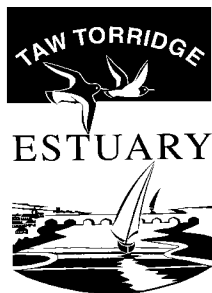


TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 11th. NOVEMBER, 2008



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'A' FLIGHT, 22 SQUADRON SEARCH AND RESCUE: 50th. ANNIVERSARY

Last Friday, 'A' Flight, 22 Squadron Search and Rescue celebrated 50 years of continuous service at Chivenor.

On your behalf, I have sent a card to 'A' Flight to congratulate them on this long period of uninterrupted service, and to thank them for the important contribution they have made to North Devon and to the safety of estuary users over this time.

BRIEF FOR POTENTIAL WINDFARM: BICKLETON FARM, Nr. FREMINGTON

Stamford Renewables Ltd. (SRL) has prepared a Brief for a proposed scheme involving three turbines at Bickleton Farm, near Fremington, and has made a presentation on the scheme to Fremington Parish Council at its meeting on 18th. August 2008. Each of these proposed 3-Megawatt turbines would have an 85-metre hub height, with a 45-metre blade. (When one of the 3 blades is in the 12 o'clock position, the total maximum vertical height would be 130 metres and will be similar to those planned for the Fullabrook Scheme.)

SRL will now carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to assess the suitability, acceptability and feasibility of the Bickleton Farm Site. This may take as long as 9 months. Following a successful EIA, a formal planning application will be made. It is likely to be the summer of 2009 before this formal application is submitted.

A copy of the Brief has been passed to me by the North Devon Branch of CPRE. If you would like a copy, please contact either myself or Bob Barfoot, Chairman of North Devon CPRE:

bobbarfoot@tiscali.co.uk

The contact details of Stamford Renewables Ltd. are:

phone: 0774 8967300

e-mail: mikestamford@stamfordrenewables.com

MARINE BILL: INCLUSION IN THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Following the disappointment last year, when the Draft Marine Bill was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech, the Prime Minister has now confirmed in Prime Minister's Questions on 5th. November that the Marine Bill will be introduced early in the 4th. Parliamentary Session next year.

Hansard states:

"5 Nov 2008 : Column 251

The Prime Minister: The Government continue to prepare the Bill for Introduction early in the fourth Session and do not intend to reduce its scope or coverage."

NORTHAM BURROWS: DISUSED LANDFILL SITE

The final phase of monitoring the Disused Landfill Site at Northam Burrows, i.e. testing groundwater and landfill gas, has now been completed, and Devon Waste is expecting the first draft of the report from consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff shortly. Adrian Middlewick of Devon Waste reports that: "Observations from the ground excavations indicate that the waste in the site remains in all stages of decomposition, from a black sludge to appearing freshly tipped."

"At the last progress report, no evidence had been found to suggest any hazard beyond that associated with general municipal waste."

Devon Waste is currently discussing with the consultants the options for defending the site in the event that it comes under risk of immediate erosion. They "would not however envisage planning a long term strategy until the extensive coastal studies which are being undertaken as part of the shoreline management plan are complete."

NORTHAM BURROWS: PEBBLE RIDGE

You will have seen the article in the North Devon Journal, which specified that Natural England had consented to 3,000 tons of pebbles being used to recharge the damaged northern area of the Pebble Ridge at an expected cost of £7,000. Torridge District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee made a recommendation that Torridge District Council should contribute £3,000 towards the cost of the scheme, and a report was prepared for the Committee held last week, when this matter was discussed.

We are now given to understand that, at last week's meeting, the Council's Committee decided that this payment would not be forthcoming.

QUESTIONNAIRE: IS THE TAW AND TORRIDGE SAFE TO NAVIGATE? COULD IT BE SAFER? IF SO HOW?

Eric Evans, a 3rd-year student of Marine Studies (Merchant Shipping) at the University of Plymouth, is doing his honours project on the safety of navigation in the Estuary, and whether navigation could be made safer.

The actual title of his project is:

"Changes for the use of visual aids to navigation have been proposed for the Taw and Torridge Estuary. What can be done to maximise the safety of navigation."

If you can help Eric with his project, please contact him for a copy of the questionnaire:

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1, New Street
Appledore
Bideford
Devon. EX39 1QJ
Telephone: 07792909240
e-mail: eric.evans@students.plymouth.ac.uk

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:
APPEAL BY NOTTS CONTRACTORS LIMITED
TRANSFER STATION, FORMER YELLAND POWER
STATION SITE – 02/27/44588/2007
APPEAL: APP/J1155/A/08/2074759/NWF**

Notts Contractors have lodged an appeal against conditions 1,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,14,19 and 20 attached to the planning permission for the Transfer Station.

