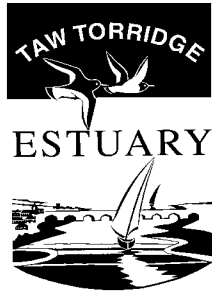


# TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – 21st. APRIL, 2008



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

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## **TARKA COUNTRY FERRIES: INSTOW TO APPLEDORE FERRY**

This company has now been formed under the charitable banner of the Tarka Country Trust. It will operate and develop the North Devon Ferry Project as soon as funding is in place. These negotiations continue and, hopefully, will enable the ferry to commence operations next year.

## **MARINE CURRENT TURBINE TO BE INSTALLED IN NORTHERN IRELAND:**

The world's first turbine to create commercial amounts of electricity from tidal energy is to be installed in Northern Ireland. The installation of the SeaGen commercial energy system will begin in August at the mouth of Strangford Lough, which has one of the fastest tidal flows in the world. It will produce up to 1.2 MW of electricity, enough for about 1,000 homes, and four times more than any other tidal turbine.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern\\_ireland/6728073.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/6728073.stm)

## **BRAUNTON BURROWS: UPDATE ON SANDY LANE CAR PARK NDC PLANNING APPLICATION NO: 46221 Planning Officer: Mrs. M. Pool**

A retrospective planning application has been made by Paul and Lucy Tamlyn for the two containers in the Sandy Lane Car Park, from which, last year, leaflets and information were provided for visitors and educational groups. Mr. and Mrs. Tamlyn also installed dog bins, which were emptied regularly, and their supervision of the car park resulted in increased security for parked cars, and a reduction in flytipping. The Plans can be viewed on North Devon Council's website:

[www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning)  
e-mail: [planning@northdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@northdevon.gov.uk)

## **NORTHAM BURROWS: DISUSED LANDFILL SITE**

I have now received this further report from Mr. Adrian Middlewick, the Senior Waste Management Officer of Devon County Council.

“The site investigation at Northam Burrows is now being managed by the Council's partner consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff. They have staff with considerable experience in investigating potentially hazardous waste sites in sensitive areas and producing recommendations for management of the risks associated with them. They are currently researching historic and environmental information regarding the burrows in general and the landfill in particular. They will as part of their brief be preparing a communications strategy to keep the numerous interested parties informed of planned works.

We are aiming to carry out the works on site in August and September this year. This will allow sufficient time to identify the most appropriate locations for trial pits and obtain the necessary permissions to dig into the burrows. It will also take advantage of the period when the burrows are dry minimising the damage caused to the surface by vehicle movements. We recognise that this coincides with the holiday season and will seek to minimise the impact by excavating and completing each trial pit one at a time ensuring work is taking place on only a small area at any one time. “

We are grateful to Mr. Middlewick for keeping us informed, and he has promised to let us have a detailed project timetable in the near future.

## **FAST LEISURE CRAFT: REGISTRATION FOR THE 2008 SEASON**

Ben Totterdell of the Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service will be sending out a letter concerning this season's registrations over the next couple of weeks, and will also be issuing stickers for the craft. In the meantime, all registrations from last year, and anyone who has lodged their details with the NDCCS, will be covered until they receive their ID permit.

## **TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL: APPLEDORE CHURCHFIELD SLIP LAUNCHING – 2008 SEASON**

I have now heard from Simon Toon, Torridge District Council's Car Parks Manager, that the Slipway Wardens at the Appledore Churchfield Car Park and Slip started on Monday, 7th. April and are working for four hours per day – three hours before high tide and one hour after high tide. The terms and conditions for the use of the Slip, and the charges for launching, remain the same as for last year, and these can be found on the TTEF website:

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

## **DEFRA: DRAFT MARINE BILL**

The Draft Marine Bill setting out in legislation the proposals widely supported in last year's White Paper, has now been published. It contains sections on:

Marine Planning

Marine Licensing

A new Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Access to Coastal Land

Marine Nature Conservation  
Marine Conservation Zones  
Marine Fisheries  
Migratory and Freshwater Fisheries  
Marine Enforcement  
Administrative Penalties

It is intended that the draft Bill will undergo for pre-legislative scrutiny by Parliament in the Summer. The timetable and the sitting days will be announced on the Parliament website.

After pre-legislative scrutiny, the draft Bill will be amended as necessary, and will then be introduced to Parliament when the parliamentary timetable allows. The Draft Marine Bill and its Impact Assessment can be found on the Defra website:

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

and comments should be sent to:

Marine Bill Team  
Marine Environment Division  
Defra  
Area 2c, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square,  
London. SW1P 3JR  
e-mail: [MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

A 21-page Summary of the Bill, prepared by Jim Masters for the Devon Maritime Forum, is available from me or from:

[jim.masters@devon.gov.uk](mailto:jim.masters@devon.gov.uk)

**The consultation deadline is 26th. June, 2008**

**GAIA TRUST:  
HOME FARM MARSH APPROVED AS  
DEVON COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE**

Alison Vaughan has announced that Home Farm Marsh, Yelland, has now been approved as a Devon County Wildlife Site.

In addition, The Gaia Trust, with the support of European funding and the Environment Agency, has launched a website which will shortly contain an easy news-updating function. Information on walks, work groups and other activities will be available on the website. This information can also be obtained from Alison.

Copies of the existing Gaia Trust Spring leaflet, showing what there is to see at Home Farm Marsh, will be delivered to the Fremington Quay Cafe in a couple of weeks.

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website: [www.gaiatrust.org.uk](http://www.gaiatrust.org.uk)

**TRINITY HOUSE:  
TWO NEW BUOYS LAID AND OUTER PULLEYS  
LIGHT BUOY MOVED**

Captain Roger Hoad, Bideford Harbour Master and Taw Torridge Estuary Pilot, has notified us that Trinity House has recently laid two new Buoys in the Taw Torridge Estuary:

**GREYSAND Light Buoy:**  
Light – Quick flash Red  
Laid in position 51° 03'.653 N, 004° 12'.156 W  
Depth 0.4m LAT

**CROW POINT S Light Buoy:**  
Light group flash 3 red every 10 seconds  
Laid in position 51° 03'.582 N, 004° 11'.556 W  
Depth 1.9m LAT

**OUTER PULLEY Light Buoy:**

Moved 253°x 25m to position 51° 04'.338 N, 004° 12'.92 W  
Depth -0.1m LAT

Our thanks to Trinity House, and to Capt. Hoad for passing on the information.

**BRAUNTON MARSH:  
BBC COUNTRYFILE – ROLAND DIBBLE  
INTERVIEWED**

Under the title: "Sluice Man Video Diary", Braunton Marsh Inspector Roland Dibble has been interviewed for the BBC's Countryfile Programme, broadcast on Sunday, 20th. April at 11.00 a.m. The information on the BBC Countryfile website states:

"Braunton Marsh in North Devon was reclaimed from the sea and turned into farmland at the start of the 19th. Century. Beef farmer Roland Dibble is the sluice keeper at the marsh and it is his responsibility to ensure the water running throughout the marsh remains fresh and at the right level."

I was contacted by Countryfile a week or so ago, as they wanted background information about the TTEF Management Study for Braunton Marsh. As a result, the TTEF website appears under the article about Mr. Dibble's interview on the BBC Countryfile website.

[www.bbc.co.uk/countryfile](http://www.bbc.co.uk/countryfile)

**CONSULTATIONS:**

**Devon Maritime Forum:  
Devon Estuary Partnerships – Review of Funding  
and Future Options**

Copies available from:

Jim Masters

DMF Co-ordinator

Devon County Council

Telephone: (01392) 383231

e-mail: [jim.masters@devon.gov.uk](mailto:jim.masters@devon.gov.uk)

**Deadline for Responses: Friday, 2nd. May 2008**

**Defra:**

**Draft Marine Bill and Impact Assessment:**

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

e-mail: [MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

**Defra:**

**EA Coastal Strategic Overview:**

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/enviro/fcd/policy/strategy/ha1a.htm>

