

PAG report to the HB, June 26

The Exeter MP, Steve Race accompanied by Phil Byliak and Cat Chambers were taken on a tour of the lower river April. Prior to that a lengthy discussion took place in the HM's office on the subject of the HRO, as well as other river matters. Steve was very interested in all that was involved and asked many questions about the river, so hopefully he can connect with his government's ministers to look after the interests of the Exe.

Some apparently abandoned boats have been dismantled and debris removed by those responsible, but a number of others are totally abandoned and remain a problem on the river.

The weekend patrols have continued and their presence is welcome. Perhaps more volunteers are needed though as in the summer months and around Easter the behaviour of some boaters is less than considerate. In fact, during Steve Race's visit, a RIB with young men aboard had to be politely reminded about water skiing type activity needing to be pursued in the Water ski area.

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