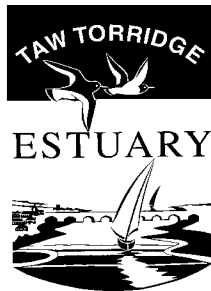


TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 19th. OCTOBER, 2008



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NORTH DEVON AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY: 2008 AONB PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The AONB is inviting you to capture images of your personal vision of life in the North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and then to describe the emotions and influences behind your photographs in a caption.

The photographs of each finalist will be displayed at two exhibitions at the following venues:

Queen's Theatre – 23rd. February. to 21st. March 2009

Landmark Theatre – 29th. June to 24th. August 2009

and finalists will win, courtesy of J&A Cameras, a pair of Hoya Summit 7x50 Binoculars.

The overall winner will also be presented with a Ricoh R7 Compact Digital Camera and his/her winning photograph will be used as the primary image for the events being planned in 2009-10 to celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of the North Devon Coast AONB.

The four categories for your photographic images are:

- Community Spirit
- Day-to-Day in the AONB
- Memorable Locations
- Our Built Environment

and your photographs, in digital format, should be sent to:

North Devon AONB
Bideford Station
Railway Terrace
East-the-Water
Bideford. EX39 4BB

by **30th. November, 2008**

together with their captions. The captions should contain no less than 25 words for each image, either submitted in writing or saved to CD as a text document.

You can also enter the competition online through the AONB's dedicated website:

www.aonb-photocompetition.org.uk

This competition is generously sponsored by J&A Cameras, Better Brief, the North Devon Festival and the North Devon Theatres Trust.

EXPLORE BRAUNTON PROJECT: EXTENSION OF PROJECT AND NEW WEBSITE

The Explore Branton website is now live. This website contains a wide variety of information, including details of the wildlife of the area, the history of Branton, and memories of local residents. It uses video, superb photography and interactive maps, which allow visitors to the site to explore "virtually" the landscapes at the heart of the AONB and Biosphere Reserve designations. The website also encourages the use of downloadable self-guided tours, and the hand-held Node Explorers to guide walkers around the Saunton end of Branton Burrows or around the Branton Great Field.

The other good news is that, thanks to funding from DCC, the Tarka Country Trust and the ND AONB Sustainable Development Fund, the Explore Branton Project has been extended for a further six months, with Katie James remaining as the Project Officer. During this time, Katie will be developing a third Node Explorer Tour, which will take visitors into the centre of Branton Burrows, where wildlife is the most special, and where the relics of World War II training for the Normandy landings can still be seen. Katie will also be adding more detailed content to the two tours already developed.

katie.james@devon.gov.uk

www.explorebraunton.org.uk

DEVON MARITIME FORUM: LYMPSTONE, Nr. EXETER - 5th. NOVEMBER, 2008

This all-day conference from 10.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. at Lymptone Barracks near Exeter on 5th. November, 2008 will have two main themes:

- Offshore Wind Energy in the South West, and
- Expanding the Constitution of the Forum

There will also be a 'soapbox session' featuring short presentations on a variety of interesting maritime-related topics.

The Registration Fee for the conference is £30, and there is a limit of 100 available places.

Lymptone Barracks offers a unique estuary setting, as well as convenient train times from Exeter Central Station and easy access from the M5, the A38 and the A30. We hope to see some of you there.

www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk

jim.masters@devon.gov.uk

DEVON MARITIME FORUM: ESTUARY PARTNERSHIPS SUMMIT REPORT

The Devon Estuary Partnerships Summit was held on 2nd. October 2008 at County Hall in Exeter. The Summit was convened by Devon Maritime Forum as the closing process for the Devon Estuary Partnership Review, and was intended to be a vehicle for moving forward the debate and actions regarding the funding of estuary partnerships.

The Report of this Summit outlines the key intended outcomes from the meeting, the outcomes required from the delegates, and a summary of the key points that were raised through the different workshops undertaken during the day. A copy of the Report will be available on the Devon Maritime

Forum website within a few days, and e-mail copies can be obtained from Jim Masters, DMF Co-ordinator, or myself.

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

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

As part of the reorganisation of the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Management, the separate posts of Devon and Cornwall Area Flood Risk Managers will now be combined.

Gordon Trapmore will be taking over as Area Flood Risk Manager for the combined Devon and Cornwall Area, and Adrian Rushworth (former Devon Area Flood Risk Manager) has taken up his new role at the Environment Agency's Regional office. Mike Williams will continue to attend the Taw Torridge Coastal Officers' Group, as well as being involved with other work in the Taw Torridge Estuary.

