

Looe- Tourism

I went to Looe to find out about tourism and the effect it has on Looe. I will be finding out answers from questions like, Has tourism increased?

What's the environment like?

What effect does tourism have on Looe?

I will also be looking at what's changed over the years and some of the facts of Looe.

East and West Looe face each other from across the harbour (see pic g). East and West Looe were united by a Victorian bridge with thirteen arches from the 15th century. This bridge was demolished and rebuilt further up stream in 1853. East and West Looe is mainly made up of hills (see pic h). This is so when pirate attacked they knew in advanced as they could see far out to sea on top of the hills, home were also built on the hills as living to close to the harbour could be dangerous. East and West Looe are famous for different things like east Looe's fishing harbour and the Banjo pier In East Looe there is mainly shops and West Looe is mainly residential (see drawing 1 and 2). I asked people why they go to Looe and what they like best about Looe (see questionnaire), Many people said they go there for a day out (see graph 3) and most people said the beach and shops attract them to Looe.

Over the years Looe has been changing, in West Looe there used to be a historic round house in Princes Square which was better known as "The Old Market Place" which was situated on a hexagonal, but now it's one little, over crowed shop (see pic e). How-ever not every thing has changed for example the building known as the fish market was built in 1987 and is still there today, selling soles, cod, mackerel, scallop, squid and more (see pic d).

Tourist has also been changing Looe, some times we don't even know it. For example tourist litter and the more tourist that go to Looe the more litter there will be. So then more bins are put around Looe, although it may not sound like a big change it is still a change. More changes will be made from this situation. Like the bins are being used from tourist, who choose to eat out side or bring pack lunch. In which case they're going to need more places to sit, so more benches are made and so on. More tourist are going to Looe and bins and benches etc are being made, which means the more crowded Looe becomes. Which means in this case too much tourism is bad for Looe. Although tourism is good in some ways as it gives people jobs. For example the more tourist the more new shops are made which means more jobs which means more money etc (see grids 1 and 2).

Most of the people who go to Looe are OAP's as it's clean, peaceful and they don't have to walk very far as most of the shops are in one street. I think that most of the people that go to Looe are tourist rather than residents as most of the shops sell souvenirs. I also think this because you don't see many clothes shops like New Look etc, although the residents might do their food shopping there, as there is one or two superstores. Looe is not ideal for some children or teenagers, as there is no park or swimming pool or ice-skating rinks etc. Although for the more outgoing children, teenagers and adults etc, there is canoeing or jet-skiing etc.

I aimed to find out answers (see first paragraph), so I made a questionnaire to get the answers in my results, to make the results as accurate as I could I asked a range of different aged people, so I would get the thoughts and answers from different age groups. To see how many people was in Looe, I did a people count for one minute in four different locations (see grid 3).

I think Looe could be improved by adding more places to park. Looe is also quite dangerous as there is many windy roads and children could fall into the river Looe.

I think I have found out what I aimed to find out. If I did this project again I would change at least one thing which would be the day I went to Looe. As it was winter and I went on a school day and which means most people found it too cold to go to Looe and the children were at school and the adults were at work. Which means some of my results could be wrong, like the chart I did as I was walking around (see questionnaire) to see what sort of people age wise go to Looe and how many people go to Looe. I found finding different age groups to ask the questionnaire too hard as most of the children/ teenagers were at school, it was also hard to tell what age some of the people were.