

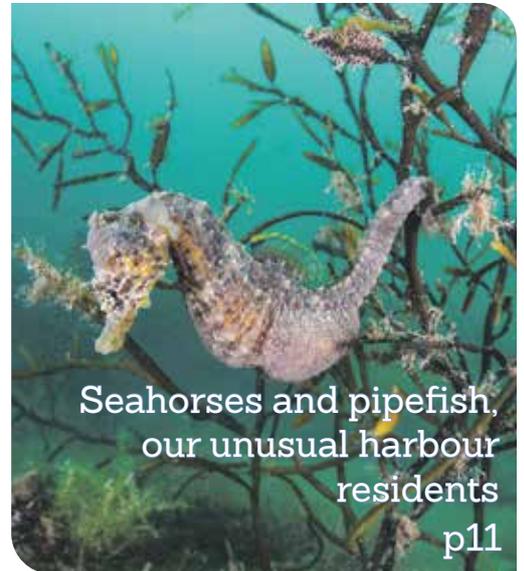
Summer 2020

Friends of  
Chichester Harbour

# Newsletter



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## The New Normal

In our newsletter we look back to those strangely quiet days of lockdown and also hear from local businesses and how they have had to adapt to ever-changing circumstances

## Dear Friends

2020 will certainly be a year we won't forget in a hurry.

Like an enormous number of organisations we effectively went into hibernation during the lockdown. For obvious reasons we have been unable to run events, carry out work parties and operate *Terror*. We are going to resume those activities as soon as we feel that it is safe and practicable, but we will have missed much of 2020 before that can happen. I very much hope that as members you will feel comfortable about returning to the fold and helping us in the future.

We have taken the decision as Trustees not to hold a physical AGM this year. We have little of substance to report, and we felt that with an older membership, this was a gathering that would fall into the unnecessary bracket. We will respond to all questions that are put to us, and we will of course be circulating our financial report and the chairmans' report.

On environmental matters it was fascinating to see the impact of lockdown on the harbour. I was struck by two things - where human activity diminished or substantially reduced we saw dramatic changes in water clarity and bird nesting. This year we had avocets arriving and breeding in

West Wittering, and we saw seahorses in the clearer waters at East Head and other places in the harbour. On the down side the effect of having so many people with free time meant that our major footpaths were seriously affected by cycling and general overuse, and the incredible littering has been a blight on the whole area. We will have a hard winter making good the damage, especially as our work parties have not been out all spring and summer.

Finally, I hope you all saw the excellent BBC Countryfile on the 26th July which showcased the harbour. I was particularly pleased as it was the Friends who first raised the issue of microplastic pollution with our sponsoring of the post graduate research at Portsmouth University, leading to the scientific symposium we initiated and ran. The output of that symposium in terms of research into materials that attract and retain microplastics is at a very exciting stage. I hope to have more details next year.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope to see you around the harbour as we try to come out of this difficult period.

*Oliver Chipperfield*

## In brief

### Oysterboat *Terror*

The 1895 oysterboat *Terror*, beautifully restored by Chichester Harbour Conservancy some 15 years ago, has been forced to cancel all bookings from members of the public for the 2020 season as a result of Covid-19. A dedicated team has maintained her over the winter and she can be seen, fully rigged and in all her glory on the visitor pontoon opposite The Deck at Emsworth Yacht Harbour. It is hoped that bookings can start again in early 2021, subject to Government restrictions, but for further information go to [www.oysterboatterror.org.uk](http://www.oysterboatterror.org.uk).

*Chris Clode – Chairman, Terror Operating Committee*

***Terror* sailing in 2019 as part of the Emsworth Sailing Club centenary celebrations**



### Events Roundup



All events were cancelled over the summer and nothing is planned for the immediate future. We will be in touch via email as soon as we feel we can offer something in line with Covid-19 guidelines. The photo above is from the popular Cobnor Estate tours usually held each year and hosted by Diana Beale.

### Brilliant Gin offer

Gail at Brilliant Gin based in Itchenor contributed to our article 'The New Normal'. The team have offered readers of this newsletter a 15% discount on any online orders. Visit [www.brilliantgin.co.uk](http://www.brilliantgin.co.uk) and use the code **friends15** at the checkout.



# Message from the Chairman

## Friends of Chichester Harbour AGM 2020

Since the original “lock-down” imposed by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee of the Friends have been closely monitoring the impact of the restrictions on the business of the charity. To date this has meant that the Friends’ Events and Working Party activities have been curtailed, albeit the Executive have continued to meet and make grants to the Conservancy and monitor the charity’s finances.