We would like to thank Adrian for all of his work for the Taw Torridge Estuary, and to wish him every success in his new post. We also look forward to working with Gordon, and with Mike.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk
gordon.trapmore@environment-agency.gov.uk
mike.williams@environment-agency.gov.uk

FINDING SANCTUARY: MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING – DATA ENQUIRY

You will have seen from the Agenda for the TTEF Meeting that Sarah McLintock of Finding Sanctuary will be giving us a short presentation - Sarah came to see me a few weeks ago, and is very keen to meet TTEF members.

Finding Sanctuary is currently collecting information on how different stakeholder groups are using the sea. Surveys of fishermen, sea anglers and leisure watersports enthusiasts are already well underway, and surveys of diver and 'wildlife-watcher' activity were expected to begin in September.

Finding Sanctuary has been tasked with collating information that could be used in the marine spatial planning process.

www.findingsanctuary
sarah.mclintock@postgrad.plymouth.ac.uk

NATURAL ENGLAND AND GOOGLE EARTH: DOWNLOADABLE UNDERWATER TOOL

Web users will now be able to visit the world's protected landscapes "virtually" with a new Google Earth tool launched last week. A new downloadable "layer" will enable users to see videos, pictures and articles when they hover over marine-protected areas on the world map provided by Google Earth outreach, an initiative launched last year.

In the UK, Natural England has contributed information on 43 marine sites around the coast of England, including Lundy Island, which is England's only statutory marine reserve, and includes a fishing No-Take Zone.

NORTH DEVON'S BIOSPHERE RESERVE; NORTH DEVON JOURNAL FEATURES

You will all have been aware of the extensive coverage of North Devon's Biosphere Reserve in the North Devon Journal over the past three weeks, with comments and information from Biosphere Reserve Partnership members including the TTEF. These two-page features, containing articles, pictures and information items about the Biosphere Reserve, are part of a four-week series of features designed to raise awareness of, and pride in, this prestigious designation.

CONSULTATIONS:

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Coastal Pollution Plan containing the booming plans for 14 locations in Devon including the Taw Torridge Estuary
http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/democracymunities/publicsafety/emergencies/emergency_plans/emergency_planning-coastal_pollution.htm

and

Devon County Minerals Core Strategy:

Refreshing the Vision and Objectives

www.devon.gov.uk/mineralscorestrategy

Andy Hill: (01392) 383510

minerals@devon.gov.uk

Deadline: Friday, 31st. October, 2008

EUROPARC CONSULTING:

Connecting Land and Sea

How to improve the management of coastal Protected Landscapes – Report to the Coastal and Marine Working Group of Europarc Atlantic Isles
July 2008

wilf.fenten@europarc-consulting.org

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Towards the Future 2008-2010

Torridge District Council's Strategic Plan

www.torridge.gov.uk/strategicplan

strategic.plan@torridge.gov.uk

NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

COASTAL PARTNERSHIPS WORKING GROUP:

Autumn Meeting

Thursday, 20th. November 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

Carlisle, Cumbria

ALannin@northumberland.gov.uk

www.xbordercurrents.com

and

The Green Blue Annual Conference

www.thegreenblue.org.uk

<http://www.thegreenblue.org.uk/documents/ConferencePoster.pdf>

info@thegreenblue.com

and

EntecLtd: Financial Benefits to Working in Partnership at the Coast Study

www.coastalpartnership.org.uk

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/iczm (and scroll to bottom of page)

[CPWG has a good supply of brochures for use in promoting the benefits of partnership-working, which were designed to support work with partners to demonstrate the value for money that Coastal Partnerships provide. The brochure has a folded slot to include individual support material and space for the Partnership label]

FOOD NEWS – NEWSLETTERS:

September:

**North Devon Foodfest – Mendip Food and Drink Festival
– Falmouth Oyster Festival**

and

October:

Cornwall Food trade event .. Celebration of Food

nick@saltmedia.co.uk

TAW & TORRIDGE MARITIME VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

MVS Meetings will now be held at
The Kings Arms, Bideford Quay
and

Work on the Dory will be taking place at weekends on
Brunswick Wharf

If you would like to help, please contact Dennis on:
(01237) 473197

mvstawtorridge@mvs.org.uk
www.ttef.org.uk

NATURAL ENGLAND:

