

APPLEDORE & INSTOW FERRY REPORT FOR TTEF 20th JULY 2026

This report covers the months of April, May, June and July, 2026.

On 25th April the Appledore/Instow ferry passed another major milestone when the 300,000 passenger was carried! The lucky lady received a Certificate and a bag of goodies courtesy of Johns of Instow. That we have managed this astounding figure is entirely due to enormous efforts of all our volunteers.

The start of the season saw wet and windy weather cause a number of cancellations but things have picked up during the recent spells of good weather. There was a fine day for the Blessing of the ferries kindly performed by Baptist Elder, Andrew Littlejohn at Appledore and by the Rev. Chris Painter at Instow with musical support from the Sea Shanty Singers. Unfortunately the recent heat wave has brought its own problems and an interim decision has been made by the Board to suspend sailings during "Amber Heat Warnings". This decision is under review at the time of writing.

On 1st of May the Ferry was pleased to note the arrival of Appledore's new Shannon Class lifeboat.

On Tuesday, 7th July the ferries took 40 children from Appledore School on a trip to help them with their Rivers project. This activity supports our philosophy to encourage young people onto the water.

In line with best practice the Board have purchase a defibrillator and auto inflate life jackets for Onshore Crew to wear if they wish.

The ferry ceases operations this year on Saturday, 18th October.

The Ferry is run entirely by volunteers and new faces are always welcome. No experience is necessary as full training for roles ashore and afloat will be given. Check the website for more information.