

Habitat Regulations Executive Committee

Appendix (F): Disturbance of birds at Dawlish Warren by Water Craft 2009-2017.

This table lists the significant disturbance incidents recorded by Officers of Teignbridge District Council, mainly during bird wardening sessions, with high tide times and heights given where applicable.

Date	High tide time	Height	Incident
2009			
15/8/09			Inshore Lifeboat training in Shutterton Creek (SC) area
2011			
14/9/11	08.40	3.8	Rowing boat put up c1000 Oystercatchers (OYC) on Finger Point (FP).
18/9/11	10.40	3.6	Gulls flushed from end of Warren Point (WP), probably by tourist cruise boat. Yacht flushed most of OYC from FP.
15/10/11	0915	3.9	White cabin cruiser with brown clinker tender sail into creek, separate just outside Eales Dock (ED), flushed some black head gulls and flushed some wigeon.
30/11/11	09.50	3.8	Rowing boat went too close to FP and flushed all birds briefly.
2012			
28/1/12	09.24	3.8	Minor disturbance of birds on FP by 2 speedboats.
27/7/12			White soft top cruiser anchored mid creek, as tide fell went aground on salt marsh
26/8/12			Large blue-grey rib drifting out of SC
6/9/12	10.23	3.5	Motorboat drove into (ED) and flushed flock of 175 Redshank roosting on embankment.
15/9/12			Small speed boat out of creek, birds disturbed (mostly gulls)
27/9/12	17.31	3.7	Man on paddle board flushed all birds from FP.
19/10/12	09.53	4.1	Small fishing boat flushed several 100 OYC from end of WP.
31/10/12	07.04	3.9	Small fishing boat putting out nets offshore flushed all Grey Plover and some Dunlin from beach at G14.
11/11/12	16.03	3.7	Kayaker came in close to FP, Hide, along SC, and flushed all roosting birds.

2013			
2/2/13	10.10	3.6	A rowing boat passed close to FP and flushed all the roosting birds.
20/7/13			Kayak landed on FP and flushed birds.
22/9/13	09.08	4	All waders flushed from FP- likely kayak disturbance.
6/10/13	08.15	4	Paddle boarders got too close to FP and flushed all birds.
9/10/13	10.00	3.9	3 kayakers disturbed saltmarsh bird roost.
23/10/13	09.33	3.8	2 people arrived by boat in Soft Sand Bay and approached Bight spur fence, flushing most of the roosting Curlews.
23/11/13	09.17	3.6	Most OYC flushed from FP by a boat that came too close.
2014			
22/7/14			Kayak flushed flock of Curlew on railway saltmarsh, which flew over to Hide island roost.
8/9/14	18.54	4.2	Rowing boat flushed waders from FP.
11/9/14	09.00	4.2	3 Paddle boarders flushed waders from saltmarsh roost.
26/9/14	08.42	3.8	OYCS flushed from FP, probably by a boat.
26/10/14	07.51	3.9	2 kayakers flushed wildfowl on water near the Hide.
29/10/14	09.35	3.7	3 Paddle boarders went close to FP and flushed 50% of roosting birds. Then a 2 man canoe in SC flushed Wigeon flocks.
2015			
2/8/15			2 PWC whizzing around in SC poss flushed OYC from FP on way by?
25/9/15	16.57	3.6	A boat entering ED flushed some Wigeon.
1/10/15	09.37	4.1	The same boat leaving ED briefly flushed some Wigeon.
2/10/15	10.16	4.1	As above, that boat entering ED caused short term disturbance to the Wigeon flock (1000+)
13/10/15	07.38	3.9	Boat leaving ED moved the Wigeon flocks around – birds resettled after 3 mins.
23/11/15	16.06	3.8	2 boats entered ED and disturbed Wigeon flocks- which flew upriver towards Cockwood.
2016			
30/5/16			Open blue/white boat into ED, small cruiser fishing in creek
7/7/16			Orange hulled cruiser in SC
7/8/16			Man on motorboat with dog and PWC landed on FP at HT and flushed c500 OYC.
24/8/16			Red motorboat in SC at speed, flushed flocks of Curlew.

26/8/16			2 Kayaks went close to saltmarsh on way to ED and 1 white rowing boat came out of there, no disturbance seen, but no Curlews roosting there, which is unusual.
4/9/16			Rowing boat in SC
10/9/16			Powerboat from ED at high speed, flushed 100s birds
11/9/16			1 small motorboat from ED landed WP flushed 100 teal Kite Surfer in Easton Area – Swans flushed Powerboat from ED – High speed up river
18/9/16	08.31	4.1	Small white motorboat came out of ED, and flushed 100s Wigeon and Teal.
1/10/16			Powerboat – Obsession88 at high speed from ED + RIB also from ED. Disturbed c100 wildfowl
13/10/16	17.03	3.6	Kayaker disturbed 200+ OYCs near the Hide, then 1000+ Wigeon and Teal in SC area.
21/10/16			Powerboat Obsession 88 flushed 2000+ wigeon & Teal – returned to ED. Birds left the area
22/10/16			Kayak disturbed the birds from Railway Saltmarsh, FP and Island 11:30 to 12:30
23/10/16			Dinghy landed on FP – flushed birds
23/9/16	17.03	3.6	Kayaker disturbed 200+ OYCs near the Hide, then 1000+ Wigeon and Teal in SC area.
16/12/16	08.01		Red speedboat heading to ED at speed and flushed some ducks (Wigeon/Teal) and Brent Geese.
19/12/16	10.04		White motorboat, with man rod fishing on rear, drove away from near FP loudly- caused minor flush of a few 100 OYC and Dunlin.
2017			
13/8/17			Kayak & 2 Paddleboards disturbed birds from FP & Bight
25/8/17			Dinghy disturbed birds from FP, second dinghy in SC – lots of flying gulls and terns not certain of disturbance.
6/9/17			Kayak landed in the Bight, disturbed 300 waders.