In accordance with the Constitution, a tentative date of 22nd October had been set for the 2020 AGM. This is an important meeting for the governance of the charity where the accounts are examined and where Trustees are appointed. In recent weeks, however, it has become increasingly clear to the Executive that the Covid-19 restrictions will not permit the holding of a “traditional” AGM. In line with the advice from the Charity Commission, the Executive has therefore decided to conduct the business of the AGM by way of an electronic or paper circulation to members. I trust you will feel able to endorse this approach.

**Oliver Chipperfield (Chairman)**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic the business of the thirty third Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Chichester Harbour will be held by way of an electronic or paper circulation to members. Any responses to, or queries on, any item of business should reach the Secretary by 5.30pm on Thursday 31st October 2020.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting (available on the website or via Secretary)
2. Presentation of the 2019/20 Annual Report by the Chairman (available as above)
3. Presentation of the 2018/19 Accounts by the Treasurer (available as above)
4. Election of the Honorary Accounts Examiner
5. Election of the Officers and Executive Committee for 2020/21

The 2019/2020 Officers and Executive Committee were:

Chairman ..... Oliver Chipperfield (2015)

Vice-Chairman ..... Heather Baker (2018)

Treasurer ..... Vacant - to be co-opted September 2020

Secretary ..... Mike Lewis (2012)

Membership Secretary ..... Pam Marrs (2012)

Events ..... Managed by the Events Committee

Newsletter Editor ..... Overseen by the Chairman

Other Members ..... Chris Harvey (2012), Mark Stanton (2017), Chris Clode (Terror) (2015), Val Davis (2019) and Nigel Bennett (2019). Richard Sells (Feb) and Claire Stokes (Sept) were co-opted as Trustees during 2020.

The Treasurer Andrea Steer stood down in July 2020, Richard Sells and Claire Stokes were co-opted during 2020. All Officers and Committee members are willing to continue.

Any other person wishing to stand for election as an Officer or member of the Executive Committee should submit their nomination in writing and ensure it is received by the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM. All nominations received will be announced to the membership and a ballot will then be held if necessary.

**M Lewis (Secretary) 8th September 2020**

# Planning for the Future

Planning is a topic close to all our hearts, applications for change to where we live and the landscape around us are always worrying. Change to what we know and love can feel threatening and hostile, and can create an instant reaction of rejection. Heather Baker from the Conservancy's Planning Committee explains what it means for the AONB.

Change is what keeps communities and landscapes vibrant. Without change we would not have seasons, sunshine and warmth followed by wind and rain and cold. Wildlife would not have food, the land would not remain fertile, businesses would not grow, jobs and opportunities would not increase, economies would not thrive, people would not have homes to live in.

The challenge is to balance the benefits against the drawbacks.

## So how do we influence planning decisions?

The planning authorities (LPA's) for the harbour are Chichester District Council and Havant Borough Council. While the Harbour Conservancy is a consultee, it is not a statutory consultee. The distinction is important in that while it will be consulted by these two authorities on any planning application within the AONB boundary and also those applications on or just outside the boundary that are visible from within

the AONB, the LPA is not required to follow the advice of the Conservancy, or even give it due weight in planning terms.

But in partnership with each of these authorities the Conservancy has written a Chichester Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which has been adopted by the two planning authorities and so will be accorded due weight in the decision making process. The SPD states that, as within all AONB's, the role of the planning system is to ensure that any development conserves or enhances the natural beauty of the landscape.

The Conservancy is consulted on the impact of all planning applications on the AONB landscape or nature conservation and also takes into account the socio-economic benefit of such developments on the wider area. The Conservancy bases its responses on the development plan policies for Havant

## Recent Planning Applications

We find ourselves faced with a wide range of applications. Many are for extensions to existing houses and businesses, some are for replacement dwellings, and some are for changes of use from one type of business to another or from business to residential. In all cases we need to balance the effect upon the protected landscape with the benefits to the environment, the community, and the economy, the landscape being the over-riding priority.

Here are three cases where we have effectively influenced the planning authority to the benefit of the protected landscape:

### **APP/20/00485 The Langstone Hotel, Northney Road, Hayling Island**

We objected to a modular clad portable building for health and wellness activities due to the location and the scale of the proposal with open roof terraces APP/19/00802. The amended version improved the location but did not address the other issues. The application was withdrawn and resubmitted with a smaller structure and less terracing. The resubmission was reconsidered by CHC and this time not objected to.

