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Welcome to the October Advertiser

The Advertiser is a great way to promote some of our fantastic local businesses, as well as sharing important community news and events. If there is something you would like included in the next issue, please send it to advertise@lyntonadvertiser.com by 15th October. We are always pleased to welcome community articles which are included free of charge.

With Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to get in touch about promoting your festive events in our November and December issues.

The Community and Leisure section has a few more items this month which we hope you will enjoy reading. If you have an item which you think would be of wider interest, please do let us know.

The last Bike Night of 2026 took place on 17 September with over 100 bikes attending the final event of the year. Between this and other events in recent months, many thousands of pounds have been raised by the local community for a variety of charities. None of this would be possible without the huge efforts of dedicated volunteers.

The following are some of the events happening in October and November:

October

1 to 11: Two Moors Festival

2: Harvest Auction, Ancient Mariner

3: Lyn Valley Market and Councillors' Surgeries at the Town Hall

16 to 1 November: Exmoor Dark Skies

19: Exmoor Day

25: Clocks go back

29/30: Cliff Railway in Lights

31: Cliff Railway Halloween

Spooktacular

Half Term Holiday: Great Pumpkin Trail

November

11: Remembrance Day

28/29: Christmas Market at the Town Hall

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John Kappes, August 2026

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A message from the Mayor LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

After a quiet August with no Council meetings again there is very little to report.

Barnstaple Fair Proclamation 16th September

Barnstaple Fair is one of the oldest in the country and Maria and I are again able to accept an invitation to attend the proclamation in the Barnstaple Guild Hall. I am writing this post a few days before the event but I'm sure it will once again be very enjoyable with lunch following in the Pannier Market. We might (weather permitting) even venture over to the Fair!

The George Newnes Medal

The medal will be presented at the Civic Lunch on Sunday 4th October. As I mentioned last month, the response to my request for nominations has been amazing, I believe 14 nominations in total. It really is going to be a difficult task to pick this year's winner. Thank you once again to all those who put forward nominations.

Communications & Marketing Officer Laura McDouall

I am extremely pleased to report that Laura is making great strides in her new role, especially with the promotion of our wonderful Town Hall. She has now built a new website to promote the Hall for all types of events. Please check it out: www.lyntontownhall.com It has already started to bring in bookings and even wedding enquiries for 2028!

I hope to make the next Council surgery on the 3rd October between 11am - 1pm. in the Jubilee Room. if you have any questions or concerns, please pop in and have a chat.

Diary Dates

Civic Service & Lunch - Sunday 4th October

The Mayor's Bash Charity Fun Night - After such a tremendously successful night last January how can we not have another. So mark it in your diary - Saturday 30th January 2027 - The Mayor's Bash Charity Night

Also, we have pencilled in March 20th 2027 for a Charity Race Night. I will be working closely with the Lyn Valley Charity Fundraisers for this event.

from Mayor Adrian Hobbs

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NORTH DEVON COUNCIL NEWS

19 September 2026

In my last article I wrote about how all Devon Districts and the County were to be replaced by unitary councils. Now it is all change! The government unexpectedly announced that those plans, all across England, were being withdrawn or paused. Devon is one of the areas being paused and reviewed.

No-one knows what "paused and reviewed" means, except that all work has been stopped and there is no indication yet of when it will restart. However, personally I'm sure that it will restart because there is a long running government policy, irrespective of party, of making unitary councils. It started around 30 years ago and I'm sure it will return. On the bright side, the eventual result is very unlikely to be worse for our remote corner of Devon than the giant rural council recently proposed, then paused.

The pause means there will be elections for District, Town and Parish councils next May. Please make sure you vote.

On a more directly local matter, Lynbridge car park with a handful of parking places on the edge, has been closed for a considerable time. I managed to delay the original decision by NDC to demolish it due to severe concern over its structural integrity and safety. It was hoped that a more local solution to the problem might be found but despite efforts by some of the community nothing sufficient has yet transpired. So NDC is preparing for the demolition, which I think is a great shame

The next Councillor surgeries will be on 3rd October and 7th November. As usual it will be in Lynton Town Hall's Jubilee Room from 11am to 1pm. I really hope to see you there, even if you don't have a problem.