The appeal hearing will start at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th. November 2008 in the Torridge Room, Civic Centre, Barnstaple.

Any documents relating to this appeal can be viewed by appointment at:

Development Management
Lucombe House
County Hall
Exeter
Telephone: (01392) 382383

Copies of the appellant's and the County Council's appeal statements can also be viewed at NDC offices at the Civic Centre in Barnstaple. If you would like a copy of the decision letter, please contact The Planning Inspectorate - this will be available within 7 weeks of the hearing from:

Nadia Hussain
The Planning Inspectorate
Room 4/04
Temple Quay House
2, The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol. BS1 6PN

**DEVON MARITIME FORUM:
CONFERENCE AT RM LYMPSTONE
OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY – 5th. NOVEMBER 2008**

Congratulations once again to Jim Masters and Devon Maritime Forum for a most enjoyable and informative day – held this time at the Royal Marines Barracks at Lympstone.

The theme for the morning session was Offshore Wind Energy, and we were given presentations on behalf of REGENSW, the Crown Estates, Royal Haskoning, SWRDA and the Sir Alistair Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science.

This session was followed by a series of shorter "Soapbox" sessions from a range of speakers covering:

- Plymouth City Council's bid to host the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Lyme Bay Closed Area Monitoring Project
- Lyme Bay Mussel Farm Development Proposal
- C-Scope: Dorset Marine Spatial Planning Project
- South West Regional Ports Association

The final Workshop Sessions explored how stakeholders and maritime sectors can best engage with Devon Maritime Forum, in order to enable DMF to take forward any issues and projects, and be fit for purpose for the Marine Bill, the MMO and other key developments.

Information on the day, and copies of the PowerPoint presentations, can be accessed on the DMF website:

www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk

and Jim has already issued a DMF e-newsletter, which gives full information. This newsletter can also be found on-line, or an e-mail copy can be obtained from Jim:

jim.masters@devon.gov.uk

TWO NEW TTEF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS:

We are delighted to welcome two new member organisations to the TTEF:

Coastwise North Devon
and

Northam Burrows 1716 Committee

We look forward to working with them in the future.

**NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION
ITEMS:**

DEVON MARITIME FORUM:

Newsletter – November 2008

jim.masters@devon.gov.uk
www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk

EXPLORE BRAUNTON PROJECT:

Newsletter – October 2008

katie.james@devon.gov.uk
www.explorebraunton.org

**FINDING SANCTUARY, COAST MS, NATURAL
ENGLAND AND THE JNCC:
Stakeholder Participation and Good Decision-Making:
Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) and Beyond**

and
**Subsequent workshop of organisations involved in the
MPA planning process**

For copies of the information and details of the Steering Group representatives, please contact:

sl.mcintock@googlemail.com
or
diana.pound@dialoguematters.co.uk

FINDING SANCTUARY:

Leaflets:

Safeguarding Marine Diversity in Partnership with:

- Sports Enthusiasts
- Wildlife Enthusiasts
- Divers and Snorkellers
- Sea Anglers

copies of these leaflets can be obtained from:

david.murphy@southwestfoodanddrink.com
www.finding-sanctuary.org

**Defra/Marine and Fisheries Agency (MFA):
Fishing Focus – Newsletter – Autumn 2008 Issue**

Juanita.Liddell@defra.gsi.gov.uk
<http://defraweb/marine/pdf/fisheries/fishfocus12.pdf>

DEFRA:

**European Commission:
Marine Strategy Framework Directive**

New Webpage:
<http://defraweb/marine/environment/msfd.htm>
MSFDTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY:
Newsletter – River Basin Planning – Autumn 2008
08708 506 506
southwestrbd@environment-agency.gov.uk
SWRBD@environment-agency.gov.uk
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

FOOD NEWS:

Your Guide to the best eating in the South West:
Two Newsletters – November 2008
nick@saltmedia.co.uk

COASTAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP:
CPWG Meeting:

Tullie House, Carlisle on November 20th. 2008
between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
ALannin@northumberland.gov.uk
www.xbordercurrents.com/

and

Solway Firth Partnership Annual Conference:
November 21st. 2008 at the University of Cumbria, Carlisle
Pam@solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk
www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk

BURNETT MARY REGIONAL GROUP:
(Great Sandy Biosphere Reserve Designate)
Newsletter – Natural Matters – Edition 12
and

Newsletter – Community Engagement and Participation
and
Newsletter – SuperGraze – Funding Launch & Information
and
Newsletter – Water Quality and Equitable Use
and
Newsletter – Funding Launch and Information Session
admin@bmr.org.au

**NORTH DEVON AREAS OF OUTSTANDING
NATURAL BEAUTY**
Newsletter – October 2008

A reminder to enter the North Devon AONB Photographic
Competition – all details on the AONB website below:
Entries close on **30th. November, 2008**
matthew.hensby@devon.gov.uk
www.aonb-photocompetition.org.uk
www.explorebraunton.org

TORRIDGE VOLUNTARY SERVICES:

Newsletter - Torridge Matters – Autumn Edition 2008
14, Bridgeland Street,
Bideford, North Devon. EX39 2QE
phone: (01237) 471136
administrator@torridgecvcs.org.uk
www.torridgecvcs.org.uk

CONSULTATIONS:

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**HALCROW/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY:
RIVERSIDE WALK PILES, BIDEFORD
SCREENING AND SCOPING REPORT**

The Environment Agency is planning to carry out
maintenance works to the piled frontage at Riverside Walk,
Bideford.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Screening and
Scoping Document identifying the potential impacts
associated with the works and how these impact can be
mitigated are available from Vicki Bloomfield at Halcrow
Group Ltd:

Bloomfieldv@halcrow.com

The deadline for comments is: **28th. November, 2008**

TTEF WEBSITE: QUICK LINKS

Taw Torridge Estuary Users' Guide:
containing

**Estuary Code of Conduct
Estuary Zoning System
Estuary Speed Limits**

<http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/estuary%20leaflet.pdf>

Taw Torridge Estuary Free Registration Scheme:
[http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/free_craft_registration_schem
e.htm](http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/free_craft_registration_scheme.htm)

Taw Torridge Estuary Incident Log:
[http://www.ttef.org.uk/odds_ends/TAW%20Torridge%20Inc
ident.pdf](http://www.ttef.org.uk/odds_ends/TAW%20Torridge%20Incident.pdf)

Taw Torridge Estuary Crab Tiling Code of Conduct:
[http://www.ttef.org.uk/Reports_information/crab_tile_code
of_conduct.htm](http://www.ttef.org.uk/Reports_information/crab_tile_code_of_conduct.htm)

TTEF Management Study for Braunton Marsh:
by Clare Manning
<http://www.ttef.org.uk/Study/BrauntonReportDigital.pdf>

**Taw-Torridge Estuaries: Geomorphology and
Management**
Study by Professor John Pethick
http://www.ttef.org.uk/odds_ends/TTEFEstuary_Modelling.pdf

All recent TTEF Newsletters:
<http://www.ttef.org.uk/Newsletters/newsletters.htm>

All recent TTEF Minutes:
<http://www.ttef.org.uk/minutes/minutes.htm>

Taw Bridge Navigation Lights and Air Draft at MHWS:
[http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/B.TAW\(3\)_D603_AB%20A1
%20sheet.pdf](http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/B.TAW(3)_D603_AB%20A1%20sheet.pdf)

**Braunton Burrows – Biosphere Reserve Core Area
Reports:**
http://www.ttef.org.uk/Biosphere/biosphere_reports.htm

Braunton Burrows – 2008 Programme of Guided Walks
http://www.ttef.org.uk/Biosphere/braunton_countryside_centre.htm

Bideford Harbour and Estuary Pilotage Reports
http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/marine_reports.htm

**HM Coastguard Safety Identification Scheme:
Form CG66**

http://www.ttef.org.uk/odds_ends/SAFETY%20IDENTIFICATION%20SCHEME.pdf

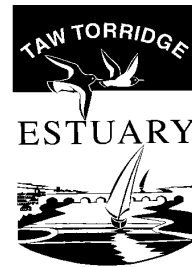
Taw Torridge Estuary Moorings Code of Practice:
<http://www.ttef.org.uk/Marine/mooring%20leaflet.pdf>

DATE OF NEXT TTEF MEETING

Monday, 19th. January 2009 at Bideford Town Hall
(Annual General Meeting)

Note: Dates of TTEF meetings for the forthcoming year
will be set at the AGM

All TTEF meetings commence at 7.00 p.m.



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