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Let the sparks fly! Work on the new piling in the mooring basin at Upton Dyke, off the River Bure

New facilities in flood defence spin off

New facilities for boaters, anglers and walkers are being created throughout the Broads as part of the 20 year Broadland Flood Alleviation Project.

The Broads Authority is working with BESL (Broadland Environmental Services Ltd) and the Environment Agency on promoting the schemes which may attract external funding.

As BESL advances throughout the Broads with its flood defence work it is improving countryside

access by levelling riverside footpaths to a width of 2 m, replacing stiles with gates and its engineers are coming up with ideas and creating designs for new facilities which complement the flood defence work.

At South Walsham Fleet Dyke the Authority is to take over land

currently used as informal moorings from the Environment Agency to provide an improved 24 hour mooring after BESL has installed new piling. Six new angling platforms are to be built on an undefended road downstream of the new sheet piling.

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Agreement on Bill

Agreement has been reached with the national and local boating organisations on the Broads Authority Bill which had its 1st and 2nd Readings in the House of Commons in January. Binding legal agreements have been signed between the Broads Authority, Royal Yachting Association, British Marine Federation and Inland Waterways Association.

The Bill, which updates the 1988 Norfolk & Suffolk Broads Act, will bring in important new safety provisions. After nine months of consultation with user organisations the draft Bill was refined and amended to meet their concerns.

It is hoped that it will receive Royal Assent in time to introduce the recommended registration scheme for hire boats on 1 April 2008.

To keep up to date with the Bill's progress please visit: www.broads-authority.gov.uk



Kerry Turner, Broads Authority Chairman with a copy of the new Broads Bill

The number for **Broads Authority River Control** has changed to **01692 678459**. This is used for reporting hazards such as boats speeding, accidents, obstructions, debris in the water, oil spills, or to seek navigation help and advice. In an emergency always dial 999.

Better facilities for anglers



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Angling from Worlingham Staithe

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At **Carlton Marshes** on the River Waveney negotiations are taking place with landowners to provide a 1.5 km easy access granite path linking Oulton Broad with the Suffolk Wildlife Education Centre.

The path, which will be suitable for wheelchairs, will link and improve two public footpaths. It will be financed by BESL, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Suffolk County Council, the Broads Authority and external funding.

At **Worlingham** a proposal is being worked on for a small boat slipway, two disabled angling platforms and standard angling platforms next to popular Broads Authority 24 hour moorings at Worlingham Staithe. The area is a popular spot for pike fishing and angling from small boats and, by extending the facilities, the angling platforms will ease pressure from both anglers and boaters for space on the staithe.

Proposals for a larger car park at the end of Worlingham Marsh Lane, which has been improved by BESL, are also being considered. The car park, which will be near the slipway, will be big enough to take both boat trailers and cars. It is well situated for walkers using the Angles Way long distance footpath and the Beccles Marsh Trail which passes the Bronze Age causeway discovered by BESL during its flood defence work. A full consultation will be carried out before work begins.

A proposal for a mooring with disabled access at **Geldeston Locks** is being investigated downstream of the new pedestrian bridge which was

replaced by the Environment Agency in 2005 and which is already equipped with wheelchair ramps. Suffolk County Council and operators of the Waveney Stardust who provide river trips for disabled people support the project and officers are trying to find external funding.

At the **Beauchamp Arms Public House** on the River Yare some 20 or 30 angling platforms are earmarked for the heavily match fished right bank.

At **Barsham Marshes** on the River Waveney the Broads Authority is working with BESL and the Environment Agency to provide improved access for anglers with six new angling platforms, a new car park and footpath improvements.

Cantley Parish Council and the Broads Authority are keen to improve parish moorings and build a new small boat slipway near the Reedcutter's pub which would improve access for both waterskiers and anglers on the River Yare. Progress is subject to the parish council obtaining match funding.

A surfaced footpath from Pitts Lane at Chedgrave to **Chedgrave Common** has been completed by BESL and at **How Hill** plans are in the pipeline to improve footpaths to the two of the mills and to Irstead Holmes.

Footpath surfaces have been improved at **Beccles Marshes** and parish staithe moorings re-piled at **Ludham Bridge**.