### **BO/20/00571/DOM 1, Elm Terrace, Green Lane, Bosham**

We objected to extend the dwelling to the rear with a two-storey flat roof addition BO/19/03087/DOM. The application was withdrawn and the resubmission with a ridged roof was considered by CHC and this time not objected to.

### **CH/19/02694/DOM AMENDED PLANS Wheatfields, Cot Lane, Chidham**

We objected to extend the dwelling in the roof space converting a hipped roof to a gable on one of a pair of semi-detached houses. The application was amended to retain the hipped roof and provide a smaller roof window. The amended version was considered by CHC and this time not objected to.



## Friends support new pump out for Itchenor

The Friends have donated over £10,000 towards the installation of a new pump out facility on the Itchenor jetty. The pump, installed by the Conservancy, allows waste water to be quickly and easily drained from vessels directly into the sewage network, where it can then be managed and treated. It is available year round for all sailors and boaters and is free of charge.



Peter Arnold

Oliver Chipperfield, Chairman of the Friends of Chichester Harbour, added: "Many sailors and boaters are Friends of Chichester Harbour. We were delighted to support this project which directly benefits that user group. The sailing community is very aware of the importance of water quality. By providing them with this new and improved pump out station we are helping them to protect the environment."

## Chichester Harbour Trust News

We have been feeling reflective after two recent land acquisitions fell through. We are experiencing some recurring themes and particular challenges within Chichester Harbour that are helping us to review our strategy to achieve our goal of protecting this special environment.



In one case, we had agreed a private purchase for an 11-acre saline lagoon within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Birdham (right). We worked very closely with the local community to raise funds and buy this Local Wildlife Site to put it into positive conservation management for the benefit of its ecology, and to provide assurance to local people that this special area would be protected permanently. However, at an advanced stage and after many months of work, we were informed that the land was in fact being sold to a private individual.

In the second case, we were working closely with the Conservancy and others on the purchase of an important parcel of land at Bosham and received great support from the local community. Again, the land was sold to a private individual. We had been involved in this project for a number of years, and sadly we were not able to complete the transaction.

We face an unusual set of circumstances in Chichester Harbour, whereby the particularly high land prices are coupled with a concentration of high net worth individuals. Whilst this presents many opportunities for our fundraising campaigns, it also raises conflicts of interest and a desire from individuals to purchase land for private purposes. Ownership by the Trust provides long term security for the harbour community and the environment.

Given these recent events, we are reviewing our approach to land purchases, to try to avoid these circumstances arising in future. As our unique and distinctive harbour comes under increasing pressure on all sides, our role, working along with the Conservancy and the Friends of Chichester Harbour has never been more important in ensuring it survives for future generations to enjoy.

Borough Council and Chichester District Council, the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan and other planning guidance. Decisions will be taken either by the officers of the Conservancy using delegated powers, or by the planning committee, depending upon the nature of the application. One member of the board of the Friends of Chichester Harbour sits on this planning committee, which includes representatives of the Conservancy, CDC, HBDC, WSCC, Harbour Federation, and local businesses and residents.

All this means that while we will do our best to resist all developments which do not conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB, in reality the local authorities have the final decision, and that will be based upon need and benefit versus harm.

Sometimes our opinion does not win the day.

LPA's have a very difficult job to do in that they are required by central government to build a quota of new homes within the plan period, usually about 20 years. Mitigating circumstances sometimes apply, but usually the LPA struggles to find sufficient room for these houses in suitable and acceptable locations, without encroaching on protected landscapes or vulnerable areas. Their local plan needs to commit to these numbers. The risk to LPA's is that if they cannot or do not comply the decisions will be taken out of their hands and the Planning Inspectorate will make decisions on their behalf, decisions which are not based on the same local knowledge or feelings at their heart, and decisions which will not bring community benefits or conditions of building along with them.

It's all a difficult balancing act, and one which causes huge emotional upheaval in our communities. We care passionately about the harbour and its environs, and we will continue to strive to look after it.

*Heather Baker*

# The new normal

As we all know earlier this year everything came to an abrupt halt and for a few weeks there was little sign of life around the harbour. *Ali Beckett* chatted to a few of the local businesses to get a sense of what life was like for them and how they view the future.

