Trust is working with engineering and access partners to return the bridge to full operation as quickly and safely as possible and will provide further updates as the project progresses. The Trust thanks everyone for their patience and understanding while these important improvements are carried out.

Masterplan Update

We held a successful and enlightening series of public sessions at the Community Centre in June which included presentations from EHT, Scottish Borders Council and consultants Mott MacDonald and Fisher Advisory, giving updates on the work done so far and some of the background engineering studies including on the effect of climate change on the coast and town. We plan to hold another event later in the year that will cover the early stage work ongoing as we continue the process of looking at options for developing the harbour.

Work will also shortly commence on the upgrade to the former Ice Plant that will see the upper area turned into a meeting area with workspace. This will mean the south end of the harbour building having scaffolding erected for the renovation.

With great sadness,

we share the recent passing of **Martin Spouse**, as a much-valued former Trustee of Eyemouth Harbour Trust.

Serving as a Trustee from 2006 to 2020, Martin dedicated many years to supporting and championing the harbour, bringing with him a lifetime of knowledge gained as a fisherman and an unwavering commitment to our community.

A familiar and friendly face around the harbour, he was as likely to be seen cycling along the quayside on his trusty push bike as he once was aboard his fishing boat. His deep understanding of our local waters, the fishing industry, and the harbour's heritage proved invaluable to the Trust and helped shape many of the decisions that continue to benefit the harbour today.

Beyond his contribution as a Trustee, Martin had a genuine love for the wildlife that shares our coastline, taking particular delight in the harbour's seals and always appreciating the special connection between the sea, its creatures, and the people whose livelihoods it supports.

His dedication, warmth, and quiet presence will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Martin's family, friends, and all who mourn his loss.

Rest in Peace, Martin. ♥



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