The slipway at **Upton** is being widened and its timbers replaced as part of the repiling of the mooring basin.

Maintaining the waterways

Improved and safer moorings, clearer gauge boards at bridges on the southern rivers, weed and tree cutting and riverside maintenance is upgrading the infrastructure of the Broads.

New 24 hour moorings

Somerton Boat Dyke
New free 24 hour moorings are to be improved in West Somerton ready for the spring bank holiday. The Broads Authority is taking over the lease and refurbishing the 180 m informal moorings in this much-loved and picturesque area at the head of River Thurne. The banks are to be levelled and new mooring posts put in.

St Benet's Abbey

Informal moorings at St Benet's Abbey are due to become free 24 hour moorings by Easter. They are to be refurbished with new timbers on the piling, mooring posts, signage and an easy access footpath built.

Sutton Staithe

A 143 m stretch of moorings at Sutton Staithe was refurbished last spring. The staithe was repaired with new tie rods and safety chains and ladders were added for the first time to comply with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. A new granite pathway has also been added.

Jenson's Island

Work on new 24 hour moorings at Jenson's Island at the entrance to Oulton Broad will begin this spring. The development will have a double benefit in that the cut in the west of the island will be piled at the entrance to take the dredgings from the mouth of Oulton Broad. Once this is filled in a new stern on 24 hour mooring

will be created. The £52,000 cost is being paid for by the additional toll funding.

Moorings repaired

Extensive emergency repairs were carried out to 150 m of moorings at Paddy's Lane, at the northern end of Barton Broad at a cost of £40,000. New tie rods, waling and capping were installed and the path was resurfaced in time for the last spring bank holiday.

A 55 m stretch of mooring at Cockshoot Dyke was refurbished in the autumn and work on the remaining 96 m will be carried out in the spring. Irstead 24 hour mooring was also repaired.



Cockshoot Dyke mooring before and after refurbishment



Installing a ladder at Mutford Lock

Safety ladders and chains

A £100,000 programme to install chains, ladders, life buoys and throwing lines at all Broads Authority moorings over the next five years has begun. The programme will see 80 ladders and 4,000 metres of chain put in as part of the campaign to make the Broads safer.

Last year 19 ladders were installed at 10 moorings, including five at Mutford Lock, Oulton Broad. Chains have gone in at Stokesby, Deep Go Dyke and Deep Dyke at Hickling, Sutton Staithe, Cockshoot Dyke and Irstead. In 2007 16 ladders will be installed at 11 moorings.

New gauge boards

Fourteen new metal gauge boards, informing boaters of water height, have replaced the old wooden boards at Beccles Old Road Bridge, Haddiscoe Bridge, Postwick Viaduct, and Thorpe Viaduct at Thorpe Green.



New gauge board at Thorpe Viaduct

Navigation rangers and Broads Beat officers are undergoing training so they can carry out basic checks on a vessel's critical systems to identify immediate dangers. They will be carried out randomly on boats on short visits to the Broads which don't carry a Boat Safety Certificate and any other vessel on the navigation where there is reason to believe that the systems on the vessel could be a danger to others.



Tree clearance at Train Reach on the River Yare

They are marked in both imperial and metric, are easier to read and maintain, are vandal proof and more hard wearing.

Weedcutting

Weedcutting was carried out on Whittingham Great Broad (paid for by Norfolk County Council), Somerton, Horsey Mere, Waxham Cut, Martham Dyke and Norwich. A trial cut was also carried out at Barton Turf.

Tree cutting

An on going programme of tree cutting on the river banks is carried out all year round to remove hazards and obstructions for boats and improve conditions for sailing. In summer fallen or overhanging trees causing obstructions are cleared but during the winter a planned programme of clearing overhanging or densely growing trees within 10 m of the river

bank is carried out. This winter tree cutting has been carried out at Lime Kiln Dyke off Barton Broad, the River Ant up to Stalham, the River Bure from Salhouse Broad to Horning and from Wroxham to Coltishall, and the River Yare at Train Reach near Brundall.

During last summer two emergencies were dealt with when trees fell on motor boats. At Lime Kiln Dyke it took three Broads Authority staff from the River Works team three hours to cut up a tree which had fallen on a hire cruiser, and downriver from Belaugh staff worked from 5pm to 10pm cutting up a tree which had fallen on a private boat.

