

Habitat Regulations Executive Committee

2019/20 Annual Business Plan – Annual Report: Appendix C

- Developed our education program and have been seeking out different groups to offer classes to, as per the activities listed below:
- Led a wildlife activity with Exminster Beavers (scouts)- “Estuary wildlife on your doorstep”
- Led a wildlife activity with Exminster Cubs (scouts) – “Estuary wildlife and disturbance”
- Presentation to the Friends of the Common forum for Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust (PHCT).
- Mitigation talk to Exmouth Devon Wildlife Trust local group re: Exe estuary.
- Mitigation talk for Shillingford wildlife group.
- Pop up displays at the Exmouth duck pond in the lead up to the start wildlife refuge – at least one pop up a week for a month. Continuation of pop ups during the refuge season as well as patrolling on the majority of high tides in order to educate and engage with the public.
- Daily interactions logged on SNAP monitoring software.
- Multiple articles written for the Exe Estuary Management Partnership newsletter ‘Exe Press’.
- Article written for local newspaper ‘Exmouth journal’.
- We had ITV come out on the boat with us so we could talk about the success and issues surrounding the wildlife refuge. We had a lot of positive feedback from members of the public that had seen the broadcast.
- We met with the Devon Wildfowling & Conservation Association group on the Exe to get a better understanding of their activities on the estuary.
- Sama went on maternity leave in November. Will joined us to cover Samas’ maternity and has been working hard to learn the role and attend the relevant training needed for the job role.
- We renewed our Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) affiliation with Devon & Cornwall Police and created a video for the police to use for training. The video is used to demonstrate how the accreditation can be of benefit to various organisations.
- Fed back on the carpark consultation on the Pebblebed Heaths and assisted with pop ups throughout the consultation process answering publics queries.
- We have been reviewing our social media and how effective each of our different approaches are. It has been a good medium for topical posts such as raising awareness of the wildlife refuges.
- Fed into changes to the Exmouth flood defence work taking place at the Duck pond to reduce impact on overwintering birds.
- Assisted with Dawlish Warren junior rangers ‘signs of autumn’ event.
- Attended Bassets primary school with EDDC countryside team. Educating two year 1 classes on the changes in the season and looking out for signs of autumn.
- Assisted with Heath week family festival day.

- Helped to create self-guided walks to be used during heath week along with the PHCT.
- Assisted with multiple Nightjar walk with the RSPB – partnership working
- Assisted with Devon Wildlife Trust family fun day at Bystock.
- Assisted with RSPB bat moth and nightjar walk with families.
- Assisted with events that Devon Loves Dogs have attended such as the Devon County Show, Killerton apple and cider festival and dog walks. It provides assistance but also gives us the opportunity to get our core messages out to the public. It helps to refresh both of our knowledge on each other's projects and know what our key messages are each season.