

LUNDY MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE ADVISORY GROUP

The Aims of the Group are: 1) to provide a nucleus of expertise on the marine habitats and waters surrounding Lundy; 2) to provide a forum for exchanging views on present and proposed activities around Lundy; 3) to safeguard the interests of all those who use the waters around Lundy and its natural resources; and 4) to advise the Management Forum for the island.

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Notes of the 7th meeting of the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group

(formerly known as the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve Advisory Group, of which this was the 37th meeting, and prior to that the Lundy Marine Consultation Group, of which this was the 55th meeting)

held on **Monday 29th April 2013** aboard the MS *Oldenburg* at Bideford Quay at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Keith Hiscock	(KH)	Marine Biological Association – Chair
Derek Green	(DG)	Lundy Manager
Beccy McDonald	(BMc)	Lundy Warden
Jonny Aird	(JA)	Lundy Diver Liaison
Mel Parker	(MP)	Minute Taker
Ruth Porter	(RP)	Natural England
Ben Green	(BG)	Environment Agency
Andy Bell	(ABel)	UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Braunton
Gaye Tabor	(GT)	Torrige District Council
Steve Ashton	(SA)	Ilfracombe & North Devon Sub-Aqua Club
Mike Deaton	(MD)	Appledore Sub-Aqua Club
Clive Pearson	(CP)	Clovelly Charters – <i>Jessica Hettie</i>
Alan Hall	(AH)	BoatristoLundy – <i>Lundy Castaway</i>
John Fanthorpe	(JF)	<i>Lundy Castaway</i> Boat Charter
John Ball	(JB)	NDF&A & Clovelly Shellfishermen's Association
M Legg	(ML)	Choppers Crazy Boat Trips
Geoff Huelin	(GH)	Shellfisherman
Dave Jenkins	(DJ)	Morte Wildlife Group
Andrew Bengey	(ABen)	<i>Obsession</i> Charters
Chris Mandry	(CM)	British Sub-Aqua Club
Sarah Clark	(SC)	Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority
Simon Ingram	(SI)	University of Plymouth
Roseanne Graham	(RG)	University of Plymouth
John Mellor	(JM)	University of Plymouth
Leigh Hanks	(LH)	<i>Obsession</i> Charters

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, especially the new attendees. He also thanked DG for making the Oldenburg available for the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from: Robert Irving (Lundy Field Society/Marine Conservation Society – Secretary), Alison James (English Heritage) although she had provided copies of

the English Heritage update and hard copies circulated. KH handed out two copies of the *Iona II* report and said that he can forward electronic copies on request.

2. Notes on the last meeting, held on 30th October 2013

Copies of these had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- 2.1. KH had completed all actions to him.
- 2.2. ABel updated the group with a report that, under the ValMer project, the North Devon Biosphere Reserve area (including Lundy) will be the study site for a survey focussing on benthic habitats and attempting to get an economic valuation for the ecosystem services they provide. Project staff will be interviewing local people shortly.
- 2.3. The url link to the paper published by the University of Swansea study on Lundy Lobsters had been added after the meeting.
- 2.4. Alison James (English Heritage) has asked for people to pass on observations about people anchoring / dredging too closely to wreck sites. Please report sightings to her directly.

3. Matters arising from the last Lundy Management Forum meeting

- 3.1. DG summarised the marine highlights of the last LMF meeting on 31st October 2012.
- 3.2. DG introduced Beccy McDonald as the new warden. She has been in post since beginning of February 2013. Her partner Jonny will be looking after diver liaison on the island, and will be organising air fills, etc.
- 3.3. Licensing of the *Iona II* – Alison James (English Heritage) asked that anybody who wants to dive the *Iona II* should get a licence in advance and charter boat owners need to get all divers on their boat(s) added to their licence. Contact Alison (alison.james@english-heritage.org.uk) directly if you have any queries. There is also a proposal for a nature trail on the *Iona II*, but that will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.
- 3.4. The Atlantic Array was discussed and DG will give an update later in this meeting.

