

## **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. Acle Moorings refurbishment**

Contact Officer: Rob Rogers

The project to refurbish a 60 metre section of the moorings at the Acle Bridge site was completed ready for the forthcoming season. This included constructing a new raised path for use at higher tides and fitting new timber, mooring posts, safety chains and ladders. Further work on the mooring is scheduled next year during the winter of 2019/20, including the installation of electric charging points and repiling work and raising the rest of the quay heading.

An operator for the café/shop on the site has been appointed who has made some significant improvements to the building.

The transfer of the ownership of the public toilets from Great Yarmouth Borough Council has been completed. Over the next few weeks the Authority will be carrying out some management of the trees on the site to remove overhanging limbs.

### **2. PMSC Hazard Log-Stakeholder Review**

Contact Officer: Steve Birtles

The 3 yearly review of hazards on the Broads was completed by stakeholders at a workshop held at the Broads Authority Dockyard on 13 March 2019. Over the forthcoming weeks the output from the workshop will be input into a recently purchased risk management software suite. This is a significant piece of work which will be completed for review by the Navigation Committee at its June meeting before being incorporated into an updated Safety Management System.

### **3. 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. During the 2018/19 year the rangers undertook 6,147 verbal warnings, which is in line with 6,278 the previous year. A total of 257

written warnings were issued, again comparable with 260 last year. Appendix 3 sets out the report of prosecutions since the last meeting. Over the last year a total of five people have been prosecuted for navigation offences, including speeding, care and caution and no insurance.

The average navigation/countryside splits for the year it set out in Appendix 2. The figures show a 66% Navigation, 34% Countryside split. This slight variance in the planned programme was due to staff illness along with recruitment and training which was unplanned.

A copy of the planned ranger duties for 2019/20 is included in Appendix 5. Please note this is still being finalised. Further details splitting these duties down by area can be provided. The ranger teams for 2019/2020 and the areas covered by them is attached in Appendix 6. We are recruiting for the vacancy which will bring us back up to full strength ahead of the main summer season.

#### **4. Sunken and Abandoned Vessel Update**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

The sunken and abandoned update is contained in Appendix 4. We are in discussion with the owners in all instances and will be using our powers to remove those vessels which are causing an obstruction over the next month.

#### **5. Planning Enforcement Update**

Contact Officer: Cally Smith/None

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

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| Background papers:      | None   |
| Author:                 | John Packman   |
| Date of report:         |  |
| Broads Plan Objectives: | Multiple   |
| Appendices:             | APPENDIX 1 - Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis<br>APPENDIX 2 - Ranger Duties<br>APPENDIX 3 - Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during<br>APPENDIX 4 - Sunken and Abandoned Vessels<br>APPENDIX 5 - Planned Ranger Duties 2019/20<br>APPENDIX 6 - Ranger Areas 2019/20 |