Based in Itchenor, husband and wife team Graham and Gail are founders of the Brilliant Gin brand. Their gin has won a number of awards and is stocked in high end stores including Harrods. As suppliers to the hospitality trade their business was hugely affected. Orders stopped immediately and all the events they were planning to attend were cancelled. The team had to shift their focus to online sales. They used social media to attract customers to their website and were soon busy despatching something 'Brilliant' to their customers' doorsteps. These sales kept the business ticking over. With restrictions lifting, orders are slowly returning but the couple are aware that it will take a while for the hospitality trade to re-establish. They are cautiously optimistic as export orders have also started to increase.

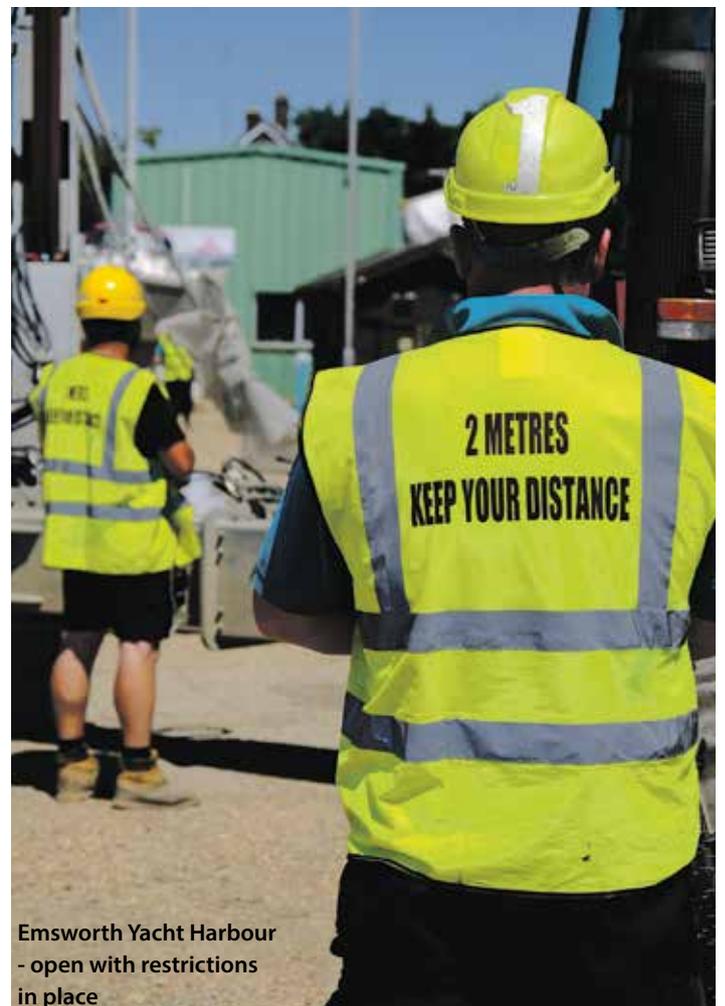
At Birdham Pool, Tim Gilmore of Dolphin Quay boatyard has a well established business restoring and maintaining wooden boats. Over the lockdown the marina itself closed down but Tim and most of his team were able to continue working as they had quite a few ongoing projects in their shed. With all leisure sailing halted, Tim regularly checked on his customers' boats afloat. Tim recalls one occasion during the lockdown when he got permission from the Conservancy to move a customer's boat from Emsworth to Birdham. He said 'it was a beautiful day, but the harbour was totally empty, it was actually quite eerie. It may have been good for the wildlife but I wouldn't want to see the harbour like that again, it felt unnatural'. The team have quite a lot of ongoing work and a loyal customer base but like everyone they are very aware that the future is uncertain.

Emsworth Yacht Harbour is a family owned marina with over 200 pontoon berths. Owner Alison Wakelin reports, 'We closed the office and ceased yard services when the lockdown was announced and furloughed six members of staff. James, our Boatyard Manager and Ian, one of the team maintained a presence on the site and continued to carry out site and boat checks. I worked from home. Our new Marina Manager, Tom, started work with us from late March and we worked remotely, keeping in touch with customers and updating them on the changing situation. As the guidance changed, we put together risk assessments to allow us to bring back activities and have a

phased reopening of the site. We reopened the marina fully in mid-May with our COVID-19 restrictions in place'.