Risk assessments were undertaken to identify the safest method to remove the trees before any work began. On both occasions the Navigation Works Supervisor was present.

Implementation

- 1 April 2007** Hire craft over 30 sqm
Private motor craft of 21 sqm and above
Private motorised sailing craft of 21 sqm and above with engines over 10 hp
- 1 April 2008** All remaining hire craft
Private motor craft of 11sqm and above
- 1 April 2009** Remaining private motor craft
All private sailing craft

Lists of examiners are available from the Broads Authority office 01603 610734, the BSS office 01923 201278 or the BSS website, www.boatsafetyscheme.com/searchforanexaminer

Residential Boats which are not let out for hire or reward, are subject to the less stringent 2005 edition of the BSS requirements, not the 2002 edition. However a Corgi registered gas installer will be required to conduct the gas safety check element of the examination.



Free advice for Boat Safety Scheme

With the Boat Safety Scheme being introduced on 1 April 2007, the Broads Authority is keen for boat owners to feel confident with complying with the BSS requirements.

To help boaters with queries, **Rob McLean of The Boat Safety Scheme Office** will be at the Broads Authority office, 18 Colegate, Norwich on the last Monday of each month until 30 April. * He can offer advice and guidance on the BSS requirements, examinations and other BSS matters to help owners prepare for the scheme. When at Colegate he can be contacted on 01603 610734.

"I'm really hoping that people will take advantage of getting first hand information from the BSS Essential Guide or by getting in touch with the BSS directly if they have any concerns, worries or niggles about the requirements or arranging an examination."

The Essential Guide can be viewed on the BSS website www.boatsafetyscheme.com or a hard copy can be purchased from the Broads Authority priced £5.50 for inserts or £6.30 with folders plus post and packaging.

Owners can call the BSS Office on 01923 201278, or email questions with any supporting pictures or documentation to bss.enquiries@boatsafetyscheme.com; or write to Broads Query, Boat Safety Scheme Office, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford WD17 4QA.

*Rob McLean's visits may be subject to change so telephone 01603 610734 to confirm.

Tolls increase to be used for dredging

An extra £100,000 of dredging will be funded from an increase in tolls of 9.9% for private boat owners and 6.1% for hire boats from 1 April 2007.

The contribution from toll payers to the maintenance of the navigation is still good value with typical costs being:

- A rowing boat currently paying £20 will pay £21.98 next year, an increase of £1.98.
- A sailing dinghy paying £46.82 this year will pay approximately an extra £4.60.
- A large yacht paying £109 this year will pay roughly an extra £10.80.
- A private motor boat paying £157 will pay approximately an extra £15.50 while a bigger boat paying £240 will pay about an extra £24.

The rise in tolls follows a strategy agreed with both boating representatives and the Government that Government funding would increase and tolls would continue to rise above inflation to improve the maintenance of the Broads.

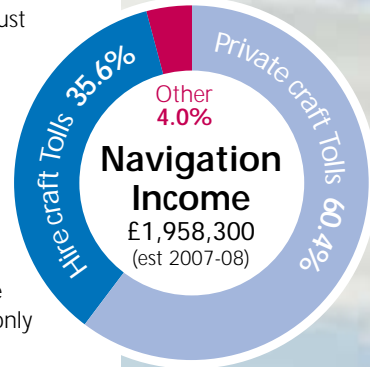
The number of boats registered on 1 November 2006 is up on the same time the previous year by 71. Private boats continue to increase year on year, by 149 in 2005-06, while hire boats declined by 78. The number of hired motor cruisers fell by 48 to 822 in line with projections.

Private craft account for just over 60% of navigation account income.

Martin Broom, Chairman of the Navigation Committee, said: "The decision of the Navigation Committee to recommend an increase in the tolls above the rate of inflation was only made after very carefully considering the problems faced in maintaining the system. The Sediment Management Strategy has identified the scale of the work we would like to undertake and additional money is needed if more dredging is to be done as well as maintaining and improving the moorings and facilities throughout the Broads."