APPENDIX 1

| Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis<br><i>(Bracketed figures are running totals, April 2018 to March 2019)</i> |                               |                      |  |  |                        | Date: Feb-Mar 2019          |                                       |                                       |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Launch Patrol Areas  | Wroxham Launch                | Irstead Launch       | Ludham Launch                              | Ludham 2 Launch                          | Norwich Launch         | Hardley Launch              | B.St.Peter Launch                     | Breydon Launch                        |
|  | 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   | ( 39 )                        | ( 15 )               | ( 24 )                                     | ( 114 )                                  | ( 1 )                  |                             | ( 8 )                                 | ( 14 )                                |
| Speed  | ( 2307 )                      | <b>3</b> ( 1173 )    | ( 495 )                                    | ( 545 )                                  | ( 364 )                | ( 138 )                     | <b>5</b> ( 206 )                      | ( 125 )                               |
| Other  | ( 74 )                        | ( 63 )               | ( 32 )                                     | ( 54 )                                   | ( 40 )                 | ( 46 )                      | ( 26 )                                | ( 4 )                                 |
| <b>Blue Book Warnings</b>  |                               |                      |  |  |                        |                             |                                       |                                       |
| Care & Caution   | ( 5 )                         | ( 6 )                | ( 1 )                                      | ( 1 )                                    |                        |                             | ( 1 )                                 | ( 6 )                                 |
| Speed  | ( 33 )                        | ( 19 )               | ( 7 )                                      | ( 6 )                                    | ( 4 )                  | ( 8 )                       | ( 5 )                                 | ( 5 )                                 |
| Other  | ( 7 )                         | ( 41 )               | ( 19 )                                     | ( 7 )                                    | ( 19 )                 | ( 12 )                      | <b>1</b> ( 5 )                        | ( 4 )                                 |
| Special Directions   | ( 153 )                       | ( 103 )              | ( 103 )                                    | ( 63 )                                   | ( 3 )                  |                             | ( 383 )                               | ( 8 )                                 |
| Launch Staffed (by Ranger)   | <b>35</b> ( 290 )             | <b>18</b> ( 236 )    | <b>3</b> ( 206 )                           | ( 92 )                                   | <b>36</b> ( 230 )      | ( 148 )                     | <b>31</b> ( 234 )                     | <b>36</b> ( 298 )                     |
| Best Value Patrol Targets Percentage Compliance  | <b>100%</b> ( 100% )          | <b>100%</b> ( 100% ) | <b>79%</b> ( 90% )                         | <b>88%</b> ( 97% )                       | <b>100%</b> ( 98% )    | <b>83%</b> ( 93% )          | <b>56%</b> ( 65% )                    | <b>60%</b> ( 66% )                    |
| Volunteer Patrols  | <b>3</b> ( 34 )               | ( 34 )               | ( 30 )                                     | ( 33 )                                   | ( 30 )                 | ( 30 )                      | ( 30 )                                | ( 30 )                                |
| IRIS Reports   | <b>3</b> ( 108 )              | <b>1</b> ( 88 )      | <b>1</b> ( 65 )                            | ( 54 )                                   | ( 77 )                 | ( 52 )                      | <b>1</b> ( 93 )                       | ( 103 )                               |
| Broads Control Total Calls   | <b>TOTAL 2,857</b> ( 37,842 ) |                      |  | Telephone <b>2,605</b> ( 30,404 )        |                        | VHF <b>252</b> ( 7,438 )    |                                       |                                       |

## APPENDIX 2

UP TO 18 MARCH 2019

### Total Time Allocated/Actual Ranger Team

| Broads Authority Corporate     | Work Area                     | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Corporate Time                 | Training                      | 134               | 168.34              |
|                                | Broads Control                | 39                | 84.99               |
|                                | Team meetings / work planning | 349               | 418.65              |
|                                | Partnership working           | 82                | 59.76               |
|                                | Assisting other sections      | 94                | 49.86               |
| Premises Maintenance           | Billets and boatsheds         | 19                | 22.53               |
| Vessel & Equipment Maintenance | Launch - General              |                   | 22.40               |
|                                | Trailers - General            |                   | 2.70                |
|                                | Vehicle Maintenance           |                   | 10.91               |
|                                | Other equipment repair        |                   | 30.17               |
| <b>Total</b>                   |                               | <b>717</b>        | <b>870.32</b>       |

| Navigation             | Work Area                    | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Navigation Maintenance | Patrolling                   | 1356              | 1358.98             |
|                        | Escorts                      | 35                | 43.48               |
|                        | Prosecution files            | 0                 | 30.81               |
|                        | Bankside tree management     | 101               | 33.68               |
|                        | Obstruction removal          | 29                | 13.78               |
|                        | Channel markers & buoys      | 41                | 15.88               |
|                        | Signs & boards maintenance   | 73                | 40.85               |
|                        | Adjacent Waters              |                   | 70.64               |
| Mooring Maintenance    | Reactive mooring maintenance | 129               | 36.69               |
| <b>Total</b>           |                              | <b>1764</b>       | <b>1644.80</b>      |