Alison is also cautiously optimistic for the future. Currently they are extremely busy and have a waiting list for berths. Boat sales are strong with people keen to get out on the water and enjoy one of our better summers.

The sailing clubs are usually busy throughout the year and are a way for sailors to socialise as well as enjoy activities on the water. Chichester Yacht Club quickly found ways to keep their members in touch. Commodore Tony Mobbs reports, 'Once the lockdown was announced in March, CYC became a virtual sailing club with our members holding on-line Zoom meetings



Emsworth Yacht Harbour  
- open with restrictions  
in place

Tony Mobbs outside Chichester Yacht Club



and also eRacing events. In addition new interest groups sprung up such as quiz nights, Book Clubs and a Computing Club. The Club established a Major Incident Committee to deal with furloughing of staff and the reams of government guidelines. They have gradually reintroduced activities including a new takeaway service which is open to the public. The Club introduced new "Blue Flag" events to encourage members back on the water, with the safeguard of a support boat available if someone gets into difficulties.

Looking to the future, Tony says. 'We know we have a sustainable club with very loyal members. Times are going to

be tough and different, but I do see us coming out the other end, a bit leaner but fitter for the future!'

In the summer months, West Wittering Estate gets the highest visitors numbers of anywhere in the harbour. The private estate that owns and maintains West Wittering Beach and the surrounding area closed down on 21st March, one of the first public spaces in the country to do so. For nine weeks only locals within walking distance could access the beach. To reopen they had to make some drastic changes, James Crespi told us, 'We introduced a completely new system that required beach visitors to pre book their space in the car park via the JustPark App. This allowed us to limit the number of vehicles into the car park in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines'. Their plans have worked so well that they have been used as a 'best practice' example in the official Government Covid 19 Guide to managing countryside and coastal areas.

The future for West Wittering beach looks good, James continues, 'We have always wanted to control the number of visitors to the beach, particularly on hot peak demand days. The new pre paid system will give us the opportunity to do this into the future and manage demand for the beach in a more sustainable manner.

No-one knows quite what the near future holds but most of our harbourside businesses have shown adaptability and resilience which should stand them in good stead for the coming years.

## A deserted harbour - April 2020



# Living in the AONB during lockdown

*Judi Darley, Communities Officer at The Conservancy was living in Itchenor during the lockdown and reminds us of what it was like during that period*



During the 3 weeks of lockdown proper it was as if, in the harbour's settings, the re-set button had been pushed. The result – a blank canvas on which I began to notice things, one after the other, as if it was the first time.

Firstly, I gazed at the deep blue sky, a pure fresh blue un-marked by clouds or criss-crossed by the con-trails from planes. The sea was a beautiful deep turquoise – clear and inviting. All around was the sound of silence – no noise from big commercial planes or the marmite of the flying world – the Spitfires and the Harvard flying out from Goodwood. You either love the noise they make or hate it! In case you're wondering, I am proud of their history but do they really have to fly over an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

At East Head I became acutely aware of the soft sound of the waves gently splashing on to the shore – the pure sound free from the normal sunny beach sounds of the shrieking and laughing of families.

A linnet was perched on top of a brambly shrub – holding itself erect and singing the most extraordinary beautiful song – I heard it all as there was no interruptions from anything or anyone else.

Looking along the harbour channels there were no boats moving, or at the anchorages of East Head, Pilsey or at Fairway. It was an opportunity to appreciate the wide expanse of water at high tide, surrounded by the fresh greens of the new saltmarsh and woodland, growing because it was springtime but adding to the feeling that everything was starting again.

