

EATING OUT

Harbour Lights

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Firstly let me say what a beautiful place Lossiemouth is. Quaint yet not clichéd, expansive golden beaches backed by (increasing rare) accessible sand dunes, and some treasures of places to eat. Not least of which is the beautifully located **Harbour Lights**.

Overlooking the marina, it is certainly a delight to eat outside on a fine day but you won't be disappointed if the weather does not play ball as the interior is tastefully and elegantly decorated. Harbour Lights is doing that difficult job of trying to be all things to everyone - coffee shop, sandwich bar and fine dining experience all in one - and I would say that they have cracked it quite comfortably. Our table of four ordered from all corners of the menu and we were not disappointed with anything - ranging from the delicious **All Day Breakfast** to the **Aubergine Parmesan With Couscous** followed by desserts from the lunchtime menu and even managing to fit in some of their award winning home baking too - which was well worth the effort.

Each dish was well presented, and fresh, offering a pleasing balance of flavours. In the evenings here they change the atmosphere with tablecloths and candles to turn it into a sophisticated restaurant with a freshly prepared à la carte menu. (advisable to phone ahead for

opening times).

Aside from a varied, interesting menu and a pleasant location and environment, one of the key qualities that sets Harbour Lights apart is their exceptional staff. All very well turned out, friendly and prepared to go the extra mile for customer satisfaction.

(My one gripe was that I wasn't told about the specials on offer and saw them too late, but we can put that down to an extremely busy day).

I asked my kids what they would improve about it and one said "I'd make them stop playing Kings Of Leon" - and lo and behold, the next track they played was the infinitely more acceptable Biffy Clyro. The other said "free stuff?" - and what do you know, they gave her a free lolly on the way out! I can't promise it is a magical place where all wishes come true but I can promise you'll have some fine food in a lovely atmosphere.

Cost for 4 (exc drinks): £38.10

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1: Exterior/Location	8
2: Interior/Atmosphere.....	8
3: Staff–Appearance.....	10
4: Staff–Helpfulness	10
5: Speed Of Service	8
6: Food–Presentation	7
7: Food–Quality	8
8: Food–Value	7
9: Menu–Range/Balance/Clarity	8
10: Toilets–Appearance/Cleanliness ..	6

TOTAL: 80%