John

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Diverse local flavours: Discover a mouthwatering array of food and drink exhibitors showcasing their delicious local products. It's a culinary adventure you won't want to miss!

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Time to feast:

Join us from 10:00AM to 3:30PM for a day filled with flavour and fun.

It's the perfect way to spend your weekend!

Location: Barnstaple Pannier Market

Food and drink producers – spaces for FOODfest are selling fast! If you're interested in being part of the districts biggest food and drink festival visit the website to apply online at: https://my.northdevon.gov.uk/service/Applications_for_FOODfest_2026



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- **Urinary tract infection** (women aged 16 to 64 years)

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<https://lyntonpharmacy.co.uk/>

The annual flu and Covid vaccination starts at Lynton Pharmacy from Thursday 1st October.

Appointments for specific times could be booked on the NHS vaccination website. You can however, come in any day from 1st October as a walk-in patient if that is your preference.



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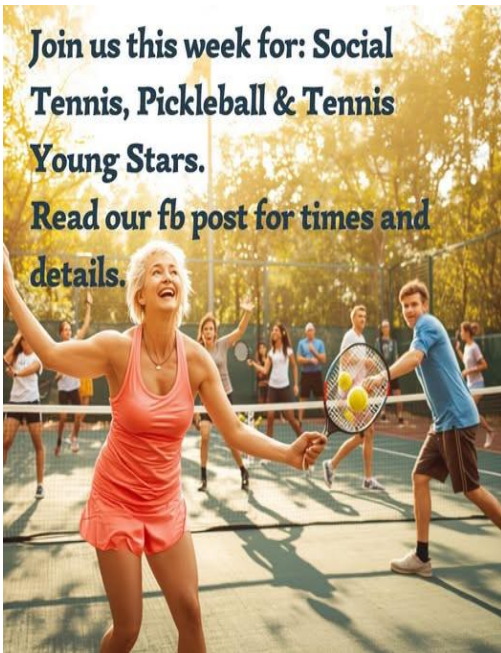
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Update on reopening of birthing services at North Devon District Hospital

Taken from:

<https://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/news/update-on-reopening-of-birthing-services-at-north-devon-district-hospital/>

14 September 2026

The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has confirmed that birthing services at North Devon District Hospital (NDDH) will not reopen on Tuesday 29 September as previously anticipated.

Despite extensive efforts on a national recruitment campaign, an assessment of staffing levels and rota coverage, we confirm we have been unable to meet the agreed staffing threshold needed to safely reopen services later this month.

We remain fully committed to reopening birthing services at NDDH but we will only do so when we can be confident the service is safe, sustainable and not at risk of closing again at short notice. The Trust will undertake the next readiness assessment on Monday 28 September and, if needed, every two weeks after that.

The current temporary suspension remains in place. Women and birthing people should continue to follow their current personalised birth plans and contact maternity triage on **01392 406616** as soon as they think they may be in labour or if they have any urgent concerns. A dedicated helpline for pregnant women and birthing people who have questions about the suspension is available on **01271 335773**, (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday).

Every opportunity to recruit both temporary and permanent staff is being pursued. We have formally requested support from the wider NHS and are also exploring international recruitment.

At the same time, the Trust is working with partners on the wider factors such as housing, transport, infrastructure and delayed capital investment in healthcare facilities that are impacting the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in northern Devon.

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The closing of Calvert Exmoor

There is something deeply sad about the closure of Calvert Devon, formerly Calvert Trust Exmoor, situated near Wistlandpound Reservoir.

For more than 30 years Calvert provided accessible outdoor adventure for people with physical, learning, behavioural and sensory disabilities. Activities such as canoeing, abseiling, zip-lining and riding gave people opportunities that might otherwise have been inaccessible to them.

The centre closed permanently at the end of August after trustees concluded that it was no longer financially viable. They described the decision as extremely difficult saying every available option had been explored. Around 35 staff lost their jobs and a much-loved resource has disappeared from the community.