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| Actual Percentage | 64% |
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| Conservation, Rec, C'side          | Work Area                    | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Conservation                       | Fen management               | 14                | 153.84              |
|                                    | Lake / Riverbank restoration | 10                | 105.74              |
|                                    | Invasive Species Control     | 33                | 0.14                |
|                                    | Other conservation work      | 202               | 62.47               |
|                                    | Pollution Response           |                   | 4.80                |
| Recreation/Countryside Maintenance | Visitor Site maintenance     | 185               | 181.59              |
|                                    | Whittingham Country Park     | 300               | 242.84              |
| Public engagement                  | Public footpath work         | 14                | 1.01                |
|                                    | Education work               | 20                | 16.22               |
| <b>Total</b>                       |                              | <b>778</b>        | <b>768.64</b>       |

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| Actual Percentage | 36% |
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| <b>Team total</b> |  | <b>3259</b> | <b>3776.50</b> |
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## Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during December 2018 to March 2019

| <b>Non-payment of Tolls</b>  |
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| Motor boat "Samantha" 534Y, The Magistrates imposed £440 fine, costs of £150, victim surcharge of £44.00 and made a compensation order of £172.12  |
| Motor boat "White Lady" 311S, The Magistrates imposed £220 fine, costs of £150, victim surcharge of £30.00 and made a compensation order of £172.12.   |
| Motor boat "Barvis" 1088Y, The Magistrates imposed £220 fine, costs of £150, victim surcharge of £30.00 and made a compensation order of £185.40.  |
| Motor boat "Ninetoes" 365H, Magistrates made a compensation order for the toll £185.36 but imposed no further financial penalty or costs.  |
| Motor boat/barge "Strenuous" 457D, The Magistrates imposed £220 fine for failing to pay annual toll but no separate penalty for the failure to notify offence. A compensation order of £569.32 and costs order of £150 were made and £30 victim surcharge applied. |
| Motor boat "First Dream" 292W The Magistrates imposed £220 fine, made a compensation order of £158.88 and costs order of £150 and £30 victim surcharge applied.  |
| Motor boat "Riska" 993E, Received a £220 fine, ordered to pay £150 costs and compensation of £423.68.  |
| Motor boat "Norfolk Lady" 338S, The Court imposed a £150 fine being given credit for early plea, ordered costs of £150 and compensation of £370.72.  |
| Motor boat "Enigma" 1106Y, Magistrates imposed a £400 fine, orders for costs of £150 and compensation of £158.88 were made and a £40 victim surcharge applied.   |
| Motor boat "Canto di Vino" 174S, Magistrates imposed a £400 fine, orders for costs of £150 and compensation of £185.36 were made and a £40 victim surcharge applied  |
| Motor boat "Bream Finder" 240R, Magistrates imposed a £400 fine, orders for costs of £150 and compensation of £105.92 were made and a £40 victim surcharge applied. A 28 day collection order was made.  |

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| <p>Unregistered/unnamed motor boat, navigated Beccles Town Reach A £400 fine was imposed with no separate penalty for the failing to register offence, an order for costs of £150 was made and a £40 victim surcharge applied.</p> |
| <p>Motor boat 'Cindy' 957Y, Magistrates £100 fine for each of the two offences, ordered costs £150 and compensation of £132.40. Victim Surcharge of £30 applied.</p>   |
| <p>Motor vessel 'White Heather' 479A, Magistrates imposed £100 fine, compensation order of £317.76 and costs order of £150. The victim surcharge of £30 applied.</p>   |
| <p><b>Navigation Offences</b></p>  |
| <p>Hirer was sentenced to £300 fine for failure to navigate with care and caution and £200 failing to stop after an incident. Costs of £500 were also awarded, with £30 victim surcharge applied</p>                               |
| <p>Speeding vessel on Barton. The Magistrates imposed £120 fine after credit applied for the early guilty plea, contribution towards costs £100 due to limited means. Victim surcharge of £30 was applied</p>                      |
| <p>Jet Ski incident on Breydon and Lower Waveney – both helms were fined £50 for each of the 17 offences (£850), costs of £260 each, victim surcharge of £30 applied to each</p>   |
| <p>Speeding vessel on Barton Broad, failure to provide information – owner was fined £180, ordered to pay a contribution towards prosecution costs of £528 and a victim surcharge of £30</p>                                       |
| <p>Speeding vessel in Norwich – helm fined £660, costs of £160 and victim surcharge of £66.</p>  |

