

# TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 25th MARCH, 2007



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## APPLEDORE QUAY WALL:

We have been notified by Torridge District Council that the planning application for the proposed concrete re-cladding of the existing quay wall along the quay and marine parade at Appledore has been granted permission, despite our representations for stone cladding.

## NORTHAM BURROWS:

The recent high tides and severe weather have had a considerable impact upon the Pebble Ridge at Westward Ho! leading to concerns being expressed about the integrity of the disused landfill site on Northam Burrows. This matter will be placed on the Agenda for the next TTEF meeting on Monday, 16th. April.

In the meantime, you can view a series of photographs of the damage to the Pebble Ridge, taken over a period of time, on the following website:

[www.northam-devon.co.uk](http://www.northam-devon.co.uk)

These photographs have been made available to the authorities involved.

## NDDC PLANNING: RMB CHIVENOR: APPLICATION NO: 43948 PLANNING OFFICER: Mrs. M POOL

We have been sent a copy of the recent planning application at RMB Chivenor for the erection of a replacement motor transport facility (three buildings) and washdown area, an extension to the armoury to form a workshop, and minor alterations to Buildings 57 and 59.

This planning application can be viewed at NDDC Planning Reception at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple (Tel: (01271) 388291), or on-line using the Online Planning Service browser on the NDDC website at:

[http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/lgcl\\_environment/lgc\\_l\\_planning.htm](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/lgcl_environment/lgc_l_planning.htm)

Please let me have any comments your organisation would wish to make on this planning application as soon as possible.

## ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: RMB CHIVENOR –

### APPLICATION TO VARY CONSENT: No. 203839

An application has been made to increase the maximum daily volume of treated sewage effluent discharged to the Taw Estuary from RMB Chivenor. The volume will increase by 157 cubic metres (to 370 cubic metres) per day, due to the modernisation of the accommodation and a greater understanding of the quantity of water that infiltrates into the foul drainage system. It is proposed to manage the increased quantity of sewage requiring treatment by improving the main pumping stations, and by installing new inlet screens, additional aeration, and a new UV treatment system at the sewage treatment works.

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge at the Environment Agency, Exminster House, Miller Way, Exminster, Devon. EX6 8AS, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday.

Any representations have to be received by the Environment Agency no later than 19th April 2007. If your organisation has any comments, please let me have them as soon as possible.

## MARINE BILL NEWSLETTER #5:

The fifth edition of the Marine Bill Newsletter has now been published, which gives details of the Marine Bill White Paper and the associated partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA). The newsletter can be found using the following link:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/pdf/newsletter5.pdf>

## DEFRA: ACCESS NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 23:

Issue 23 of Defra's Access Newsletter for February 2007 is available on the Defra website:

[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

The topics covered in the Newsletter are:

- Natural England agrees advice on improving access to the English coast

[http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about/board/feb07/210207\\_coastal\\_access\\_NEB\\_P07\\_03.pdf](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about/board/feb07/210207_coastal_access_NEB_P07_03.pdf)

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/releases2007/140207.htm>

- Consultation on protection of common land in England

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/commonsact2006/index.htm>

- New Regulations governing local access forums

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/20070268.htm>

- New guidance for local access forums

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/cl/local-access-forums.htm>

- Quantifying the socio and economic value of rights of way

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/issues/public/index.htm>

- Freedom to choose

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/issues/public/index.htm>

**DEFRA PUBLIC CONSULTATION:  
FISHERIES 2007 -  
TOWARDS A CONTRACT FOR THE FUTURE OF  
MARINE FISHERIES**

On 1st February, Defra launched a public consultation on its long-term vision for marine fisheries. A copy of the consultation can be downloaded from:

<http://defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/fish-2027/index.htm>

**DCC: DEVON MINERALS UPDATE No.3:**

Devon County Council has published the third issue of the newsletter Devon Minerals Update, which gives information on the first and second stakeholder workshops held for the Minerals Core Strategy.

Information can be found on the DCC website:

[www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

or can be obtained from Andy Hill of the DCC Minerals and Waste Policy Team:

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**BIOSPHERE RESERVE FIELD SEMINARS 2007**

Following on from the successful "Our Coast" course run by Paula Ferris, Pete Jollands of Hallsannery Field Centre in Bideford will be running a series of four Biosphere Reserve Field Seminars during the Spring and Summer:

Sunday, 1st April, 10.00-17.30, Abbotsham Rocky Shore

Sunday, 20th May, 10.00-17.30, Bideford Salt Marsh

Sunday, 24th June, 10.00-17.30, Braunton Burrows

Sunday, 29th July, 10.00-16.00, Westward Ho! Coastal Management

The Seminars cost £15 per day, including all tutoring, course booklets, use of facilities and equipment, tea and coffee. The cost does not include transport or lunch, which are not provided. Booking is essential.

For further information and to book, please contact Pete Jollands at:

[info@hallsannery.co.uk](mailto:info@hallsannery.co.uk)

website: [www.hallsannery.co.uk](http://www.hallsannery.co.uk)

**THEMATIC TRAILS: Dr. PETER KEENE:**

Peter and Janet Keene are well known locally for organising and advising on student field trips from Oxford Brookes University to study the geomorphology and ecology of North Devon, and for their Thematic Trails publications on Northam Burrows, Westward Ho!, the Pebble Ridge, and Braunton Burrows. Although Dr. Keene is now retired, he is a fellow of Oxford Brookes University, and still keeps a "watching brief" on developments in North Devon and, in particular, in the Taw Torridge area.

Having sent Dr. Keene a copy of the Braunton Marsh Management Study 2007, he kindly wrote to thank us and, at the same time, asked us to publicise the website for his Thematic Trails:

[www.thematictrails.org](http://www.thematictrails.org)

which specialise in the publication of walking companions

and guides that encourage the interpretation and appreciation of valued landscapes. The target audiences are local communities, interested visitors and educational groups (of any age, either in formal education or self-paced 'autonomous learners'). Thematic Trails is a registered educational charity, whose aim is to create a catalogue of recommended trails and guides as a centre of excellence and a first port of call for anyone seeking recommended landscape companions, trails and guides.

If your organisation would wish to have a link with Thematic Trails, or could recommend any local literature that reflect its aims, please contact Dr. Keene:

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**TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY MOORINGS  
CODE OF PRACTICE:**

Easter is fast approaching, and boats will soon be appearing on their moorings in the Taw Torridge Estuary. It is, therefore, a good time to remind everyone of the Moorings Code of Practice agreed last year. We should be very grateful if you could circulate the Code of Practice to members of your organisations and to any interested members of the public.

The Code of Practice can be found on the TTEF website:

[www.ttef.org.uk](http://www.ttef.org.uk)

and on the Torridge District Council website:

[www.torridge.gov.uk](http://www.torridge.gov.uk)

**DATES OF FORTHCOMING TTEF MEETINGS:**

Monday, 16th April 2007 at Barnstaple Civic Centre

Monday, 16th July 2007 at Bideford Town Hall

Monday, 15th October 2007 at Barnstaple Civic Centre

Monday, 21st January 2008 at Bideford Town Hall

All meetings to commence at 7.0.p.m



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