The financial pressures were considerable. Spending exceeded income in three of the five most recent financial years while government funding fell dramatically, from more than £267,000 in 2020 to less than £4,000 in 2023.

COVID-19 caused a major loss of bookings and visitor numbers never fully recovered. Rising inflation and a cost-of-living crisis then made accessible holidays increasingly difficult for families, particularly those already facing the additional costs associated with disability.

This was not the centre's first fight for survival. In 2024, an extraordinary community campaign raised more than £500,000 and temporarily saved it from closure. The organisation subsequently rebranded as Calvert Devon and invested in five new accessible lodges in 2025.

Yet operating costs continued to exceed income and eventually the estate had to be put up for sale.

The approximately 20-acre site now marketed by Savills with a guide price of £1.5 million, includes en-suite accommodation, five new lodges, a swimming pool and spa, indoor sports facilities with a climbing wall, and a riding centre with an indoor arena and 11 stables.

On paper these are buildings and facilities. But to the people who used Calvert Devon they represented something much greater. It was a place where disability was not treated as a limitation but as a reason to make adventure possible.

The closure leaves several painful lessons. A vital social purpose does not automatically create financial sustainability. Emergency fundraising can provide a lifeline but it cannot replace a long-term viable model. And when specialist accessible services disappear, their true value can be far greater than their financial accounts suggest.

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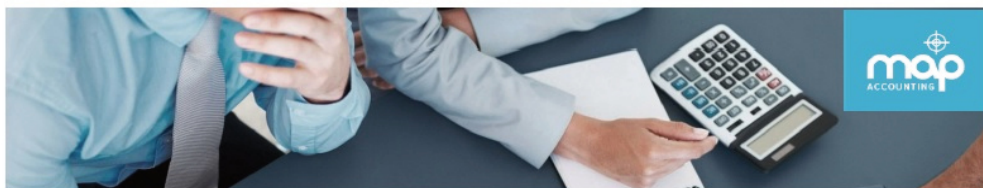
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QR codes have become so common that we probably don't even notice them any more. Almost everywhere you look they are about. Restaurant tables, posters, tickets, letters, parking machines and even the occasional television advert. Point your phone at a little square of black and white and as if by magic, a website, Facebook page or even a WhatsApp chat appears.

But what is a QR code? And are they safe? QR stands for Quick Response and a QR code is essentially a clever way of storing information in a pattern that your phone's camera can read. So instead of typing a long address into your browser, you simply scan the code, and your phone takes you there.

They are incredibly convenient. Restaurants use them for menus and ordering, businesses use them for payments and contact details, and event organisers use them for tickets and registration. They can save a surprising amount of time particularly when the alternative is typing a complicated web address into a tiny phone keyboard or trying to remember it as you pass by.

But just because they are there, does scanning a QR code make it automatically safe? A QR code can take you to the same sort of website as clicking a link in an email. If someone has created a malicious QR code it could take you to a fake website designed to steal your password, banking

or other personal details. It could be a QR code has been stuck over the legitimate one. example, you park your car, go to the parking machine with a QR code on it. Someone could potentially have placed another sticker over the genuine code directing you somewhere completely different so that you make a payment to a fake site instead.

So before entering any personal or payment information have a quick look at the website address your phone has opened. Does it look like the company you expected? Is the spelling correct? If you are paying for something does the website look legitimate? Is the site using https:// at the beginning?

