

8. Conclusion

The Exe Estuary is an internationally important resource, which caters for the needs of both people and wildlife. This report describes many of the different aspects of the Exe such as the landscape, local population, aesthetic beauty, diverse wildlife and habitats. It identifies various activities and existing management schemes which occur on the Exe and describes the extent of their impact. The report also highlights the physical processes and climate changes which occur daily and over longer periods, and shape the Estuary with different degrees of intensity. These changes force local people and wildlife to adapt and adjust, and remind us that the Estuary is a dynamic system.

Equipped with an understanding of these interrelated factors there is a lot that can be done to protect, sustain and monitor the Exe Estuary effectively, working towards a sustainable future.

Information from a wide variety of sources has been brought together during the production of this report. There is an abundance of interesting data available about the Exe Estuary, but the difficulty was identifying where it was held and who is responsible for up dating it. As it stands the report provides a description of the State of the Exe Estuary in 2006, but it only represents a static perspective – a snap shot. In order to ensure that this document remains relevant and useful it is important that the Exe Estuary Management Partnership is aware of relevant current and proposed studies and surveys, and that any results are made available to them. This will enable the Partnership to create a continuous record of information about the different aspects of the Estuary and the data can be used to inform future management decisions.



Source: Exe Estuary Management Partnership