**Defra:**

**Draft Heritage Protection Bill:**

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Publications/archive\\_2008/pub\\_draftphb.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2008/pub_draftphb.htm)

**North Devon Council:**

Erection of Manufacturing/Warehouse Unit and Office  
Accommodation at Brannam Crescent/Fishleigh Road,  
Roundswell Industrial Estate – No: 44115

Case Officer: K. Bines

website: [www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/planning)

e-mail: [planning@northdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planning@northdevon.gov.uk)

**North Devon & Torridge Joint Core Strategy – Issues and  
Options – Consultation:**

We have received confirmation that all four TTEF  
submissions have been confirmed as valid

**BERR:**

**Prosperous Places: Taking forward the Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration:**

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/regional/sub-national-review/page40430.html>

**Closing date: 20th. June 2008**

**Torridge District Council:**

Re-consultation on:

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

[http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_policy/pospd/planning\\_obs\\_recon](http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning_policy/pospd/planning_obs_recon)

**Deadline: 30th. May 2008**

**Torridge District Council**

Re-consultation on:

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

Sustainability Appraisal

[http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_policy/pospd/spd\\_sa](http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning_policy/pospd/spd_sa)

**Deadline: 30th. May 2008**

**If you wish to make comments through the TTEF, please let me have your comments in good time before the date of the deadline.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS AND NEWSLETTERS:**

**Creative Coasts Workshop:**

Thursday, 24th. April, 2008

Caddsdow Business Centre, Bideford

For information, please contact:

Paul Delahoy

c/o The Devon Towns Forum

Telephone: (01805) 624874

e-mail: [info@devontownsforum.org.uk](mailto:info@devontownsforum.org.uk)

**Marine Bill Newsletter:**

Issue 7: April 2008

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

e-mail: [MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

**Devon Wildlife Trust:**

Barnstaple and District Local Group

Members' Newsletter – Summer 2008

Telephone: (01271) 374324

e-mail: [barndwt@smartemail.co.uk](mailto:barndwt@smartemail.co.uk)

**Devon Maritime Forum:**

Newsletter: Issue 3 – March 2008

website: [www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk](http://www.devonmaritimeforum.org.uk)

e-mail: [jim.masters@devon.gov.uk](mailto:jim.masters@devon.gov.uk)

**RNLI Appledore:**

**Appledore Lifeboat Management Group**

Annual Open Meeting

Guest Speaker: Derrick Jones, Bideford Sector Manager of the

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

on Thursday, 24th. April, 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please contact Peter Stone:

Telephone: (01237) 473969

e-mail: [appledore@rnli.org.uk](mailto:appledore@rnli.org.uk)

**CleanSweep Estuary Litter Pick:**

Sunday, 27th. April 2008

Meet beside Instow Cricket Ground at 10.00 a.m.

to clear litter from an area between Instow and the

former Yelland Power Station Site

e-mail: [rodneycann@rodneycann.net](mailto:rodneycann@rodneycann.net)

**Campaign to Protect Rural England:**

Countryside Voice: Magazine – Spring 2008

and

Houses & Gardens Guide 2008

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

**National Farmers Union:**

Why Beef and Sheep Farming Matters – brochure

[www.whyfarmingmatters.co.uk](http://www.whyfarmingmatters.co.uk)

[www.nfuonline.com](http://www.nfuonline.com)

**Defra:**

**Access Newsletter: Issue 30 – April 2008**

Telephone: 0117 372 8449

e-mail: [access@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:access@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

containing articles on:

**Access to the English Coast and the draft Marine Bill:**

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

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/marine/legislation>

[MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MarineBillTeam@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

**Natural England Outline Scheme:**

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/access/coastal/default.htm>

and

**More Information:**

<http://www.parliament.uk/bills/draftbills.cfm>

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

**Food News:**

**Your Guide to the best eating in the South West**

Newsletter – April 2008

Telephone: (01271) 859160

e-mail: [nick@saltmedia.co.uk](mailto:nick@saltmedia.co.uk)