4. Report from the Reserve

- 4.1. BMcD reported that, although she is new to the role, continuation of the regular marine monitoring on Lundy is underway. Seals surveys have started. RP is the new Natural England lead for Lundy (taking over from Mel Parker), and together they are finalising the required work programme for this year.
- 4.2. MARINELife is a charity which provides volunteers who record marine mammals and cetaceans from on board the *Oldenburg* once a month. They have recently offered to increase this provision by provide a wildlife officer who will be onboard once a week carrying out education and interpretation for visitors. A trial run (yesterday) went really well and DG and BMcD had received very positive feedback from visitors.
- 4.3. Basking sharks have returned to the waters around Lundy very early this year, with the first sighting recorded on the 5th April. Another 2 were spotted last weekend, and another one today. Anyone with thoughts on what has brought them back to Lundy, and so early should contact BMcD.
- 4.4. Cetaceans – so far there have been lots of sightings of harbour porpoises and some common dolphins. Charter boats surveys should continue, but please continue with the current forms until further instruction from BMcD.
- 4.5. BMcD reported a couple of NTZ infringements which have been observed in the last few weeks. She asked for people to approach anyone they see fishing in the NTZ,

and to let them know about the restrictions to raise awareness. In addition they should report it to BMcD and to SC at the IFCA. If anyone would like more zoning scheme cards let BMcD know. She said that buoys have started to appear in the NTZ (one noticed at low tide). Please let her know if you see anything.

- 4.6. One of the deployed CPODs [acoustic detection devices for cetaceans] has been recovered, but when Appledore SAC went to retrieve the one on the *Ethel* this week, they discovered that it had been lost. The CPODs are of particular relevance to the Plymouth University students who are looking to continue the work started last year.
- 4.7. Seabirds: the first puffin was recorded on 20th March, and there are now about 20.
- 4.8. A general beach clean up has been completed and BMcD hopes to do more in future.
- 4.9. *Sargassum* clearance will be ongoing. Any dive groups that are interested should contact BMcD.
- 4.10. Pre registration for the Splash In planned for the 29th June 2013 is now open and there are a number of good prizes on offer.
- 4.11. A dead gannet had been found by BMcD at Devil's Kitchen and others were reported at the same time on Woolacombe Beach. KH asked whether there were any other recent reports of dead gannets and a few people present reported seeing them. GH had seen a dead gannet as had a couple of other individuals, including guillemots and shags. DG will ask Helen Booker RSPB about this at LMF tomorrow to see if she thinks there might be links to PIB incident on the south coast. BMcD to contact Stephen.votier@plymouth.ac.uk at Plymouth University as he may be able to advise on the dead bird situation. KH reminded the group that there are many other likely causes of the bird deaths, and that the specimens he has seen on the north coast show no obvious signs of being 'oiled'.

5. Natural England's Interests

- 5.1. RP informed the group that this year it is time to report on the condition of Lundy's grey seals as part of the SAC monitoring. She will use the 2009 data (Westcott report) and the data that wardens have collected monthly since then to form her assessment. The usual, ongoing survey and monitoring of seals, cup corals, rockpools, etc. will continue. RP and BMcD are working to pull together previous data to ensure the island and NE both have access to all data collected and to summarise it clearly to help with assessing condition.
- 5.2. The 'Advice Packages' for the SAC and for the MCZ are being reviewed this year so RP is pulling together the data and reports to assess condition of these features which will inform NE's advice on appropriate activities for the designations. She will be looking at potential disturbance causes which will inform vulnerability.
- 5.3. RP has asked BMcD to compile a marine monitoring method handbook for future Lundy staff to ensure consistency in future survey work.
- 5.4. All marine fauna and flora survey data will be uploaded onto Marine Recorder, including relevant past / archived datasets and as part of all survey work from now on.
- 5.5. RP and BMcD are carrying out some preparation for drafting a Lundy Marine Management Plan, which will build on the conservation advice work.
- 5.6. KH commented that the MCZ consultation had closed on the 31st March 2013.

