

## **Broads Authority Report 2025**

**Rangers** - Maxine Willoughby has left the Broads Authority for pastures new. Peter Worrall continues as the full-time ranger on the Thurne and Lower Bure. He is responsible for the area upstream of Potter bridge and is now the main point of contact for Potter Heigham. Matt Larkman returns for another year as Seasonal Ranger and has extended his area of responsibility to include Potter Heigham from downstream of Potter bridge. We welcome our new full-time ranger Jess Alleguen to the Thurne and Lower Bure team as well as returning assistant ranger Lewis Lavery.

**Volunteers** – Our two Potter Heigham Site Specific Volunteers continue the regular cutting, strimming and litter picking of the PH BA sites. They have spent the winter edging the paths, cutting back brambles for path access and cleaning all the signs on the moorings before the start of the season.

**Weeds** – All of the PH sites will have their first spray at the end of April to early May. All sites are sprayed three times a year between April and October, in accordance with our EA licence.

**Bridge Green 24hr mooring** – This winter we have replaced all the slats on the benches and given the frames a fresh coat of paint. There is also a new accessible area leading off the footpath that has two new picnic benches on it.

**Dingy Park mooring** – The maintenance team has topped up the mooring with stone this winter.

**Potter Heigham Staithe** – We have continued to address the voids behind the capping by adding new tarmac. The drains next to the road have also been cleared out.

A reminder to all that there is a 7.5t weight restriction on the Staithe. The only exception to this is the bin lorry.

**Launch** – We now have a launch based at Hickling so we can have a stronger presence both sides of Potter bridge throughout the year.

**Enforcement** – Full Area Vessel Compliance Checks will be conducted in May and September on the main river and adjacent waters.

Speed checks continue in and around the Potter Heigham area. The electronic speed sign has been moved around the Thurne and Lower Bure. Late patrols and safety days are planned in for the coming season.

**Bright Lights on Banks** – Rangers will be carrying out nighttime patrols again this year to check on bright lights outside riverside bungalows, impairing the vision of navigating vessels. (BA Navigation byelaw 80).