**Coast to Coast Charity Fun Cycle Ride:**

**Sunday, 18th. May 2008**

along the Tarka Trail in Small Chunks

For teams of 1 to 6 persons - families, friends and organisations

Entry and Sponsorship Forms available from:

[www.rotarycoast-coast.com](http://www.rotarycoast-coast.com)

**Our Coast and Public Health Conference:**

**29th. to 30th. April 2008**

(01453) 829994

[gemma.pope@hpa.org.uk](mailto:gemma.pope@hpa.org.uk)

website: [www.hpa-events.org.uk/Ourcoast](http://www.hpa-events.org.uk/Ourcoast)

**Devon Strategic Partnership:**

**Devon's Sustainable Community Strategy (Draft)**

website: [www.scs.devonsp.org.uk](http://www.scs.devonsp.org.uk)

**North Devon's Biosphere Reserve:**

**Strategy for Sustainable Development 2018-2012**

and

**Action Plan for Sustainable Development 2018-2012**

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

**Green Atlantic for Sustainable Development:**

**Atlantic Arc Maritime Network Event**

Marine Institute - University of Plymouth

7th. May, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.

For details and Registration Form  
Telephone: (01752) 233563  
[cher.ricard@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:cher.ricard@plymouth.ac.uk)

**English Coastal Partnerships Working Group:  
Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements  
or Coastal Access**

Following last week's Coastal Partnership Forum, two areas of good practice were identified as important for Coastal Partnerships

There is a Proforma to be completed and returned by the end of April, and the results will be placed on the Coastal Partnerships page of the CoastNET website:

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

[http://www.coastnet.org.uk/files/membership\\_docs/Good%20Practice%20Directory%20Proforma%20and%20Guidance%20Notes.doc](http://www.coastnet.org.uk/files/membership_docs/Good%20Practice%20Directory%20Proforma%20and%20Guidance%20Notes.doc)

Alex Midlen  
CoastNET

The Gatehouse, Rowhedge Wharf  
High Street

Rowhedge, Essex. CO5 7ET  
Telephone: (01206) 728644

**Devon Wildlife Trust Local Group:**

Programme of Wildlife Walks this Summer  
29th. April to 19th. August 2008

Membership of the Group costs £2.75 - this covers all walks  
Walks must be booked in advance

Information from Paul and Ro Madgett:

[madgett@hotmail.com](mailto:madgett@hotmail.com)

**TTEF WEBSITE:**

Amongst the information contained on the TTEF website,  
[www.ttef.org.uk](http://www.ttef.org.uk)  
copies of the following are also available:

- Taw Torridge Estuary Users' Guide: containing  
Estuary Code of Conduct  
Estuary Zoning System  
Estuary Speed Limits
- Taw Torridge Estuary Free Registration Scheme:
- Taw Torridge Estuary Incident Log:
- Taw Torridge Estuary Moorings Code of Practice:
- Taw Torridge Estuary Crab Tiling Code of Conduct:
- TTEF Management Study for Braunton Marsh:  
e-mail: [alex.midlen@coastnet.org.uk](mailto:alex.midlen@coastnet.org.uk)
- Taw Torridge Estuary: Geomorphology and  
Management: Executive Summary:
- All recent TTEF Newsletters:
- All recent TTEF Minutes:
- Regular Reports and Information on:  
Braunton Burrows  
North Devon's Biosphere Reserve  
Bideford Harbour and Estuary Pilotage

**DATES OF TTEF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR:**

Monday, 21st. April, 2008 at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple  
Monday, 21st. July, 2008 at the **Civic Centre, Barnstaple**  
Monday, 20th. October, 2008 at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple  
Monday, 19th. January, 2009 at Bideford Town Hall (AGM)

All meetings commence at 7.00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The July meeting would normally be held at Bideford  
Town Hall, but this venue is not available.  
We are grateful to the Civic Centre in Barnstaple  
for allowing us to use the Taw Room instead**



**Rose Day  
Chairman  
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The Crow's Nest  
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INSTOW  
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