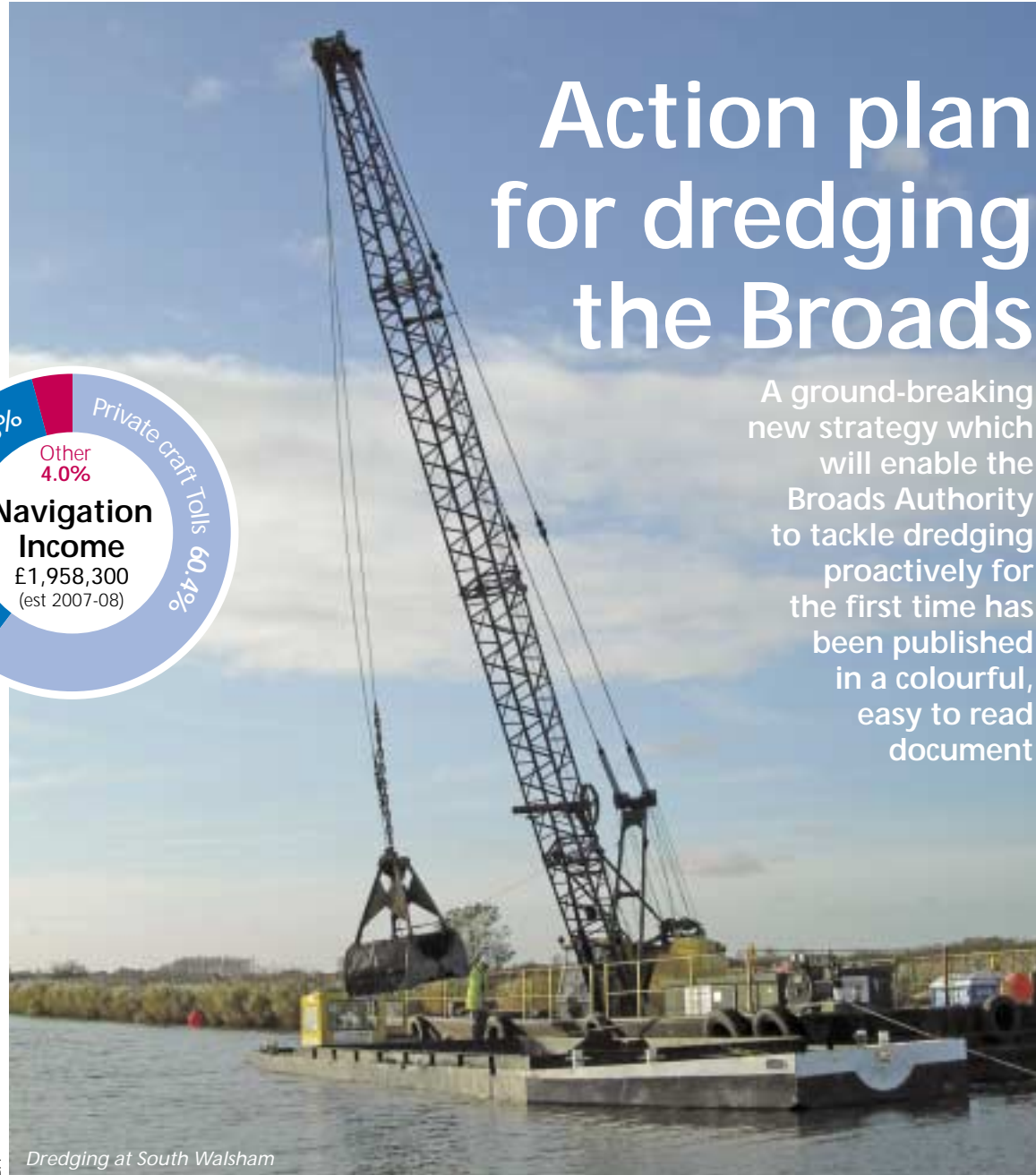
In order to assist local hire boat companies the increases are lower than for private owners. So a hire boat currently paying £681.85 will pay an extra £42, an increase of just over 6%.

Ken Gaylard, Chairman of the Broads Hire Boat Federation commented: "Whilst any increases above inflation are unwelcome, the industry does recognise the need for additional resources to be put into the dredging programme."