**RIN019 – Qualitative and Quantitative Research into
Public Engagement with the Undersea Landscape in
England**

<http://naturalengland.communisis.com/NaturalEnglandShop/product.aspx?ProductID=7deef748-1b5a-4c97-9f12-a22220910e07>

(Note: “99% of respondents could not name a single feature or creature associated with undersea landscapes”)

DEVON TOWNS FORUM:

Creative Coasts Network
(01805) 624874

info@devontownsforum.org.uk
www.devontownsforum.org.uk

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:

**Campaign for School Gardening – Getting Schools
Growing!**

schoolgardening@rhs.org.uk
www.rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening

and

RHS Rosemoor Free School Visits – Autumn 2008

To book a visit or to make enquiries, contact
Sarah Chesters or John Hickson: (01805) 626805

and

RHS Garden Rosemoor:

What's on in 2008

rosemooradmin@rhs.org.uk
www.rhs.org.uk/rosemoor

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND:

**Devon Countryside Matters – News and Views from CPRE
Devon**

www.cpredevon.org

North Devon Group Chairman: Bob Barfoot (01398) 341623

Torrige Group Chairman: Roger Chope: (01237) 473623

and

North Devon Group Newsletter – September 2008

bobbarfoot@tiscali.co.uk

DEFRA:

Marine Bill Newsletter: Issue 8

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/marine/legislation/index.htm>
MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk

and

Access Newsletter – Issue 36 – September 2008

Government responds to EFRA and Joint Committee
Recommendations on the Draft Marine Bill

<http://www.official->

[documents.gov.uk/document/cm74/7422/7422.asp](http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm74/7422/7422.asp)

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill/summary-responses.pdf>

and

Information on Coastal Access:

Coastal.access@defra.gsi.gov.uk

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

and

EUCC: The Coastal Union's 'Coastal News'

<http://www.eucc.net/en/news/CN08-05.pdf>

and

Marine Ecological Impact Assessment Guidelines

Consultation for legal and technical comment

<http://www.ieem.net/ecia.asp>

Closing date: 19th. December 2008

GREAT SANDY BIOSPHERE RESERVE (NOMINEE)

Queensland Australia:

Burnett Mary Regional Group

Project Update – September 2008

and Newsletters

September 2008: Sustainable Land Management

October 2008: Healthy Habitats Application Deadline
Extended

October 2008: Coastal and Marine Management

October 2008: Weeds and Pest Management

October 2008: Professional Development and Sponsorship

October 2008: Biodiversity

admin@bmrq.org.au - 07 4181 2999

PO Box 501, Bundaberg, Queensland 4670

DEVON MARITIME FORUM

**Report on Summit of Devon Estuary Partnerships
and**

October Devon Maritime Forum Newsletter

www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk

jim.masters@devon.gov.uk

DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST and COASTWISE ND:

Living Seas Project – Ilfracombe Launch

Meeting at Ilfracombe Museum on

21st. October, 2008 from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

to find out what people in North Devon can remember about
changes to the wildlife of the sea and shore.

You are invited to attend the meeting, or to contact:

Paula Ferris: (01271) 812789

p.s.ferris@btinternet.com

DEVON MARINE EDUCATION NETWORK:

Learn to Sea:

Meeting at Hope Cove, Nr. Thurlestone, South Devon

Tuesday, 28th. October 2008

Maya Plass: info@learntosea.co.uk

FRIENDS OF THE KATHLEEN & MAY:

Fundraising Event

Songs and Humour of Sea and Shore

by

TOM LEWIS

Durrant House Hotel, Northam

Saturday, 25th. October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £8.00 including Buffet

For tickets: (01237) 473862, 07968447245 or

07964352750

TTEF WEBSITE:

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>

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

Taw Torridge Estuary Free Registration Scheme:

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%20Incident.pdf

**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>

Taw Torridge Estuary Crab Tiling Code of Conduct:

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)

**North Devon Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty:
Cultural Trail Leaflets**

http://www.ttef.org.uk/webs/web_sites.htm

DATES OF TTEF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR:

**Monday, 20th. October 2008 at the Civic Centre,
Barnstaple**

**Speaker: Derrick Jones,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency**

**Speaker: Sarah McLintock
Finding Sanctuary**

Monday, 19th. January 2009 at Bideford Town Hall

Annual General Meeting

All meetings commence at 7.00 p.m.



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