

Navigation Committee

03 September 2020

Agenda item number 7

Chief Executive's report and current issues

Report by Chief Executive

Purpose

The report summarises significant matters relating to the maintenance and management of the waterways and gives members an opportunity to raise any such issues.

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1. Monitoring Officer

- 1.1. At the Broads Authority meeting on 24 July, Hilary Slater was welcomed as the newly appointed Monitoring Officer to the Authority.

2. Climate Change Action Plan

- 2.1. At their meeting in July, Broads Authority members agreed to adopt the Climate Change Action Plan and to set a target of a 1.5° compliant emissions curve for the Broads executive area. This target will be used when working with partners.

3. Navigation patrolling and performance targets

- 3.1. The report of the significant use of powers by the rangers is displayed in Appendix 1 and reflects the busy period since the easing of lockdown restrictions. Appendix 2 shows the average navigation/countryside splits up to 10th August. While the percentage time spent on patrolling and other navigation work is typically higher in the summer this year the percentage is above average as patrolling was considered a priority task during the Covid-19 lockdown period while some of the Countryside tasks have been deferred.

4. Sunken and abandoned vessel update

- 4.1. The current position relating to abandoned and sunken vessels is set out in Appendix 3. There have been a large number of vessels to deal with over this period. Owners have either been identified or we have removed vessels from the system where owners could not be found.

5. Prosecutions dealt with in court for non-payment of tolls

- 5.1. There are no further updates since the last Navigation Committee meeting as the courts are not currently sitting for toll offences.

6. Planning enforcement update

- 6.1. There are no further enforcement matters with navigation implications to report.

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[Broads Plan](#) objectives

Appendix 1 – Rangers exercise of powers analysis

Appendix 2 – Ranger duties total time allocated and actual days

Appendix 3 – Sunken and abandoned vessels current position as at 20/08/2020

Appendix 1 – Rangers exercise of powers analysis June 2020-July 2020

Table 1

Verbal warnings	Wroxham launch Wroxham and upper Bure	Irstead launch Ant	Ludham launch Hickling, Potter Heigham, upper Thurne	Ludham launch 2 lower Thurne and lower Bure	Norwich launch Norwich and upper Yare	Hardley Launch Reedham, Chet and middle Yare	Burgh St Peter launch Oulton Broad and upper/middle Waveney	Breydon launch Breydon water, lower Waveney and Yare
Care and caution	14	5	1	7	1	7		1
Speed	615	344	128	90	14	10	51	18
Other	14	29		2	32	4	2	1

Table 2

Written warnings	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Care and caution		1			1			
Speed	4	3	1	1		1	1	
Other		9	1		1	18		
Special directions	12	7			1			4

Table 3

Launch patrols	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Launch staffed by ranger	53	40	37	24	40	39	37	36
Volunteer patrols								
IRIS reports	9	3	4	3	10	5	6	9

Table 4

Broads Control total calls

Contact method	Number of calls
Telephone	5504
VHF	320
Total	5824

Appendix 2 – Ranger duties: total time allocated and actual days

Table 1

Broads Authority corporate duties

Work area	Actual days to date
Training	95.54
Broads Control	137.09
Team meetings, work planning	249.80
Partnership working	3.78
Assisting other sections	19.86
Billets and boatsheds	2.70
Launch – general	1.35
Trailers - general	
Vehicle maintenance	1.69
Other equipment repair	1.62
Total	513.43

Table 2

Navigation duties

Work area	Actual days to date
Patrolling	539.97
Escorts	20.14
Prosecution files	17.43
Bankside tree management	27.77
Obstruction removal	6.96
Channel markers and buoys	1.01
Signs and boards maintenance	15.88
Adjacent waters	37.03
Reactive mooring maintenance	4.66
Total	670.85

Table 3

Conservation, recreation, countryside maintenance

Work area	Actual days to date
Fen management	2.43
Lake, riverbank restoration	0.61
Invasive species control	3.99
Other conservation work	6.28
Pollution response	1.15
Visitor site maintenance	115.14
Public engagement	0
Public footpath work	3.78
Education work	0
Total	133.38

Team total up to 10 August 2020

Percentage Navigation: 83%

Percentage National Park: 17%

Appendix 3 – Sunken and abandoned vessels current position as at 20 August 2020

Description	Location found	Action	Notice affixed	Result
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owner's moorings	No	Not affecting the navigation
Moto Cruiser	Sutton/Stalham cut	Liaising with owner, not in the navigation	No	Monitoring
Motor Cruiser	River Yare, Thorpe Marshes	Unregistered vessel new to system sunk	Yes	Deadline for notice expires 28 th August 20
Motor Cruiser	River Yare, Thorpe Marshes	Sunken vessel	Yes	Speaking to owner to raise
Motor Cruiser	River Yare, Thorpe Marshes	No response from owner	Yes	Person came forward and tolls paid
Rowing Dinghy	Polkeys Mill	Found, no marks	Yes	Vessel at Dockyard
Rowing Dinghy	Reedham	Found, no marks	Yes	Vessel at Dockyard
Rowing Dinghy	Chedgrave	Found, no marks	Yes	Vessel at Dockyard
Aux Yacht	River Yare, Thorpe Marshes	No owner traceable	Yes	Owner came forward and registered
Motor Cruiser	Pyes Mill	No owner traceable	Yes	Vessel removed
Motor Cruiser	Loddon	Vessel not registered	Yes	Owner came forward and registered
Motor Cruiser	River Yare, Thorpe	Vessel new to system not registered	Yes	Notice expires 19 th Sept 20