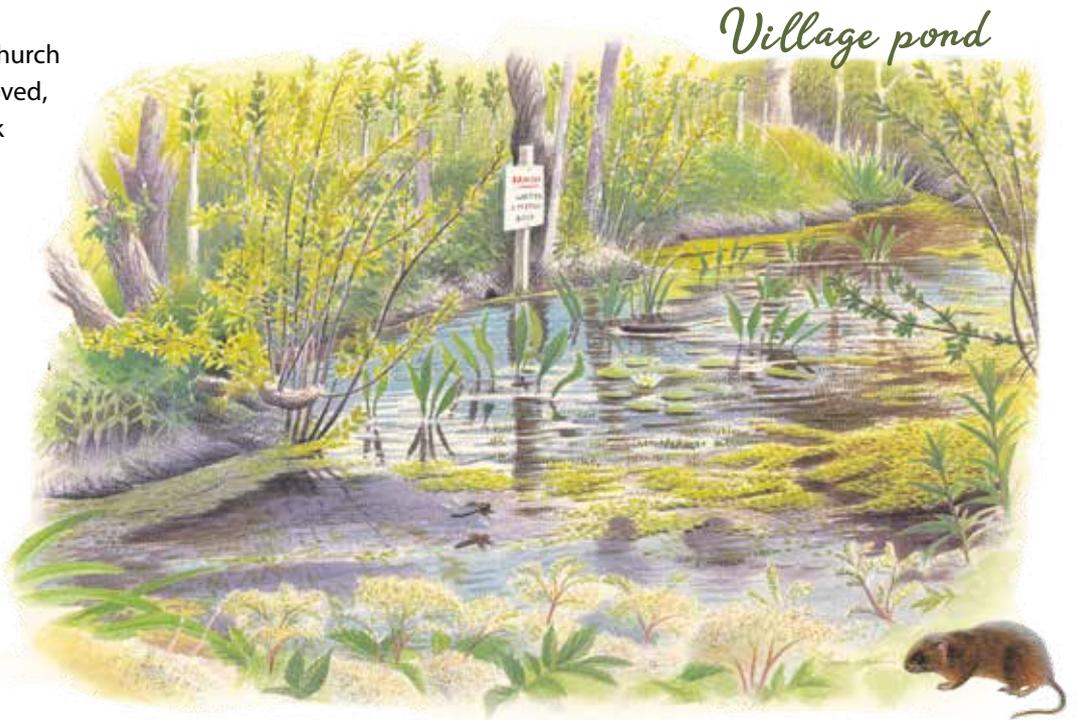
As the days went by this new canvas began to be populated by other things – the variety and colour of the spring wildflowers – especially the primroses and the bluebells at the start and later the scurvy grass and the orchids. The sounds were enriched with the songs of birds singing to attract a mate and to keep their territory. In the sky, clouds appeared from time to time (rain came much later) and on some days the harbour was overlaid with a light layer of cumulus, those beautiful cotton wool clouds.

I was one of the lucky ones, I remained well during this time and so did my family, thankfully, and I was happy to do my bit to help by staying near home and shopping for food just once a week. We were so lucky with the weather and I was fortunate to be able to see the Harbour just as it is and with few people around. It gave me a glorious golden sense of wellbeing and I will never forget it.

# Restoring Birdham's Ponds

Running along Westlands Lane in Birdham are three small ponds. A few years ago they were easy to miss as they were obscured by overgrown trees and shrubs. However, the industrious volunteers led by Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group's conservation project, 'Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands' have totally transformed the ponds and are now installing colourful interpretation panels.

The village pond, opposite the church had overgrown vegetation removed, and large, shading trees cut back to allow sunlight to reach the water, preventing it becoming stagnant. In addition the bed of the pond was deepened, and silt was removed to increase the pond's carrying capacity, so flood water can be taken away from the village and out to sea. The pond is home to water voles who enjoy the buffet of wetland plants growing along the banks. Look out for small, round burrows in the banks, sometimes with a little nibbled 'lawn' of grass by the entrance.



Just up the road is the larger Triangle Pond and copse which was transformed into a tranquil, natural haven in 2019. Around the pond native fruiting trees such as hawthorn, blackthorn, and elder provide nectar-rich flowers for pollinators and berries for birds. Wood mice and bank voles snack on hazelnuts and acorns. In the evenings you may spot Common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, and noctule bats visiting the pond to feed on flying insects.



Artwork by John Davis

**With more people out walking and discovering their local areas than ever before, the Conservancy have produced a set of downloadable self-guided walks around the AONB.**

To download other walks, short strolls and bicycle rides visit [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk)

## Itchenor Circular

A leisurely walk through the pretty village of Itchenor (also known as West Itchenor) within the Chichester Harbour AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). The route starts in the village centre which has a pay and display car park, pub, café, public toilets and the Harbour Office. The walk goes along a shoreline embankment, past attractive houses, through farmland and along the Harbour shoreline with splendid views in all directions.