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Dredging at South Walsham



Action plan for dredging the Broads

A ground-breaking new strategy which will enable the Broads Authority to tackle dredging proactively for the first time has been published in a colourful, easy to read document

The Sediment Management Strategy gives an overview of the challenge of managing the Broads waterways and prioritises dredging requirements in line with a wish list compiled by boaters.

It identifies 1.7 million m³ for removal, 57% of which is in the northern rivers, 16% in the southern rivers and 27% in isolated water bodies.

In the past dredging has been reactive. Now, with the benefit of the first comprehensive hydrographic survey of the Broads and a set of specifications based on the needs of boaters the Authority can plan its mud management. This will be achieved not just through a dredging and disposal plan but

by reducing sediment input, particularly from banks, headwaters and algae.

The strategy has been developed with the help of Cranfield University whose research has revealed, for the first time, how much sediment comes into the system and where it comes from. Its findings show that an estimated maximum input of sediment (24,000 m³) is coming into the system each year, and in 2006/07 the Authority dredged out significantly more.

The overall goal for sediment management is to balance inputs with outputs, while dealing with the backlog of sediment that has accumulated more rapidly over the last six decades. In addition to this build up, rising dredging costs since the early 1980s have resulted in a decrease in the volume of material routinely

removed. In the early 1980s the average cost of removing a cubic metre of silt was 60p to £1 compared to £13.80 today.

The strategy and its accompanying action plan for 2007/08 has identified priority areas for dredging against criteria which include where boats run aground and where broads fail to achieve water quality improvements required to meet Government targets.

Hard copies of the Sediment Management Strategy are available from The Broads Authority, 18 Colegate, Norwich, Broads Authority Information Centres, at the cost price of £4.50, and are held at local libraries.

The strategy and action plan are downloadable free from www.broads-authority.gov.uk

Water injection trial could cut costs

A ground breaking dredging trial which could cut costs for dredging on the lower reaches of the Broads was carried out at Great Yarmouth last April.

The £30,000 pilot scheme which removed 6,200 m³ of silt from the River Bure cost one third of the average cost of dredging projects in the Broads. It involved injecting low-pressure water into the river bed sediment and fluidising

the silt which was carried out to sea by the tide and gravity.

The technique was patented by Dutch company Van Oord who brought a dredger by sea to carry out the 10-day exercise. Work

was carried out round the clock on every ebb tide between Bure Mouth and the top of Bure Loop.

Director of Waterways Trudi Wakelin said: "This is an innovative technique which has produced excellent results elsewhere. We are hopeful it could prove to be a cost effective solution to the expensive and difficult task of disposing of the sediment and could be a major breakthrough for dredging the lower reaches of the Broads. However, it is not likely to be a solution for the upper, shallower reaches where the tidal flow is not as great."

Monitoring has shown that due to its fine nature the sediment stayed in suspension for a lengthy period which allowed the particles to be carried downriver for a significant distance, but also caused a proportion of the material to return on the following flood tide, and some even to be transported upstream of the dredge site.

However the trial demonstrated that the technique can remobilise sediment without long-term detrimental effects to water quality and early surveys have shown an improvement in navigable depths.

Detailed analysis of all monitoring results is currently underway.

Record amount invested in the Broads

The Broads Authority is spending a record £750,000 on dredging the Broads this coming year. It will be paid for by £500,000 from tolls and £250,000 from National Park Grant. It follows a record year in 2006/07 when £650,000 was invested in dredging to make significant improvements to the waterways.

Last year the River Waveney was dredged between Beccles and Geldeston during the winter of 05/06. The dredgings were tipped at the junction of the Waveney with Geldeston Dyke and the land was restored with excavators over the summer.

The first phase of dredging the Reedham end of Haddiscoe Cut

was carried out from April to the end of July. The dredgings were reused at Seven Mile House in a flood defence set back area. Work stopped for the high boating season and began again, working towards St Olaves, in February. Work will continue until the end of May.

Dredging was completed ahead of schedule on Surlingham Bends on the River Yare in September. The dredgings, which were contaminated with mercury, were taken to a new cell at the licensed site at Postwick Tip over the summer.

