

## **Report to the Exeter Harbour Board, March 25.**

After the storms in the autumn the weather has been a little kinder on the river in terms of damage and disruption although we have still had storms fairly often. Luckily boats which were most in danger had been moved or their moorings reinforced but the erosion from the end of Dawlish Warren has been quite significant. The usual Stuart line mooring in that area is now subject to the full force of wind and waves and they have moved their largest boat to further up the river in a safer area. The rubber tube which was meant to protect the warren is now washed over at every high tide and it's almost disappeared into the sand so that it fulfills no real purpose at all.

I have met the harbour master two or three times informally to confer over these problems but until the end of the stormy season it will be difficult to tell what the problems will be for the coming boating season.

I have contacted the new Exmouth/ Exeter MP regarding a tour of the river in April and he is at present refining his diary for that time. Hopefully the Harbourmaster and I can give him a good feeling for the problems of river users and the variety of businesses which are based on the river.

Also, I met the new officers for the Exe Estuary Management Partnership and attended their forum in February. I was also asked to speak to the Exeter Canal and Quay trust last week to outline the activities on the rest of the river and to impress on them that their activities are part of the harbour and for the people of Exeter city it is quite an important area for relaxation and leisure activity.

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