



## Open Day for New Higher Ferry

*A rare chance to see parts of the new Ferry that will then be hidden forever!*

On **Wednesday 1st July from 10.00am until 4.00pm** the new Dartmouth to Kingswear Higher Ferry will be taken out of service and opened up to the public for one day only. Built by superyacht builder Pendennis, of Falmouth in Cornwall, the ferry is one of a kind in the world and boasts advanced engineering that will be open to view for the first and last time.

Tony Tucker from Dartmouth Higher Ferry comments: "The arrival of the new Higher Ferry marked the end of a journey that started in 2007, and we have been extremely heartened by the interest in this project. We are inviting the local community to come along and take the opportunity to see how their new ferry works and to see the massive bull wheels which move the vessel across the water."

The Open Day will provide a chance to look around the new ferry and learn more about an integral part of the transport system for Dartmouth and Kingswear. The Ferry Men will be on-hand to offer insight and anecdotes and answer any questions about the ferry itself.

Tony continues: "We are delighted to be able to offer people the chance to learn about a vessel that has become our passion over the last two years."

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**Background information:** The Higher Ferry operates between Dartmouth and Kingswear (at the northern end of the embankment adjacent to the popular Floating Bridge Inn and the renowned Dart Marina Hotel). The crossing forms part of the A379 between Torbay and Plymouth. The Ferry's hull was manufactured at the Dutch Ravestein yard on the bank of the River Waal. It was then delivered to Falmouth in 2008 for fitting-out and engine installation by superyacht builder Pendennis. The project has cost around £5m and has taken around two years to complete.

The new Higher Ferry can now carry vehicles with a maximum weight of 16 tonnes, as opposed to the current restriction of only 7.5 tonnes.