

TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM

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SEAPLANE PROPOSAL

Since the April TTEF meeting, Mr. Jez. Wassell of Torrington has made contact about this proposal. He is keen to talk to TTEF members, so I have invited him to our next meeting on 18th. July 2005 at Bideford Town Hall. He has a video of seaplane operations, which he will show to members, and he will then talk about his specific project.

In the meantime, Mr. Wassell has set out his proposal in a letter, which is **attached** with this newsletter for your information

NDDC: LEADERFLUSH & SHAPLAND

As mentioned at the last TTEF meeting, this planning application has been "called in" by the Secretary of State. As a result, we have just been notified that the Public Local Enquiry that was due to commence on Tuesday, 7th. June 2005 will now commence instead on Tuesday, 22nd. November 2005.

Any public documents in NDDC's possession, which are relevant to this application, can be inspected at NDDC Planning Unit between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., and from 1.30 p.m. until 4.45 p.m. To ensure that these documents can be made available, you should contact the Planning Unit prior to your visit.

NDDC: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Pre-Submission Draft of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for North Devon will be published on 20th. May, 2005 for a formal six-week public consultation period. This draft can be viewed on NDDC's website:

www.northdevon.gov.uk/localplan

where the form for making representations to the SCI is also available. The document can also be viewed in all Public Libraries in North Devon district, at Planning Reception in the Civic Centre, and at Ilfracombe and South Molton Community Offices. A paper copy of

the draft document and form will also be posted to you upon request.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

5th. June, 2005

Did you know that the United Nations World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th. June every year? It is an important occasion for focussing attention on the environment, and the Environment Agency would like people and businesses in the South West to sign up to pledges for World Environment Day by visiting their website:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: STORM STORAGE TANKS IN BIDEFORD

Following a question at the last TTEF Meeting about additional sewage storage at East-the-Water, Andy Leyman of the Environment Agency has now confirmed that there are storm storage tanks at Torrington Street and Ethelwynne Brown sewage pumping stations. Andy also confirms that a new storage tank will be provided for the proposed new development adjacent to the Old Barnstaple Road.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: BEACH RESULTS

Monitoring of Instow, Westward Ho! and Saunton beaches is now underway, and the Environment Agency is once again sending me regular updates on the results.

The format of the results has altered since last year, and is now in PDF. Therefore, if you wish to access the result sheets sent out by the EA, you will need to have Adobe Reader installed on your computer. If you don't have this programme, it can be downloaded free of charge from the Internet, and is often supplied on free CDs.

The results so far are:

	Total Coli	Faecal Coli	Faecal Strep
Instow Beach:			
06.05.05	168	117	23
13.05.05	10	2	6
Westward Ho! Beach:			
06.05.05	10	2	2
13.05.05	10	2	25
Saunton Beach:			
06.05.05	10	2	2
13.05.05	10	2	2

Standards:

Guideline (Blue Flag):

Not exceed	500	100	100
Fails allwd	4/20	4/20	2/20

Imperative (Mandatory):

Not exceed	10,000	2,000	-
Fails allwd	1/20	1/20	-

TDC: KNAPP PARK DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

We have been notified that this planning application has now been withdrawn.

**FAST LEISURE CRAFT: PROFORMAS
ISSUED FOR MONITORING THE USE
OF THE ESTUARY**

Following the Fast Leisure Craft Joint Working Party meeting held on 14th. April, 2005, the Northern Devon Coast & Countryside Service has now prepared two proformas for recording:

- Incidents on the Estuary
- Numbers of Craft using the Estuary

The issue of these proformas by the NDCCS will be accompanied by a Press Release, informing the public about the Estuary Code, the FLC registration scheme, the Zoning System around the Estuary, and the speed limits.

Please notify the NDCCS of any incidents that you or any members of your organisations observe, and pass on copies of the proformas to anyone else that you feel could help. It is very important to record this data, so that future management strategies for the Estuary will fully reflect the current situation.

**NORTH DEVON AREAS OF
OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY:
LOCAL BRANDING**

The AONB Partnership is asking local communities if they wish to have locally-distinctive branding for the North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This could be in the form of artwork, cairns, road signs, "welcome signs" at the entrance to villages, public footpath signs, etc., all of which would help to raise the profile of the North Devon AONB with visitors, and develop public pride and ownership in the work of the AONB.

At present, the AONB Partnership has no firm plans to develop signage but, if there is sufficient local support, ideas would be developed into proposals for further consultation. Any proposals would be of high quality, and would not contribute to unacceptable signage clutter.

As it is really important to the AONB Partnership that the views of local people living in the AONB. are known, a prize of a free meal out for two within the AONB is being offered.

The questionnaire is available on the AONB website:

www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk

The completed questionnaires should be returned to the:

AONB Partnership
Bideford Station
Railway Terrace
Bideford
North Devon
EX39 4BB
or by e-mail to:

linda.blanchard@devon.gov.uk

**AONB PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION**

The judging of this competition has now taken place, and the judges have selected a short list of six photographs in each of the four

categories, i.e. Wildlife, Seasonal Landscapes, Buildings and Settlements and People Living and Working in the AONB.

As part of the North Devon Festival, the short-listed photographs will be on display throughout June at the Queen's Theatre Gallery Bar in Barnstaple and a road show will also display duplicate images from the finalists at:

- Westward Ho! Potwalloping Festival (Kingsley Hall) – Monday, 30th. May
- Hidden Valley Wildlife Open Day (near Ilfracombe) – Wednesday, 1st. June
- Atlantic Village (Bideford) – Thursday, 2nd. June to Friday, 10th. June
- Norbury House (Ilfracombe) – Saturday 11th. June to Wednesday, 15th. June
- Barnstaple Library – Thursday, 23rd. June to Friday, 1st. July
- Other venues in North Devon, including the Burton Art Gallery (Bideford) and the North Devon Show
- Online, from 1st. June until the end of August, on the North Devon AONB website:

www.northdevon-aonb.org.uk

Local people will be invited to vote for their favourite image in each category. The road show will continue until the end of August.

The first prize is a digital camera worth £300 or a Manfrotto Tripod, courtesy of J&A Cameras. There will also be a prize for a member of the public who votes for the winning photo.

**THE ART OF INTERPRETATION:
NORTHERN DEVON INTERPRETION
STRATEGY WORKSHOP**

As reported at the recent TTEF meeting, a workshop had been held by the NDCCS on the draft Interpretation Strategy for North Devon. Please find **attached** notes from the presentation by Ian Parkin entitled: "What is Interpretation and why is it needed?", for your information.

TWO-WAY INFORMATION

Please don't forget to let me know about any matters concerning the Taw Torridge Estuary, which you become aware of through your organisations. In general, items for inclusion on our Agendas should be notified to me up to **three weeks** prior to the meeting. If, however, as sometimes happens, an issue arises just before a TTEF meeting, this can also be accommodated - we have a standing item on all of our agendas for urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman. Please just contact me as soon as possible, with the relevant details, and I will ensure that the matter is included.

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