

# Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council

## County Councillors report

April 2025

### Exmoor Coaster

Last month I didn't have the timetable for the Exmoor Coaster but I do now, First who operate this service (with a substantial subsidy from DCC I may add!) have renamed it the EX1, I'm sure we will all locally continue calling it the Exmoor Coaster for some time. Many businesses and residents have contacted me about this service which is very popular, I am very happy it has been saved for this year. If you haven't tried it please do, it is only £3 each way and is a lovely day out.

Minehead - Ilfracombe via Lynmouth										First EX1		
Monday to Saturday (except Public Holidays)												
from 27 May 2025 to 23 July 2025												
Sundays and Public Holidays from 26 May 2025 to 31 August 2025												
MINEHEAD, Butlins Main Gate	0835	1130	1430	1720	ILFRACOMBE, Ropery Road	-	1100	1400	1700			
MINEHEAD, Railway Station	0837	1132	1432	1722	ILFRACOMBE, Wilder Road Car Park	-	1103	1403	1703			
MINEHEAD, The Avenue	0840	1135	1435	1725	HELE, Bay Hotel	-	1110	1410	1710			
BRATTON, Turn	0846	1141	1441	1731	WATERMOUTH CASTLE	-	1114	1414	1714			
SELWORTHY, Turn	0851	1146	1446	1736	SANDAWAY BEACH, Holiday Park	-	1119	1419	1719			
ALLERFORD, Bus Shelter	0852	1147	1447	1737	COMBE MARTIN, Beach	-	1120	1420	1720			
PORLOCK, Doverhav Car Park	0858	1153	1453	1743	C.MARTIN, Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	-	1132	1432	1732			
PORLOCK, Whitstone Post	0908	1207	1507	1757	BLACKMOOR GATE	-	1141	1441	1741			
MALMSMEAD, County Gate	0918	1217	1517	1807	MARTINHOLE CROSS, Woody Bay Stn	-	1150	1450	1750			
COUNTISBURY, Blue Ball Inn	0926	1225	1525	1815	BARBROOK, Shelter	-	1155	1455	1755			
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park, arrive	0933	1233	1533	1823	LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park arr	-	1209	1509	1809			
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park, depart	0940	1240	1540	-	LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park dep	0927	1215	1515	1815			
BARBROOK, Shelter	0952	1252	1552	-	COUNTISBURY, Blue Ball Inn	0932	1222	1522	1820			
MARTINHOLE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	0958	1258	1558	-	MALMSMEAD, County Gate	0941	1232	1532	1829			
BLACKMOOR GATE	1006	1306	1606	-	PORLOCK, Whitstone Post	0951	1242	1542	1839			
COMBE MARTIN, Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	1015	1315	1615	-	PORLOCK, Doverhav Car Park	1004	1254	1552	1848			
COMBE MARTIN, Beach	1022	1322	1622	-	ALLERFORD, Bus Shelter	1008	1258	1556	1852			
SANDAWAY BEACH, Holiday Park	1027	1327	1627	-	SELWORTHY, Turn	1009	1259	1557	1853			
WATERMOUTH CASTLE	1031	1331	1631	-	BRATTON, Turn	1014	1304	1602	1858			
HELE, Bay Hotel	1035	1335	1635	-	MINEHEAD, The Parade	1020	1310	1608	1903			
ILFRACOMBE, opp. Garage	1042	1342	1642	-	MINEHEAD, Railway Station	1024	1314	1611	1906			
ILFRACOMBE, Ropery Road	1048	1348	1648	-	MINEHEAD, Butlins Main Gate	1030	1320	1617	1912			

24<sup>th</sup> July-30<sup>th</sup> August Monday to Saturday (Sundays and bank holiday on timetable above)