Due to the early completion of the work on the Yare, dredging began ahead of schedule in October on the River Bure at St Benet's Abbey where shoals

were removed. Dredgings were taken to a site 4 km downstream opposite Thurne Mouth for disposal. The disposal site at St Benet's is now available for the future.

During this winter dredgers are removing silt from Ant Mouth to Ludham Bridge to a depth of 1.8 m deep at an average low tide depositing the dredgings on an adjacent bank.

At the same time 20,000 m³ of silt is being dredged from South Walsham Fleet Dyke giving it a 2 m depth at an average low tide.

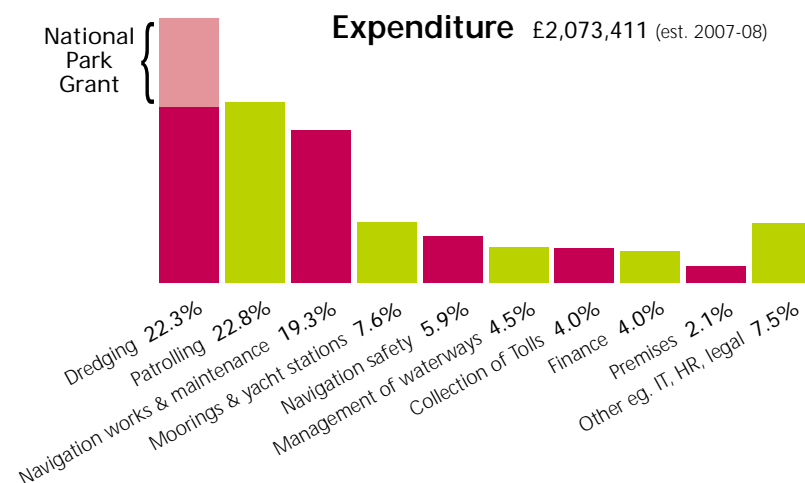
During the coming year the Authority hopes to be dredging Stalham Dyke to Barton Broad on the River Ant and Bramerton on the River Yare. Disposal

options are being investigated for dredging at Caen Meadow, Hoveton and Belaugh on the River Bure, for Heigham Sound, the approach to Hickling Parish Dyke on the River Thurne and the middle stretch of Haddiscoe Cut. All works are subject to approvals and consenting procedures.

The bar across the mouth of Oulton Broad, which silts up every three years, will be dredged again in the autumn.

On the River Yare the Authority will remove the larger shoals between Reedham and Breydon Water. However it will not dredge closer than three metres to the bank to safeguard bank stability.

Where your money is going



The three biggest areas of expenditure planned for next year are dredging, patrolling and maintenance (moorings, tree and scrub cutting etc) which account for about 65% of the total.

Store anchors and spars safely

Boat owners are reminded to store their anchors and spars safely.

The Broads Authority has received complaints that a number of boats are not storing their anchors and spars correctly in line with byelaw 77, which could result in damage to other boats. Boat owners are reminded that anchors and spars, when not in use, should not be stored in such a position where they might damage other vessels or property or injure people, whether the vessel is moored or underway.

Boat Census confirms hire craft dominate

The four yearly boat census was carried out on Sunday 20, Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 last August, to give a picture of the type of use and boat movements using the Broads.

Despite the fall in hireboats registered on the Broads, this data showed that they accounted for 68% of all boat movements on the waterways on those days.

The figures show the busiest spot is the mouth of the River Thurne. So if you want to get away from it all, head for the Rivers Yare and Waveney for peace and quiet.

Don't throw out your pond plants



Floating Pennywort blocking a watercourse

People are being reminded not to dump garden pond plants in natural water courses.

Many garden ponds house invasive weeds from aquatic centres, which, once let loose in waterways, can smother habitats, choke ditches and cause flooding and navigation problems.

Last year it cost £20,000 to remove invasive water plants in the Broads and this bill is expected to rise.

If you see invasive plants in water courses please tel Broads Authority 01603 610734

Once the plants get into the waterways they spread so rapidly they are almost impossible to control. Invasive species of most concern are Floating Pennywort, Australian Swamp Stonecrop and Parrots Feather.

