



# THE SHIRLEY

AWARD WINNING VICTORIAN GUEST HOUSE  
SITUATED IN THE HEART OF DEVON

**OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND**

*More personality than a Premier Inn!*



Blackpool Sands



We had a great meal at Ephesus, trying it for the first time. It is a short walk down the hill from The Shirley and has lovely views over the harbour. The food was amazing and the service just right. We would highly recommend.



The water at Meadfoot beach is crystal clear. Such a beautiful place to sit with a coffee and listen to the gentle lap of the water on the shore.



Coming soon - the seating area will be refreshed with new sandstone paving - we have chosen the Raj for the gorgeous textured surfaces and warm colours.

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Two statement framed pieces, detailing a little bit of history, adorn the walls for guests to read, whilst enjoying their freshly cooked and locally sourced breakfasts.



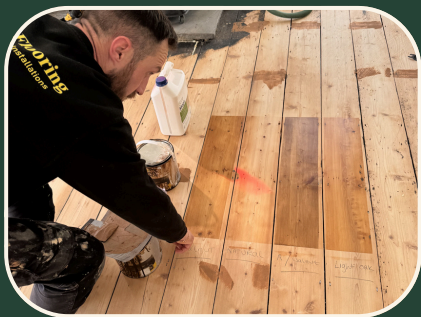
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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH @THE SHIRLEY?



A special thanks to 'Woods Flooring' who have worked their magic restoring the original Victorian floor boards in the guest lounge. Once the boards were revealed there was a small amount of work to do to level and fix them. It was a challenge to remove the black paint from around the edges as it was like tar. Two days of sanding and several bags of sand dust later and we were ready to select the stain.



We chose a walnut stain, which darkens slightly over time and especially as sunlight floods in through the large windows. These floor boards have not been touched for over 80 years. In a building this old just think how many visitors have trodden the boards in this room. If only the room could talk, the stories it could tell would be amazing!!



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# Exploring with Mylo and Bruno-

Another day and another beach for this adventurous pair to explore. Blackpool Sands is a glorious sweeping, pebbled beach. Just 15 miles by car from The Shirley and across the river Dart, via the car ferry at Dartmouth. There is ample parking just steps from the beach, plus a great cafe to get a coffee and a bite to eat in or take away. There is also a beach hut sauna for the brave. On the Saturday morning that we visited, there was a live acoustic performer in the restaurant. For those who like to just sit and take in the views rather than stroll along the beach, there were lots of picnic benches along the line of the beach. There was also a surf shop, selling lots of great clothing. Mylo and Bruno had to drag Alec out before he got carried away!



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WHAT IS GOING ON IN TORQUAY ?



Summer is on the way.

You have the pick of lots of great beaches. and coves, the rolling lawns of Torre Abbey, or the stunning gardens of Cockington Park.

For those who love the water and wildlife, there is the Raptor ride for the thrill seekers or a more relaxed wildlife trip to see the dolphins.

Splashdown or Kayak and paddle board hire are some great water activities.



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ADVENTURES TO HAVE IN TORBAY.  
GREAT REASONS TO BOOK AHEAD



## THE BRIXHAM PIRATE FESTIVAL

The annual **Brixham Pirate Festival**, held in **Brixham**, Devon takes place over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, is a swashbuckling mix of seaside shenanigans and pirate-themed fun for all the family. Billed as "the annual gathering of the world's most infamous pirates and lowly scallywags," over the past decade the event has grown into hugely popular celebration of all things piratical. And all with the perfectly authentic backdrop of this charming historic port, which has been home to a number of smugglers and pirates...



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# Seaglass workshop dates.

**1 Day – Beach Craft Workshop Package at The Shirley** – Led by a qualified Art and Technology Teacher with 26 years' experience in education) **£75 per person. (10% discount for a booking of 3 or more places)**

**(2-Night B&B stay with Beach Craft Workshop package also available. Details on the website**

<https://the-shirley.co.uk/crafting-workshops/>



Torquay TQ1 1HF



## 2026 Dates

### March – November

14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

28<sup>th</sup> March 2026

11<sup>th</sup> April 2026

25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

11<sup>th</sup> July 2026

15<sup>th</sup> July 2026

8<sup>th</sup> August 2026

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

26<sup>th</sup> September 2026

10<sup>th</sup> October 2026

24<sup>th</sup> October 2026

7<sup>th</sup> November 2026

21<sup>st</sup> November 2026

**Free on-site parking available**

**9.15am – 9.30am** Arrival and refreshments in the Guest Lounge

**9.40am-10am**

Walk to the beach

**10am –12.15pm**

Beachcombing visit to a local beach – Guidance from the host for where to find the best pieces of sea glass, plus how to identify and find pirate glass.

**12.15pm –12.45pm**

Coastal walk back to The Shirley

**1.30pm – 2pm**

Afternoon Devon Cream Tea in the Guest Lounge (**pre-book additional £10 per person**)

**2pm – 5pm** Crafting Workshop. Full guidance and access to tools and machinery needed to make sea glass art, necklaces, earrings, and suncatcher/mobiles.

**Materials provided by the host as part of the workshop package:**

- Canvas for sea glass art.
- 925 Silver chain and 925 silver pinch



bail to make necklaces

- 925 sterling silver wire or 925 silver hooks to make a pair of earrings
- Silver coloured wire jump rings for joining, threads and beads.
- Additional Sea glass / Driftwood

(Please also feel free to bring any of your own beachcombing finds to add to the workshop materials)

**For more details or to make a booking contact: Sophie 07918702228 or email [sophiepj@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiepj@hotmail.com)**



Call directly to book a stay at The Shirley or to book on the next workshop - 01803 293016

**Remember** to book direct for the best price  
Where we save on the commission fees  
from online travel agents, such as  
Booking.com, we can pass those savings  
back to you for up to 10%



Wrapped up warm, nose tucked in...  
the perfect recipe for a great  
night's sleep at The Shirley after  
your busy day adventuring.

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