

Greetings from Eastern & Southern England

Hello from Tim Jenkins, Fishermen's Mission Senior Superintendent for Eastern & Southern England.

"Here is the magnificent Fishermen's Mission team covering our area. Working in Ports covering the whole coastline from the Scottish Borders to the South coast of England, each member of our team is so thankful and humbled to have your wonderful support. We can only carry out the vital caring work of the Fishermen's Mission with you as our friends and partners. Thank you!"



EYEMOUTH SNAPSHOT

Claire McIntosh Fishermen's Mission Superintendent at Eyemouth takes us on a whistle-stop tour of her patch.

"I cover 95 miles of coastline from the Scottish Borders to Northumberland. With around 100 active fishing boats and approximately 250 retired fishing families to support."

"The main issues I deal with are loneliness, bereavement and financial and social deprivation. Our busy outreach programme means new beneficiaries are being discovered all the time."

"I'm also involved in boat blessings, fundraising talks and events and the weekly worship service. There is no such thing as a typical day; I travel many miles to support vulnerable and isolated fishing folk in my area. Every trip is worthwhile and I know



Claire McIntosh on Fish Friday duty

the Fishermen's Mission is making a huge difference to the lives of so many fishing families."



Claire McIntosh at a boat blessing service

Remembering Darren

On June 9th 2016 Newhaven fisherman Darren Brown fell overboard from Fishing

Vessel 'Our Sarah Jane'. Despite the best efforts of his crewmates and tireless searches by local fishing crews, lifeboat and Coastguard, 37 year old Darren has not been found. Now his brother Mark is hoping to erect a memorial on Newhaven Harbour, Sussex, saying, "It will be somewhere for

Darren's friends to visit on special occasions such as Darren's birthday as well as raising awareness of the risks our fishermen take every day."

Mark Brown also told how the Fishermen's Mission Shoreham Superintendent, Helen Rawlings has helped the family and wider fishing community, He said: "They

look after people if they get injured. They've set up a fund for my niece's education. They've provided counselling for me. It's not a very well-known charity but they were straight on to us when it happened. They've been really good and it would be brilliant to do something for them."



The Duchess meets Alishia

The Queen is the Patron of the Fishermen's Mission and we were delighted to be invited to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday at The Patron's Lunch on 12th June. Fishermen's Mission beneficiaries and volunteers attended and we were thrilled when the Duchess of Cambridge spoke to

Alishia Williams, the daughter of South Coast fisherman Pete Williams and his wife Chantelle. We've asked Alishia what the Duchess said to her but have been told that conversation was strictly between the two of them!



Duchess of Cambridge meets Alishia



Chantelle & Alishia Williams at The Patron's Lunch

SEASALT BAGS GOING QUICK!

Don't forget your special edition Seasalt Fishermen's Mission Bags. These celebrity designed Jute bags are available at Seasalt Stores and at www.seasalt.co.uk. But hurry, they're so good stocks are running low! Each bag sold earns 50p for the Fishermen's Mission.



Seasalt Fishermen's Mission bags at the newly opened Bury St Edmunds Seasalt shop.

Tigers to the rescue!

Volunteers play a crucial role in the Fishermen's Mission. It's great to hear how our volunteers help us tackle problems.

After many years at sea Hull fisherman Mike Greendale is sadly unable to fish due to ill health. His condition has also meant Mike and his wife Kathy have had to move to more suitable accommodation.

Unfortunately the garden of their new home resembled a jungle and needed to be cleared. A job impossible for Mike or Kathy to undertake. Enter the Fishermen's Mission and a band of wonderful young volunteers.



The volunteers in action

Through the National Citizenship Service and the Tigers Trust a group of teenage volunteers took on this horticultural nightmare. They raised funds to buy gardening equipment from a sponsored walk across the Humber Bridge. Then they worked hard at clearing the overgrown greenery and created a flower bed.



The volunteers with Mike & Kathy Greendale

Mike and Kathy were thrilled to bits at the result and couldn't thank the young people enough.

We say a huge thank you to them too and recognise the value of volunteer power!

Feel inspired? Can you volunteer for the Fishermen's Mission? Why not give us a call and let's chat about where you may be able to help our vital work.