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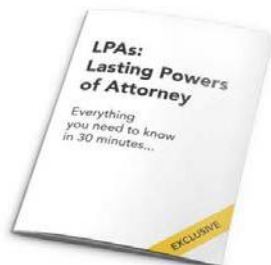
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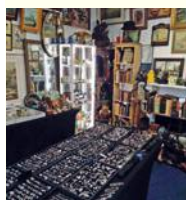
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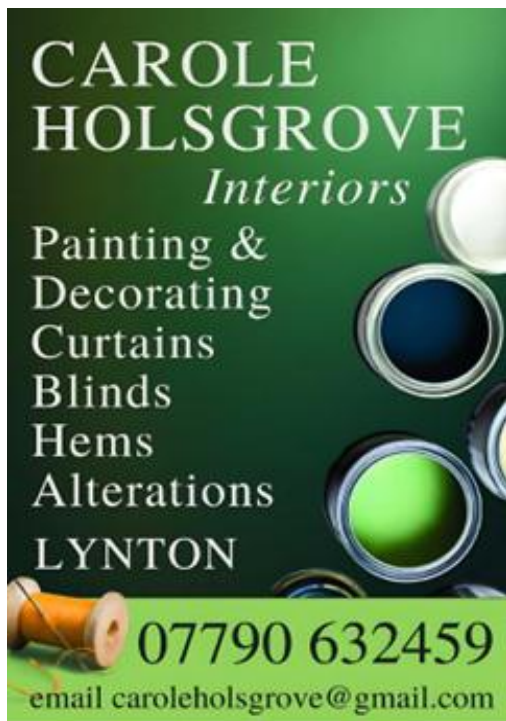
The Crisis and Resilience Fund supports low-income households facing a sudden financial shock, such as an unexpected bill, loss of income, or difficulty paying for essentials including food, energy, water, housing costs and heating oil.

The scheme, which replaced the Support Fund earlier this year, is delivered through Devon's District Councils and Citizens Advice Devon. It can provide practical help with essential costs as well as advice to help households improve their financial resilience and avoid future hardship.

Importantly, people do not have to be receiving benefits to qualify. Eligibility depends on individual circumstances and whether a household is experiencing genuine financial difficulty.

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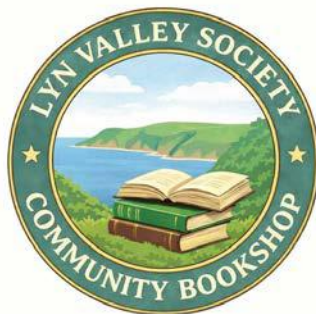
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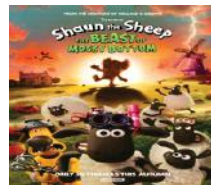
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HOLY DAYS JUDY DAVIS, MIRIAM MARGOLYES *A comedy drama film featuring three elderly nuns who are trying to save their convent and an unhappy young boy, who embark on a road trip.*

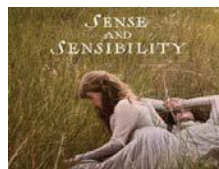
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Friday 30 October for 7 days at 8.00pm

Matinee Monday 2 November at 2.30pm

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY DAISY EDGAR-JONES, ESME CREED-MILES *A story of love, family and sisterhood based on Jane Austen's novel.* PG 132 minutes



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Thursday 1 – Saturday 3 October, 7.30pm

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**Coffee & Cakes in the Bar
Saturday 3 October, 10.00 – 12.00**

Pantaloons present - TWELTH NIGHT

Monday 5 October, 7.30pm

The critically acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company present their own brand of Shakespearean mayhem.

Regal Film Society - ROMERÍA (Cert 15)

Tuesday 6 October, 7.30pm

A young woman discovers her family in Galicia, uncovering unspoken past events.

BLOOMIN' CHURCH

Thursday 8 October, 7.30pm

This uplifting show cracks open the walls of "church," revealing the surprising potential to bloom when we're brave enough to be ourselves.

Volunteer Recruitment Meeting – Bar Area, everyone welcome.

Saturday 10 October, 11:00 – 1:00

Waterfront presents - FLEET STREET

22 – 24 October, 7.30pm

There's a killer on the loose and Hitler is making life a little difficult for the people of London.

The Average Scientist presents - WONDERS OF OUR UNIVERSE

Sunday 25 October, 7.00pm

With breath-taking visuals and a soaring cinematic soundtrack, each moment is crafted to ignite your curiosity and stir your emotions.

Royal Ballet Live from the Opera House – MANON

Tuesday 27 October, 7.15pm

MacMillan's understanding of human psychology makes for an unflinching look into the moral degradation of Manon's Paris.

THE CARPENTERS EXPERIENCE

Friday 30 October, 7.30pm

Featuring the amazing voice of Maggie Nestor and eight top-class musicians.

