

36/11 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Start of season boat nights are down on last year but this should change as Easter is late this year if the good weather continues to hold.
2. The new Harbour Guides arrived on time.
3. Considerable amount of mooring work has been achieved and blocks now made but not yet installed. A significant number of mooring allocations have been achieved this year.
4. Bridgend Quay relaunch took place on 4th April and the quay is now occupied by dinghies for the summer.
5. The ferry began operating on the 18/04 later than usual because funding has been cut.
6. The ongoing problem of Wembury steps and their dilapidated concrete is becoming worse. Photographs have been sent to John Hart at Devon County and a representative from AONB is being sent to inspect them.
7. The Harbour launch has been ashore for antifouling.
8. Events of note:
 - 23rd March police river survey afloat
 - 24th March Fire Equipment in both the launch and the office carried out.
 - 2nd April Harbour clean up
 - 7th April meeting of YEMG. Minutes available in due course.
9. The replacement main visitors pontoon has now been ordered for delivery in October.
10. Illegal netting – a spate of netting in the river has been noted on the recent neap tides, those involved are known to the authorities and indications are that a more proactive approach might be taken in the future by them.
11. Another check of the waiting list is about to be begun, a long-winded process of writing to everyone to ensure that the list is correct.

37/11 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Kayak rack for 80 canoes now installed.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report..

Yealmpton – concerns were raised over the Viridor proposed development at Lee Mill. It was reported that SHDC have turned it down and it is now with Devon Council. Martin Mears proposed and Peter Fellows seconded that the authority write rejecting the proposals. The authority did not agree to this but suggested that we wait for the next plan. Martin Oates proposed that we write to the relevant authorities objecting to pollution of the river in a broader sense to include the proposed housing development in Yealmpton and Brixton and the effects on the already overloaded sewerage systems and subsequent overflows. Also sewerage sludge is being spread on the fields close to the river with the resultant run off into the river. It was suggested that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

38/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing further to add

39/11 A.O.B.

1. Nothing

40/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19TH May** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman