

## **Chief Executive's Report and Current Issues**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this report is to brief the Committee on significant matters relating to the maintenance and management of the waterways and to provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to raise any such issues.

### **1. National Parks Review**

Following on from the briefing at the last meeting the Authority submitted a response to the National Parks Review.

### **2. Proposed Navigation Charges for 2019/20 in the Navigation Area and Adjacent Waters**

In line with the recommendations of the Navigation Committee, the Broads Authority unanimously resolved to adopt a 2.6% increase to navigation charges to maintain the existing level of service and provide for the installation of electric charging points at the Acle Bridge mooring.

Members also noted the strong guidance provided by the Tolls Review Group and discussed the possibility of revitalising the reference group. The Chairs Group would review this in line with the appointments of members to committees and groups at the July AGM.

### **3. Broads Engage**

The first Broads Engage workshop was held on Tuesday 6 November 2018. The workshop was attended by nearly 70 people from 46 local interest groups and parish councils. Attendees received presentations from the Broads Authority and Norfolk County Council before participating in round table discussions. The first session focused on land access, and the second on mooring provisions. The output from the workshop will be used to prepare a new 3-year action plan as part of the Integrated Access Strategy.

Feedback from the workshop has been positive and it was encouraging to see such a variety of organisations and groups in attendance. Details of the next and future Broads Engage events will be publicised on the Broads Engage [web page](#), all members will be invited to attend.

### **4. Boat Safety**

At the 23 November 2018 Broads Authority meeting, members reviewed two items of boat safety, previously presented to the Navigation Committee for comment.

**Carbon Monoxide alarm requirement:**

Broads Authority members were supportive of the new Boat Safety Scheme requirement for carbon monoxide alarms to be present in all classes of boat with accommodation. The implementation date had been changed to 1 April 2019, and members unanimously resolved that this be adopted.

**Amendment to the Water Ski Permit conditions:**

The Broads Authority unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed amendments to the Water Ski Permit conditions, to be implemented from 1 April 2019.

**5. Navigation Patrolling and Performance Targets**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

The report of the significant use of powers by the rangers is displayed in Appendix 1. The range of duties undertaken by the Ranger Team is set out in Appendix 2. Average navigation/countryside splits are still higher on the navigation side however with the planned work now underway on the countryside sites this figure is now moving in line with the target of 60:40.

The report detailing the cases dealt with at Magistrates Court are shown in Appendix 3. Further cases are in process.

**6. Sunken and Abandoned Vessel Update**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

The sunken and abandoned update is contained in Appendix 4. In most cases we are working with owners to raise these vessels.

**7. Planning Enforcement Update**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Cally Smith/None

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

Background papers:	None
Author:	John Packman
Date of report:	December 2018
Broads Plan Objectives:	Multiple
Appendices:	APPENDIX 1 - Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis APPENDIX 2 - Ranger Duties APPENDIX 3 - Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during April 2017 to August 2017 APPENDIX 4 - Sunken and Abandoned Vessels

APPENDIX 1

Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis <i>(Bracketed figures are running totals, April 2018 to March 2019)</i>						Date: Oct-Nov 2018		
	Wroxham Launch	Irstead Launch	Ludham Launch	Ludham 2 Launch	Norwich Launch	Hardley Launch	B.St.Peter Launch	Breydon Launch
Launch Patrol Areas	Wroxham and Upper Bure	Ant	Hickling, P.Heigham, Upper Thurne & Womack	Lower Thurne, Lower Bure & South Walsham	Norwich and Upper Yare	Reedham, Chet & Middle Yare	Oulton Broad and Upper/Middle Waveney	Breydon Water, Lower Waveney and Yare
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>								
Care & Caution	3 ( 39 )	3 ( 15 )	( 24 )	( 114 )	( 1 )		( 8 )	1 ( 14 )
Speed	134 ( 2307 )	81 ( 1170 )	40 ( 495 )	( 545 )	12 ( 364 )	( 138 )	11 ( 201 )	5 ( 125 )
Other	6 ( 74 )	3 ( 63 )	3 ( 32 )	( 54 )	( 40 )	( 46 )	( 26 )	( 4 )
<b>Blue Book Warnings</b>								
Care & Caution	( 5 )	2 ( 6 )	( 1 )	( 1 )			( 1 )	( 6 )
Speed	( 33 )	1 ( 19 )	( 7 )	( 6 )	( 4 )	( 8 )	( 5 )	( 5 )
Other	( 7 )	6 ( 41 )	1 ( 19 )	( 7 )	4 ( 4 )	( 12 )	( 4 )	( 4 )
Special Directions	7 ( 153 )	25 ( 103 )	3 ( 88 )	( 63 )	( 3 )		( 383 )	4 ( 8 )
Launch Staffed (by Ranger)	47 ( 219 )	46 ( 182 )	43 ( 193 )	19 ( 92 )	27 ( 168 )	35 ( 134 )	38 ( 167 )	43 ( 226 )
Best Value Patrol Targets Percentage Compliance	71% ( 93% )	86% ( 97% )	70% ( 93% )	96% ( 99% )	100% ( 97% )	100% ( 100% )	67% ( 84% )	52% ( 80% )
Volunteer Patrols	30 ( 30 )	31 ( 34 )	30 ( 30 )	30 ( 33 )	30 ( 30 )	30 ( 30 )	30 ( 30 )	30 ( 30 )
IRIS Reports	3 ( 102 )	10 ( 85 )	3 ( 62 )	4 ( 52 )	7 ( 70 )	2 ( 51 )	4 ( 89 )	9 ( 101 )
Broads Control Total Calls	<b>TOTAL 5,437 ( 31,896 )</b>			Telephone <b>4,683 ( 24,882 )</b>		VHF <b>754 ( 7,014 )</b>		

APPENDIX 2

Total Time Allocated/Actual Ranger Team				UP TO 18 DECEMBER 2018	
<b>Broads Authority Corporate</b>	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Annual Allocation</b>	<b>Actual Days To Date</b>		
Corporate Time	Training	134	92.67		
	Broads Control	39	53.64		
	Team meetings / work planning	349	311.69		
	Partnership working	82	51.72		
	Assisting other sections	94	34.66		
	Annual Leave		302.80		
	Off Work Sick		75.10		
	Time in Lieu		35.07		
Premises Maintenance	Billets and boatsheds	19	20.37		
Vessel & Equipment Maintenance	Launch - General		13.28		
	Trailers - General		1.62		
	Vehicle Maintenance		9.43		
	Other equipment repair		23.99		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>1026.03</b>		
<b>Navigation</b>	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Annual Allocation</b>	<b>Actual Days To Date</b>		
Navigation Maintenance	Patrolling	1356	1226.39		
	Escorts	35	36.66		
	Prosecution files	0	29.05		
	Bankside tree management	101	28.01		
	Obstruction removal	29	12.43		
	Channel markers & buoys	41	10.88		
	Signs & boards maintenance	73	35.27		
	Adjacent Waters		70.64		
Mooring Maintenance	Reactive mooring maintenance	129	33.45		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1764</b>	<b>1482.78</b>	<b>Actual Percentage</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>Conservation, Rec, C'side</b>	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Annual Allocation</b>	<b>Actual Days To Date</b>		
Conservation	Fen management	14	87.01		
	Lake / Riverbank restoration	10	25.54		
	Invasive Species Control	33	0.14		
	Other conservation work	202	34.90		
	Pollution Response		3.51		
Recreation/Countryside Maintenance	Visitor Site maintenance	185	163.68		
	Whitlingham Country Park	300	189.90		
Public engagement	Public footpath work	14	1.01		
	Education work	20	14.19		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>519.89</b>	<b>Actual Percentage</b>	<b>26%</b>
	<b>Team total</b>	<b>3259</b>	<b>3028.70</b>		

<b>Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during April 2017 to August 2017</b>			
<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Result</b>
Mr Hill	Non-payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrate	A fine of £525.00, compensation order of £198.60, costs of £150 and victim surcharge of £52 were imposed
Mr Jenner	Non-payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrate	A fine of £525.00, compensation order of £542.84, costs of £150 and victim surcharge of £52 were imposed.

## Sunken and Abandoned Vessels

Description	Location found	Action	Notice Affixed	Result
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owners moorings	No	Not affecting the navigation
Motor Cruiser	Deal Ground, Yare	Vessel sunk	No	Liaising with owner
Motor Cruiser	Oulton Broad	Harbour Master liaising with owner	No	Not affecting the navigation Oulton Broad Harbour Master liaising with owner
Motor Cruiser	Somerleyton	Reported sinking, pumped out by Authority to prevent vessel becoming submerged	No	Liaising with owner
Yacht	Geldeston	Liaising with owner	No	Liaising with owner
Motor cruiser	Geldeston	Liaising with owner	No	Liaising with owner
Yacht	Rockland	Vessel sunk adjacent to 24 hour moorings. Haxard marked. No owner traced.	Yes	In talks with person interested in taking on and raising.
Aux Yacht	Dockyard	Abandoned at the Dockyard, no owner traced	Yes	Waiting for Notice period to finish