## Sunken and Abandoned Vessels Current Position as at March 2019

| 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             | Marked as hazard. Liaising with owner. |
| Motor Cruiser | Oulton Broad                 | Harbour Master unable to trace owner, BA will be lifting when equipment is in the area summer 2019 | No             |  |
| Motor Cruiser | Somerleyton                  | Vessel sunk at mooring. Marked as hazard. BA to raise and look to claim costs back from owner      | No             |  |
| Yacht         | Geldeston                    | BA to raise in liaison with owner  | No             | Liaising with owner                    |
| Motor cruiser | Geldeston                    | As above   | No             | Liaising with owner                    |
| Yacht         | Rockland                     | BA to raise and remove April 2019  | Yes            |  |
| Aux Yacht     | Dockyard                     | Abandoned vessel notice expired. To be removed from navigation                                     | Yes            |  |
| Motor Cruiser | Sutton/Stalham cut           | Liaising with owner, not in the navigation   | No             |  |
| Motor Cruiser | Trowse, Yare                 | Vessel sunk, marked as a hazard, BA to raise April 2019  | No             |  |

Total Time Allocated/Actual Ranger Team

APPENDIX 5

| Broads Authority Corporate     | Work Area                     | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Corporate Time                 | Training                      | 134               | 0.00                |
|                                | Broads Control                | 41                | 0.00                |
|                                | Team meetings / work planning | 377               | 0.00                |
|                                | Partnership working           | 76                | 0.00                |
|                                | Assisting other sections      | 76                | 0.00                |
|                                | Annual Leave                  |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | Off Work Sick                 |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | Time in Lieu                  |                   | 0.00                |
| Premises Maintenance           | Billets and boatsheds         | 25                | 0.00                |
| Vessel & Equipment Maintenance | Launch - General              |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | Trailers - General            |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | Vehicle Maintenance           |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | Other equipment repair        |                   | 0.00                |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>729</b>        | <b>0.00</b>         |

| Navigation             | Work Area                    | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Navigation Maintenance | Patrolling                   | 1299              | 0.00                |
|                        | Escorts                      | 51                | 0.00                |
|                        | Prosecution files            | 0                 | 0.00                |
|                        | Bankside tree management     | 66                | 0.00                |
|                        | Obstruction removal          | 28                | 0.00                |
|                        | Channel markers & buoys      | 41                | 0.00                |
|                        | Signs & boards maintenance   | 70                | 0.00                |
|                        | Adjacent Waters              |                   | 0.00                |
| Mooring Maintenance    | Reactive mooring maintenance | 121               | 0.00                |
|                        | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1676</b>       | <b>0.00</b>         |