Ilfracombe - Minehead via Lynmouth										First EX1		
Monday to Saturday (except Public Holidays)												
from 24 July 2025 to 30 August 2025												
ILFRACOMBE, Ropery Road	-	-	1100	-	1400	-	1700					
ILFRACOMBE, Wilder Road Car Park	-	-	1103	-	1403	-	1703					
HELE, Bay Hotel	-	-	1110	-	1410	-	1710					
WATERMOUTH CASTLE	-	-	1114	-	1414	-	1714					
SANDAWAY BEACH, Holiday Park	-	-	1119	-	1419	-	1719					
COMBE MARTIN, Beach	-	-	1120	-	1420	-	1720					
COMBE MARTIN, Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	-	-	1132	-	1432	-	1732					
BLACKMOOR GATE	-	-	1141	-	1441	-	1741					
MARTINHOLE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	-	-	1150	-	1450	-	1750					
BARBROOK, Shelter	-	-	1155	-	1455	-	1755					
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park, arrive	-	-	1209	-	1509	-	1809					
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park, depart		1045	1215	1400	1515	1720	1815					
COUNTISBURY, Blue Ball Inn	-	1052	1222	1407	1522	1725	1820					
MALMSMEAD, County Gate	-	1102	1232	1417	1532	1734	1829					
PORLOCK, Whitstone Post	-	1112	1242	1427	1542	1744	1839					
PORLOCK, Doverhav Car Park	-	1124	1254	1439	1552	1753	1848					
ALLERFORD, Bus Shelter	-	1128	1258	1443	1556	1757	1852					
SELWORTHY, Turn	-	1129	1259	1444	1557	1758	1853					
BRATTON, Turn	-	1134	1304	1449	1602	1803	1858					
MINEHEAD, The Parade	-	1140	1310	1455	1608	1808	1903					
MINEHEAD, Railway Station	-	1144	1314	1459	1611	1811	1906					
MINEHEAD, Butlins Main Gate	1035	1155	1325	1510	1625	1820	1915					
MINEHEAD, Brewers Fyne	1036	1156	1326	1511	1626	1821	1916					
MARSH STREET, Dunster Steep	1039	1159	1329	1514	1629	1824	1919					
CARHAMPTON, Post Office	1042	1202	1332	1517	1632	1827	1922					
BLUE ANCHOR, Hoburne Holiday Park	1049	1209	1339	1524	1639	1834	1929					

## A39 Watersmeet update (post Storm Darrah damage)

Progress to date:

The retaining wall contractor has temporarily finished the section between Myrtleberry Cottage and Watersmeet Car Park.

The main wall works here are done, it's just the masonry parapet and surface course left to complete but as this is a smallish area its not cost effective to do now. It will be done when the lower (Middleham) retaining wall has got to the same stage and the resources can be shared between both sites.

The contractor is now starting works on the Middleham retaining wall which is approx. 30m in length and will be constructed using the same method as the Ladycombe wall which was completed last year. This will be a 2 phase mass concrete wall with a masonry face and parapet. The contractor will excavate large sections of the road out and back fill with concrete all the way along. They will then do the same on the front face of the wall and then add a masonry face to it once the concrete is set.

It is currently anticipated that this will be completed by the end of June/early July in time for the school summer holidays. This is dependent on unknown site conditions (depths to rock, stability and strength of rock etc) and therefore time and complexity of the construction.

Whilst the retaining wall works have taken place DCC have also had the rope access contractor on site stabilising slopes. Due to the number of trees that came down, this has been a considerable amount of work on the uphill side and downhill side of the road. They have 2 sites left which they are working on currently. This is clearing fallen trees, removing loose soils and material and then installing anchors and netting to ensure the bank doesn't deteriorate further and cause more damage to the road/retaining walls. Unfortunately whilst walking through the site this week to review works completed to date, the engineers noticed another section of rock which a large block was coming away from its host rock. This is going to be removed and the area cleaned up and then re-assessed to ensure its safe to leave.

It just highlights the constant difficulties with the section of road in that there is always bits deteriorating and naturally eroding and that DCC is doing its best to keep it as safe as possible for road users.











The DCC website is very useful for reporting highway problems and the reports go straight to the contractor.  
[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

Alternatively, the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Winter road updates; <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/>

Travel Devon website; [home - Travel Devon](#)

*Finally, from me a personal note;*

*I hope to be back after May 1<sup>st</sup> but if I'm not re elected I want to wish the Town Council well for the future.*

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