How you can help:

- Do not dump anything from a garden pond into a water course
- If you do remove pond plants compost them
- There is no need to remove frog spawn from ponds, left alone the frogs will find their own balance

Ancient causeway unearthed by flood defence works



Set back flood defences at Seven Mile House, River Yare

The programme of major improvement and maintenance works to flood defences along the Broadland rivers completed its fifth year in 2006. The work is being undertaken by Broadland Environmental Services Ltd, a joint venture between contractors Edmund Nuttall and consultants Halcrow, in partnership with the Environment Agency and Defra.

Over 82 km of flood bank have been subject to improvements that provide appropriate protection to property and infrastructure as well as to wildlife, landscape and cultural heritage features within the lower reaches of the Broadland rivers.

In 2006 major works have been undertaken in the Waveney valley downstream of Beccles; at Upton, South Walsham Marshes and St Benet's on the River Bure; at



Water skiing under review

Water skiing on ten dedicated zones on the Rivers Waveney and Yare is under review.

Since November 2003 the sport has been carefully managed voluntarily in partnership with the water skiers and drivers who are required to be members of the Eastern Rivers Ski Club. Ski permits were limited, log books had to be kept and a code of practice was developed jointly with the Ski Club.

New signs marking the water ski zones were put up last spring to make other boaters aware of the activity. These measures have allowed the sport to be re-classified under the Port Marine Safety Code as acceptable. However the management regime was to be reviewed after three years, and the appropriateness of the sport to the Broads is due to be reconsidered this spring.

Information and maps of the water ski zones and times are to

be included in skippers' manuals given out with hire boats, and maps and general advice leaflets will be available in boatyards, chandlers, Broads Authority Information Centres, in the visitor magazine Broadcaster and on the Broads Authority website.

The Authority will continue to explore opportunities for the introduction of slipways and if the review gives the sport the green light these will allow for the launch of water ski and rescue boats in key areas. It is hoped that this will improve access to the lesser-used zones and potentially spread the activity over a wider area, thus relieving congestion.

Any water skiing outside the agreed times should be reported to Broads Authority River Control 01692 678459.

Ludham on the Ant and Thurne; Chedgrave, Hardley and Nogdam on the River Chet. Work has been completed around Haddiscoe Island, including along The Cut. First time defences have also been provided to some of the businesses on Brundall Riverside.

Unexpected delays were caused when, unlike any previous year, water voles were found on every construction site. A large amount of time was spent cutting vegetation and trapping to remove them from the works corridor. Almost 500 animals were caught and removed to other parts of the marshes.

One of the most exciting events of the year happened at Beccles Marshes during the excavation of a new soke dyke. Vertical timber posts were uncovered and initial analysis suggested they were from the Iron Age and possible Bronze Age periods. Suffolk County Council and English Heritage archaeologists thought that the site was likely to be of national importance so it was

agreed that the project would fund an archaeological dig. It was concluded the posts formed part of an ancient causeway and additional finds also provided evidence of Roman use.

Notable enhancements included a replacement pedestrian bridge across the River Waveney at Geldeston (funded separately by the Environment Agency), improved footpath surfaces at Beccles Marshes and Chedgrave (partnership projects between the Broads Authority and BESL), and re-piling for moorings at Ludham Staithe and Fleet Dyke, South Walsham.

During the year BESL has contributed to the development of the Broads Authority's Sediment Management Strategy and assisted practically by providing areas for disposal of dredgings. It is also working closely with the Authority over its delivery of the Moorings Strategy.

For details on the project visit www.bfap.org

New Beccles eco yard leads the way

A new eco-friendly boatyard at Beccles is leading the way in cutting down on pollutants entering the waterways.

Galleon Storage & Mooring at Puddingmoor, has invested £500,000 in transforming a run down yard into one of the most state of the art and environmentally friendly yards on the Broads.

Among its eco-friendly features is a unique decontamination facility, which removes toxic chemicals from hull wash water and bilge water. After the boats are washed down in a specially built bay the wash water is stored in a decontamination tank. It is then run through a WashTek filtration system and 98% of the pollutants are absorbed by cartridges before the clean water is returned to the river.

The American WashTek system is considered to be the most efficient equipment of its kind in the world and it can be mobilised to deal with oil and diesel spills.

The Broads Authority's Sustainable Development Fund has contributed £12,500 to the project.

Conservation Officer, Andrea Kelly, who has worked closely with the yard, said: "This is an innovative boatyard development which has adopted very good practice in protecting the Broads from pollutants, and we hope other boatyards will be inspired by it."

The yard is also the first on the Broads to offer a 'dry stack' system of boat storage which does away with the need to antifoul boats. The yard is able to store boats up to 33 ft long out of the water, launching them when owners wish to use them, saving the cost of antifouling and the cost to the environment.



Mr William Bent toasts the success of Galleon Mooring and Storage with a glass of clean water

The yard also offers three EZdock pontoons for storing small boats out of the water.

To add to the yard's environmental credentials the navigation lights marking the entrance from the River Waveney are solar powered.

Work to the yard has included dredging out and piling a yacht basin, building a slipway for the launch and recovery of 'trailer sailers' and secure facilities for storage of cars and trailers. There are also ten berths for boats either awaiting their owners or left ready for returning to the shore after use.

The man behind the venture, Mr William Bent, said: "We were concerned about a lot of antifouled boats being in a basin where there were no tides to sweep the pollutants away. Although I'm not obsessive about being green I think everyone should do their best to protect the environment.

I adopted the dry stack system because of the limited bankside moorings and slipways in the area. I wanted to provide a specialist facility which would enable people to bring their own boats to the Broads."



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Tony Stapleton

Broads Forum Chairman stands down

Dr Tony Stapleton, the first chairman of the Broads Forum, the Broads Authority's key consultative body, is stepping down after four years' service.

Tony, an academic, businessman, and magistrate, fell in love with the Broads while on boating holidays as a boy in the 1950s. Half a century later he has been using his extensive lifetime experience to lead and advise the Forum on a multitude of Broads related issues.

The Forum consists of 22 members representing 58 organisations with special interests in the Broads who debate matters and make recommendations on controversial issues before they come up for decision by the Broads Authority. It includes representatives from boating, angling, bird-watching, water skiing and people with disabilities to farming, drainage, cultural heritage, tourism and parish councils.

Tony's legacy has been to promote a united commitment to the Broads rather than allowing individuals to fight their own personal corner.

"If people are to progress the shared interest and work for the good of the Broads they are going to have to accept compromises," he says. "I want people to speak for the Broads first and for their own interest second. We decided not to vote on matters because voting polarises a body. I want people to seek consensus."

Tony is leaving the Broads Forum "because it needs some new blood. There are some extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic people on it – experts in their field – and the quality of the discussions is very high. Everyone



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BA is RYA training centre

The Broads Authority is an accredited RYA power boat training centre and trains its own staff and volunteers in boat handling skills up to level 2.

Broads Authority Director of Waterways Trudi Wakelin and Chief Executive John Packman celebrated gaining their level 2 power boat certificates at the London Boat Show with Chief Executive RYA, Rod Carr and BA Head of Waterways Strategy and Safety Steve Birtles.

is there because they have a strong commitment to the Broads which has broadened the range of expertise that the Authority can tap into to help it make decisions. However it would benefit from having more women and younger people on it."

Professor Kerry Turner, Chairman of the Broads Authority, said: "The Forum has been a huge success in providing advice on difficult issues and this has been largely due to Tony's chairmanship."



SANDY LISTER

Yachts racing at Oulton Week in August 2006

New Boat Safety DVD

The Broads Authority has commissioned a new DVD on boating safety and etiquette.

"Better Boating on the Broads" will be made available to people when they book boating holidays on the Broads, and will also be useful for people new to boating. It replaces the video "Cruising with Confidence", which has become outdated.

The DVD, which features some stunning aerial shots, covers basic boat handling, navigation advice on crossing Breydon Water, as well as tourist and environmental information.

It will be available from Hire Boat Booking Agents, Broads Authority Information Centres and the Broads Authority at 18 Colegate, Norwich. For further information on boating safety please go to www.broads-authority.gov.uk/boating/safety.html Watch out for safety podcasts on the website in the near future.

Broads Authority Annual Public Meeting
Wednesday 28 November 7.30pm
Marriott Sprowston Manor Hotel
Wroxham Road, Norwich

A chance to learn more about the work of the Authority and to share your views.

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