

**Notes on 'Controls on Antisocial Behaviour'
by Commander David Vaughan of Teignmouth Harbour Commission**

Combating antisocial behaviour is about education. There are lots of different users and activities going on. Communication is the key word.

The only way to deal with antisocial behaviour is to have some sort of patrol to raise awareness. On the Exe, there is a patrol boat provided by Exeter City Council. East Devon District Council provides Andy Phillips 1 day a month to look after the patrol boat and the stalwarts who crew it. The cox and crew are all volunteers. Funding for the boat's fuel is donated by local partners including councillors, parish councils and local boat clubs. All donations are very gratefully received. The patrol boat helps to make the Exe a pleasant place to be despite the actions of a minority. Commander Vaughan thanked Andy and patrol boat volunteers for their efforts.

Whistleblowing is another powerful tool – people reporting incidences to the authorities.

Often asked 'Is it OK to exceed the 10 knot speed limit if reduces your wash?' No, exceeding 10 knots means you may not have time to react when you see or encounter other users, such as swimmers. Hazardous.

(Midge Kelly, Exe Estuary Officer)