REGAL COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday 31 October, 7.30pm

The evening will feature a professional line up from the cream of the UK Comedy Circuit.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at <https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson> or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430) between 9.30am and 12.00pm Monday – Saturday.

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Hoar Oak Cottage

The Friends of Hoar Oak Cottage are announcing a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund which will enable us to create 'Virtual Visits' to the cottage using drone photography

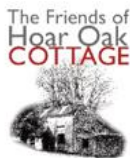
Hoar Oak Cottage is a well-loved heritage building located in a very remote and, for many, difficult to access part of Exmoor. It is a long walk across beautiful but rugged moorland to Hoar Oak Cottage which was once home to generations of shepherds. The cottage is of interest to local people, descendants of the shepherd families, those with links to sheep farming on Exmoor and anyone with an interest in the history, heritage, agriculture on Exmoor, landscape, wildlife or life from earlier, more 'natural' times.

The grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund will enable The Friends to work with local photographer Shaun Davey to create four 'virtual' walks that will take people on different routes to the cottage as well as a look around inside the cottage and its gardens.

This project will deliver improved inclusion, access and participation to this remote example of Exmoor heritage sitting in a protected landscape. The project will enable The Friends to deliver one of its sustainability aims by creating a lasting legacy of digital access to the cottage.

The Friends are delighted to have received this support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players this piece of Exmoor's heritage will be accessible to so many more people through drone photography and digital media.

Visit <https://hoarokcottage.org/> for more information.



The Friends of Hoar Oak Cottage

The Friends of Hoar Oak Cottage is a not-for-profit association started by descendants of three of the shepherd families who once lived and worked at this remote cottage. The aim of the Friends is to find, research, save and share the history of the cottage and stories of the families who once lived there. The Friends worked to preserve the cottage in its landscape through cooperation with the owners – the Exmoor National Park Authority – and other interested parties.



Best Allotment Winner 2026

The 3rd Allotment Day took place at Grattons Drive Allotments on Sunday, 26 July 2026. This year's worthy winner was David York, also known as "Porky" York. Second place was awarded to Hollie Berry, while last year's winner, Deirdre Johnson, took third place.

The plots were judged by the Council's new Marketing and Communications Officer, Laura McDouall, and the prizes were presented by the Mayor, Councillor Adrian Hobbs. Councillor John Patrinos was also in attendance to support the event.

<https://lyntonandlynmouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/news/>

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Step out in style for a local cause



The Tenth Exmoor Dark Skies Festival launches from 16 October to 1 November and it's bigger than ever!



A bumper programme of over 70 events across the Exmoor area showcasing the National Park after dark. From UV Rock pooling and Moonlit pool dips to Planetarium sessions and nocturnal wildlife-themed crafting. With adventures beneath some of the darkest skies in the country, the festival offers something for all ages and levels of experience.

This year's programme is packed with exciting highlights, from bioluminescence walks and opportunities to explore Exmoor's heritage at night, to fascinating astronomy talks and shows, including 'The Wonders of our Universe', a multimedia production by 'The Average Scientist' at the Regal Theatre, Minehead.

Whether you're new to stargazing, an experienced sky-watcher or interested in our nocturnal wildlife there are plenty of ways to get involved, discover something new and be inspired to help protect our precious dark skies and the wildlife that depends on them.

Find the full event listing at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival

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at the Exmoor Pony Centre

Thursday 29th Oct 5.30 - 7.00pm
Friday 30th Oct 5.30 - 7.00pm

A family friendly evening meeting Exmoor ponies and finding out about Exmoor's nocturnal wildlife with our staff team and wildlife expert.

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All funds raised will help protect Exmoor Ponies

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Photograph courtesy of Dave Walden

The Lynmouth Whale

At around 8am on Tuesday, 9th August, I saw a Coast Guard pick-up truck with lights flashing being driven fast along The Esplanade at Lynmouth, it stopped at the far end of the car park by the rocks and was soon joined by a second Coast Guard vehicle. Out of curiosity I drove over to them to try to see what was happening, guessing that it was probably something bad. On the rocks of the beach was a huge whale, lying motionless on its back, there was a cut along its tail with blood streaming down. This is the only time I have seen a whale and it was one of the saddest things I have seen.

