

The National Trust 3 Counties Association

An enduring favourite with our membership is a trip on water, whether down a river or on the sea. So on 30th July we decided to offer another boat trip, this time a Solent Blue Funnel Boat Cruise. The coach took us to Town Quay in Southampton where we boarded our boat to go across Southampton Water to Hythe, where Tuesday is market day. On the day the weather was particularly bad which reduced the size of Hythe market and made it impossible to sit on the sea front to view traffic in the Solent. Hythe's village centre with its pretty Georgian High Street offered a range of interesting shops and services and plenty of places to eat and drink. An added attraction is an electric train that runs along Hythe's 130 year-old pier. After lunch in Hythe we re-boarded our boat to cruise round the Port of Southampton and to enjoy our cream tea together with a lively commentary. We returned to our coach for the journey home at 3.30 pm.

For those interested in joining the Association, a membership form can be found on our web site at:-

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/three-counties-association>