



Barney Dearsly with some of his found objects

Finding beauty on the tide

A STROLL along the seafront can reveal all wonder of things washed up on an early morning tide.

For artist and craftsman Barney Dearsly there can be rich pickings on his shoreline and on neighbouring beaches every day.

Barney sees beauty and possibilities in anything from some wave-tossed flotsam and jetsam such as boat timbers to old bricks weathered smooth by years of being rolled around by the sea.

Recently Barney discovered an old keel from a local fishing boat washed up near the mouth of the River Exe.

Said Barney: "It was a heavy haul but well worth the effort. It now makes a bench for the ever-growing queue outside the village fish store and somewhere for the locals to sit and wait for whatever might be the catch of the day.

"The keel took a couple of days to shape, clean and prepare then with a light oil it was ready to float off the floor and wall using an old propshaft."

Barney was born and raised in the little fishing village of Lymptone and has spent much of his life in



and on the water.

He said: "From an early age I have had a fascination with beach combing, wandering the tide lines of the South West and further afield. Discovering all manner of washed up objects it's hard not to imagine the journey that each piece might have undertaken.

"This childhood hobby was the root of my inspiration for creating Weathered-

By-Water, wanting to offer others the same opportunity to delight in and own some of my discoveries and craftworks."

Barney has now created a website called 'Weathered by Water' from which he sells his works of art.

His recycled products range from fossils, prints and quirky coastal items, to driftwood frames, artworks and mirrors.

He said: "All of my products are made and sourced with sustainability being our main objective.

"Our aim is to provide a product that is unique, individual and well-crafted"

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