By Tuesday evening almost everyone in the country was aware of the 'Lynmouth Whale' as by then it had made national television news and images of it were being broadcast around the world over the internet. An autopsy was performed by an expert from the Zoological Society of London and it became known that the Fin Whale was 59 feet long and only 2 to 3 years old. Initial findings suggest that the whale died either from starvation or possibly from infection, it is still unclear whether it died stranded on the beach or if it was already dead when it landed on our shoreline.

On Wednesday morning a sizable crowd had gathered at the end of the Esplanade car park and at least half a dozen people asked me if I knew the whereabouts of the whale. Around midday, two visiting Americans politely asked me: "Sir, do you know the way to the whale?" I can appreciate why people wanted to see the whale because most of us never get to see these mysterious animals; they spend their lives far off in the oceans and their sheer size and unfamiliarity to human eyes has the power to overawe us. At the same time there is inevitably something ghoulish about this event; this is after all turning the death of an unfortunate creature into a tourist spectacle.

I hope that the whale's presence has done something to increase awareness for marine life; its beauty and its fragility.

*Written by Iain Shillito for
The Lynton and Lynmouth Advertiser
August 2011*

LYNMOUTH SHANTY CREW

Upcoming events

29 October

The Ancient Mariner

6–8 November

Boscastle Shanty Festival

20–21 November

St Ives Shanty Festival

5 December

Carols at Blackmoor Gate

28 December

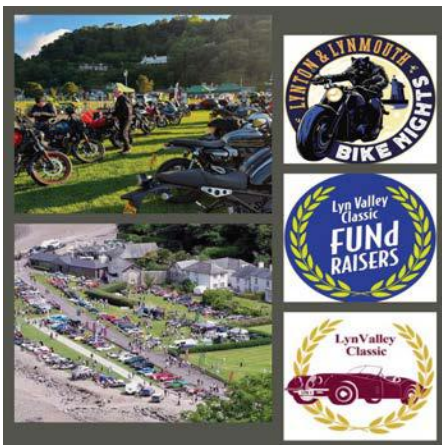
Private Gig, Holnicote Manor

<https://www.lynmouthshantycrew.com>



Lynton and Lynmouth Bike Nights are over for another year!

From 16th April to 17th September, dedicated volunteers welcomed hundreds of riders on the third Thursday of each month, with many riders travelling long distances to attend. Thanks to the fantastic support and commitment from everyone involved, valuable funds have been raised for Blood Bikes South West and local causes. What a great community!



Lynton Fire Service

August was an exciting month for Lynton Fire Station when a brand-new drill tower arrived. A drill tower is an essential piece of equipment used by firefighters to carry out a wide range of training exercises. This new equipment will give the Lynton firefighters the opportunity to further develop their vital specialist skills.

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Lynmouth Reft Race cancelled

Lynmouth Raft Race due to be held on 29th August was cancelled due to unsafe sea and weather conditions. The planned flour-bag packing was also cancelled. Lynmouth Sailing Club shared their disappointment and said safety had to come first. They sent a huge thank you to the fifteen raft teams, volunteers and everyone who helped support the event. They said "We'll be back!"



Radio Caroline

The official registered charity connected to Radio Caroline is MV Ross Revenge (Home of Radio Caroline), operating under Charity Number 1195589. The Charity was formed in 2023 and started with a Crowdfunder raising about £30,000. The ambition at that stage was to get to £250,000 and we finally achieved it, but by then we knew the boat needed much more money spent on it.

We reached our next target of £500,000 and a shipyard quoted for the work they could do for that amount. Bits and pieces of money kept arriving and by the end of a fundraising weekend we had £600,000 and were in a position where we could ask the Lottery for another £250,000. Not all of this can be spent on the boat as around £100,000 has to go on future planning and other 'worthy' things and we should get their decision in the next two months. If they agree, we will then have around £750,000 to spend on the boat. The shipyard has quoted for additional work with all the work totalling £512,000, so there will should be money for other expenses.

Peter Moore, September 2026

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