

Appledore Instow Ferry Ltd

TTEF Report January 2025

As you may know, the Ferry season runs from 1 April to 31 October each year. It is manned entirely by volunteers, who are professional in their approach. We continue to operate with six Skippers, but are hoping to have at least one, and probably two, new skippers licensed in 2025.

2024 saw another successful season for the Ferry, but with a slight reduction in passenger numbers compared with 2023, but still a pretty busy season. Fares remain at £2 for adults and £1 for those under 16 years of age. Dogs continue to go free!

We continue to run two boats during school holidays and other busy periods, but just one during the rest of the season.

Weather has been a challenge, with an unprecedented number of days lost due to bad weather, mostly high winds.

The boats are overwintered in NYDC boat park, where essential maintenance is carried out ready for the new season in April.

The 'gut' alongside and approaching Instow Pier has again been filled with sand during Storm Darragh in December, and we are considering the best way forward to deal with this. At present, there is no access to the pier, hopefully this will be resolved ahead of 1 April.

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