

## **Riverside Report 20/21,**

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee members and the Quay Warden for their work over the last year.

2020 started for all of us, under the cloud of covid. The river, as with most things, was closed to leisure boating until May when the lockdown restrictions eased. Apart from it being good business sense, it also helped people's mental wellbeing getting the slipway and river open as soon as we were able to. Many people took the opportunity to get back afloat and thankfully they observed the rules well regarding covid.

The committee purchased a robust fixed boat tent, so we could keep our launch in Orford enabling the quay warden to maintain it over the winter months, without having to take elsewhere. We also placed 7knot speed buoys at each end of the moorings to try and kerb our more throttle happy boaters. Financially wise, we had a very good year, especially with launching fees as more people took to the water. To make up for the loss of time on the river due to lockdown, we gave a 20% discount on this year's renewals. This has been well received.

On a sad note, especially for me as I spent 18 years using it as a landmark when I was a commercial fisherman based at Orford and Aldeburgh, we lost the lighthouse. I am sure many of you all too will miss it.

By the time you read this report we will have put in place a no parking hatching on the end of the quay, making it more pedestrian friendly and making it easier for the fishermen and other vessels who use the quay to unload their boats. Hopefully, it will ease congestion on the quay and encourage people to park on the car park.

The boatyard is nearly full which is what we want, and we have purchased new cctv cameras which will give everyone more peace of mind. We are in the process of putting fresh shingle on the foreshore.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable season on the river and quay. I am sure you all share my vision that it should be for everyone from boaters to those who just want to sit and admire the views, do a spot of crabbing, take a trip on the excellent trip boats that operate on the river to the Ness or even take a dip in the reliably chilly river Ore.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer 21.

Matt Smy,  
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