**6km (4 miles)**

**23m over the whole route**

**1½ hours**

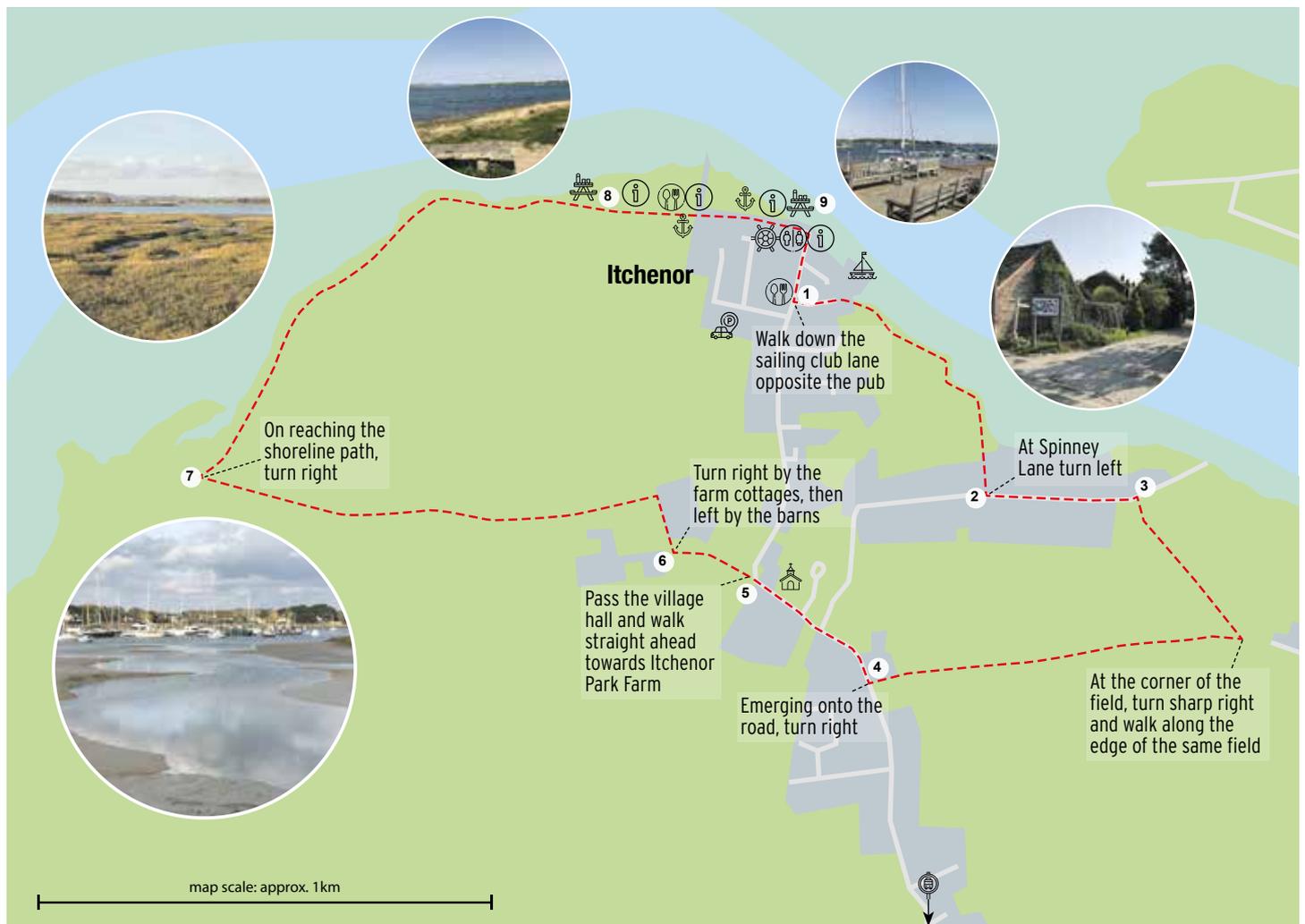
**Leisurely**

**OS Explorer 120 or use OSmaps app**

**Pay & display or use MiPermit app.**  
**Grid ref: SU 798 012**

**Shoreline paths may flood at high tide, check tidal times before setting out.**

**Stagecoach 52 or 53, Itchenor Crossroads Stop Grid Ref. SZ 800 992.**  
**Walk 1.3km/20 mins to start at point 4.**



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| Picnic spots      | Toilets  |
| Café or pub       | Parking  |
| Information panel | Bus stop |
| Sailing Club      | Boatyard |
| Harbour Office    | Church   |