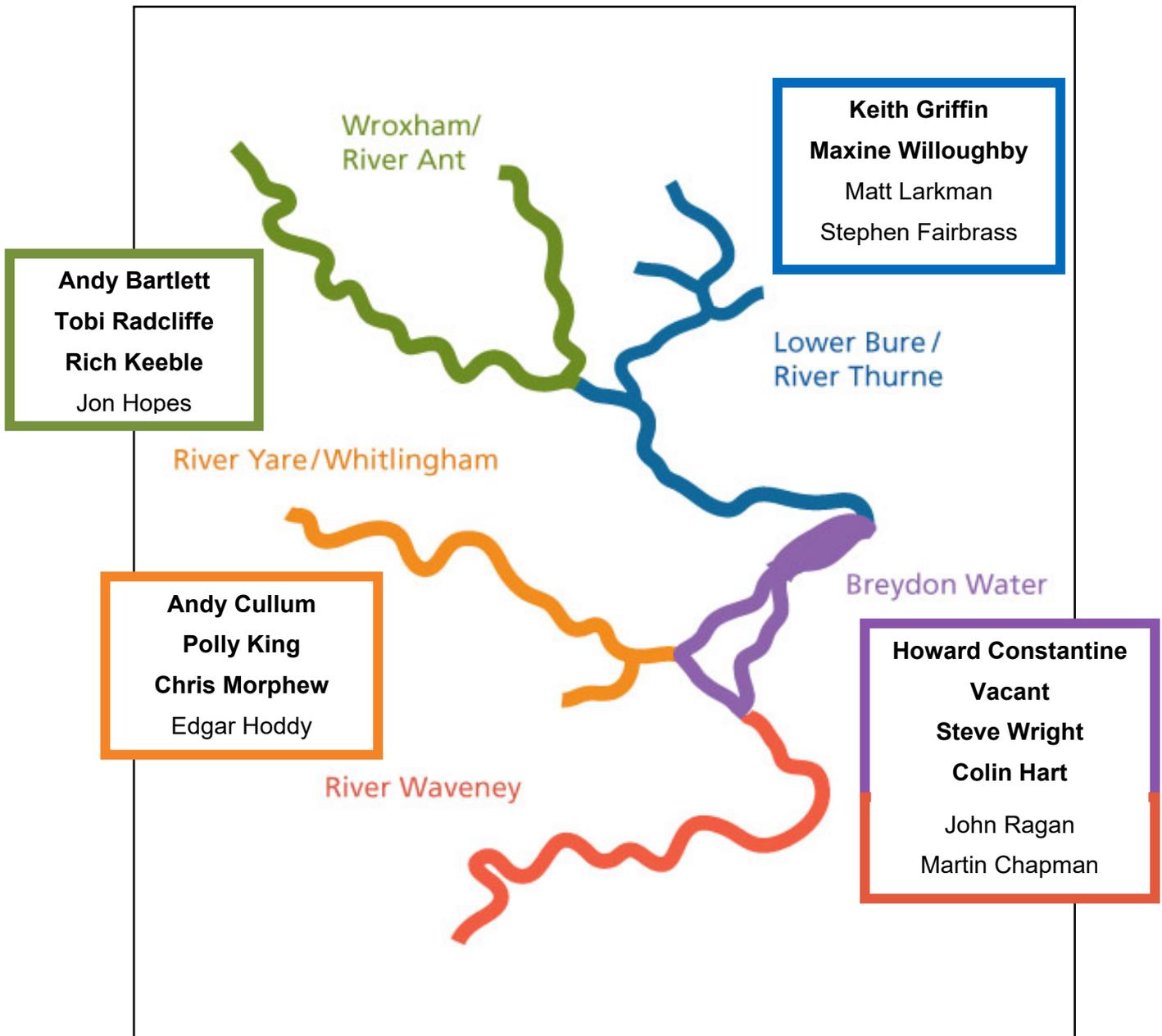
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| Actual Percentage | 62% |
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| Conservation, Rec, C'side          | Work Area                    | Annual Allocation | Actual Days To Date |
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| Conservation                       | Fen management               | 140               | 0.00                |
|                                    | Lake / Riverbank restoration | 90                | 0.00                |
|                                    | Invasive Species Control     | 20                | 0.00                |
|                                    | Other conservation work      | 217               | 0.00                |
|                                    | Pollution Response           |                   | 0.00                |
| Recreation/Countryside Maintenance | Visitor Site maintenance     | 214               | 0.00                |
|                                    | Whitlingham Country Park     | 282               | 0.00                |
|                                    | Public footpath work         | 14                | 0.00                |
| Public engagement                  | Education work               | 28                | 0.00                |
|                                    | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1005</b>       | <b>0.00</b>         |

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| Actual Percentage | 38% |
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| <b>Team total</b> | <b>3410</b> | <b>0.00</b> |
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Ranger Areas 2019/20



Senior Rangers (line managers)  
 // Northern Teams – Andy Ellson  
 // Southern Teams – Graeme Hewitt

Winter weekend Rangers (all areas)  
 Jon Hopes  
 David Paddick

**Bold = full time Rangers**, standard = summer seasonal Rangers