**Walkers** - please keep to the public footpath network.

**Dog Walkers** - please keep your dog under control and give wildlife some space.

**Cyclists** - cyclists do not have a right of way on public footpaths.

### Waypoints

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| 1. SU 799 012 | 4. SU 801 004 | 7. SU 786 008 |
| 2. SU 803 008 | 5. SU 798 007 | 8. SU 791 014 |
| 3. SU 809 005 | 6. SU 797 007 | 9. SU 799 014 |

# Seahorses and Pipe-fish

*Peter Hughes, Ecologist, Chichester Harbour Conservancy*

A recent video posted on social media showed a lone seahorse drifting along, just under the surface, apparently in the sandy shallow waters off East Head, Chichester Harbour. I received several enquiries relating to this, most along the lines of “can this be genuine?!” to which my replies mostly consisted of the line “yes, sure, why not?” - it appears that many harbour users are unaware of the local presence of these remarkable creatures.

Two species of seahorses occur in UK waters – the Short-snouted seahorse *Hippocampus hippocampus* and the Long-snouted seahorse (aka Spiny seahorse) *Hippocampus guttulatus* and both are found all around the UK coastline, although of course most people, even experienced divers, fishers and anglers have never seen a live one.

Because they are so hard to observe in the wild, not a great deal is known about their ecology in the UK, despite seahorses being one of the most recognisable groups of marine animals in the world. They are usually associated with shallow coastal waters and estuaries, probably spending much of their time in well-structured, weedy habitats such as seagrass beds that provide both food (tiny shrimplike invertebrates) and cover from predators. As they are not great swimmers they apparently cling to weed with their prehensile tail, looking much like the weeds in which they live.

Famously, seahorses have an unusual breeding biology involving prolonged courtship behaviours, before the female deposits her eggs into the male’s brood pouch. The male then looks after the young which he carries about until they are ready to be released as free-swimming seahorse fry.

Despite their unusual appearance, lack of scales and vertical swimming position, seahorses are a fish of the family *Syngnathidae* – they are often assumed to be crustaceans! Their close relatives the pipe-fish are also rather poorly known and hard to observe.

Six species occur around the UK, at least three of which can be found in Chichester Harbour – I am aware of their presence as they sometimes turn up on small fish surveys in the harbour, or are observed being caught by fish-eating birds such as terns or grebes. They are evidently fairly common and live amongst the weeds and rocks on the seafloor, and are occasionally encountered on the foreshore as they can survive out of the water, between tides, quite happily.

The presence of both seahorses and pipe-fish is impacted by any dredging and anchoring that disrupts the development of weedy habitats in the harbour – one of reasons there are restrictions on these activities, especially where seagrass beds have been identified.



**Male short-snouted seahorse hangs on to weed with its prehensile tail**

Alamy / Nature Picture Library

# When Countryfile Visited Chichester Harbour

By Richard Austin

It had been many years since the BBC's Countryfile Team had been to the Harbour. In May this year, their researchers contacted us to see if there was interest in hosting a visit. We responded positively with a long list of potential stories for them to feature. Their Team choose the ones they were most interested in, and from there, we developed the ideas and planned the filming.

The shoot took place on 9th and 10th of July, with presenters and contributors working at Itchenor, Dell Quay, Chidham, Cobnor, Thorney Island and out on the water. The stories covered were an introduction to the Conservancy, the tern rafts, the seals, the importance of saltmarshes, the state of the oyster beds, and our workshop apprentice.

Most of the features were filmed with more than one take. In fact, during my article on saltmarshes, the footage ceased every time the Spitfire flew over, due to the noise impact. Even the best-laid plans sometimes go awry!

The broadcast was aired on BBC 1 on 26th July and thereafter available on the iPlayer. We did a great job of raising the profile of the Harbour and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Soon after, we received an email from the BBC Team thanking us for hosting their visit and saying that they look forward to visiting Chichester Harbour again soon. Let's hope we don't have to wait quite as long next time around!

**Richard Austin explaining coastal squeeze to Matt Baker whilst being filmed for BBC Countryfile**



**Friends Survey.** We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our recent survey. It has been really beneficial in understanding more about our membership and the issues that are important for you all. We will provide more detailed feedback and how this information will affect our work in the next newsletter. Thanks again!

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## New Members Welcome

Membership rates:

Single: £20

Couple: £30

Family: £40

Members receive regular newsletters, invites to special events, discount on Conservancy events and the opportunity to join environmental work parties.

To join please email: [membership@friendsch.org](mailto:membership@friendsch.org)

**Existing Members:** please check your standing order is for the correct new rate.