6. Results of the Sediment Sampling Undertaken around Lundy in 2012

- 6.1. BG (working for Natural England and the Environment Agency) presented the results of sediment grab sampling around Lundy in July last year. This work built on the previous Ambios surveys (2007) which mapped extent of different seabed biotopes around Lundy. BG commented that now we have identified the extent of the habitats, we now need to look at how to monitor them. He summarised the method and explained that the samples are being used by NE and EA for various analyses and practical applications. Infauna and Particle Size samples were taken at each sampling point. The survey repeated sample sites of previous surveys for ease and useful comparison. APEM analysed the samples.
- 6.2. Results: the majority of the sites were sand or coarse sand, with only tiny amounts of mud. The Broad Scale Habitat names (used in the MCZ process) are Subtidal Coarse Sediment and Subtidal Sand. The team also sampled for the EA's standard suite of contaminants x5 from within the NTZ. They found high lead levels in the Landing Bay and just north, high chromium throughout, and copper at levels which are rated as 'potentially harmful' to the environment at many of the sites. One PAH and some PCBs were high at some sites. However, compared to nearby sites (Plymouth and Severn) Lundy is relatively low in contaminants. BG hopes to have a full suite of data and analyses complete by the end of April. It has taken a year for all of the samples to be analysed.
- 6.3. Mantis shrimp and mud crabs, etc are some of the interesting creatures found through the grab samples. By 'Frequency of occurrence' the top 5 species included two worms that live in sediment and feed on detritus, and a bivalve and one active predator.
- 6.4. Species richness – the richest sites were off the NE coast of Lundy with 203 different species in one grab at site 16. Coarse sediment appeared to have higher species diversity. Sites 17 and 12 were also high and this is thought to be due to presence of *Sabellaria spinulosa* (also at 16). KH asked whether it is a reef or a crust as the *Sabellaria* is not as dense as at other reefs at nearby comparable sites. KH would send BG an account he had written of *Sabellaria spinulosa* but suggested that density would have to be in excess of 8000 per sq. m to constitute a reef.
- 6.5. Now, data are being worked up and applied under WFD and as MCZ evidence, among other things. KH had asked advice from a heavy metals specialist (Dr Nick Pope) about the 1973 survey results for organisms. Lundy is 'intermediate' in terms of contaminants between levels in north Somerset and off north Cornwall. DG asked about sampling related to sediment mobilisation and therefore release of contaminant through piling for the Atlantic Array, should it go ahead. SC asked whether evidence will be converted into updated biotope maps for the SAC and in a format which could then be related to subfeatures. BG said he thought so. ABEI mentioned Andrew Mackie's work from the Museum of Wales study [samples from the Bristol Channel mainly north and west of Lundy] which might be a useful reference and comparison.

7. Results of Cetacean and Seal Studies – University of Plymouth

- 7.1. SI reported on the findings from last year's MSc students looking at cetaceans, seals and seabirds which use the waters around the island. The work will be continued this year by two new students. Work was carried out as baseline for comparison with future surveys on impact of the AA project, should it be implemented. CPODs were used to track small cetaceans passing Lundy, and to look at temporal and seasonal patterns of use. CPODs were attached to the *Ethel* and *Robert* wrecks. The *Ethel* CPOD is now gone (lost). CPOD data was used in combination with observations from the island for groundtruthing to track presence / absence and positional data.

Poor weather last year impacted surveys and about 6 out of the 12 months of CPOD deployment were lost.

- 7.2. SI then summarised the historical sightings data around Lundy. Common dolphin and harbour porpoise have always been dominant species. CPOD data doesn't distinguish between different dolphin species so observational data are really useful. Data collected from the *Oldenburg* show a strong seasonal trend with a peak in the summer months (allowing for the sailing frequency). The students from last year, Katy Hodgson-Ball and Natalie Squires, are both working on papers to be published through the LFS shortly. A final version, including the data collected this year, will be produced at the end of their study. From the tracking it is possible to look at whether there is a connection between the way the animals are moving and physical aspects of the environment such as the benthos, tides, etc. Harbour porpoises tend to forage in fast-flowing tidal currents, so peaks are during spring tides.
- 7.3. He said that this year it would be good to focus on the tidal race at the north end of the island. ABel asked about the range of a CPOD and SI responded that, depending on sea conditions, it can be between a few hundred metres and a thousand metres, but data can be confirmed through the observation work.
- 7.4. RG introduced the two projects to be carried out this year, whose aims included establishing presence and abundance, impacts of the Atlantic Array, e.g. sound production, displacement and collision (during construction mainly), changing habitat, hydrological changes, creation of electromagnetic fields (during operation). The students will be on Lundy for 6 weeks from 18th May.
- 7.5. The question of whether / when the CPOD would be replaced was raised. **Action:** KH to send Nick Tregenza's email address to BMcD so she can approach him for a quote to replace the missing CPOD. Need to confirm the CPOD on the wreck of the *Robert* is still there. JB asked a question about how the surveys could detect the actual impact of the Atlantic Array on marine mammals using Bideford Bay. SI and RG said that the study only focuses on those animals that use Lundy, and has not been designed specifically to record impacts of the Atlantic Array. ABel asked about whether there has been any comparison between data collected last year and the RWE CPOD data collected. A general understanding in the room was that RWE have an agreement to make their data publically available, but no-one was sure how to go about accessing their data. DG met with RWE last week to discuss potential impacts of the Atlantic Array project on Lundy's seal population, and they have responded stating that, according to their data, grey seals are not disturbed at a distance of over 850m. For cetaceans the distance is 500m.

8. Devon and Severn IFCA's interests

- 8.1. SC described the changing role of the IFCA, specifically in light of the new requirement to manage fisheries in European Marine Sites (EMS) resulting from legal challenges about the way the UK is meeting its European obligations for EMS protection, including adaptive management (under the Habitats Directive - EMS and the MACA 2010 - MCZs). Defra want to bring commercial fisheries in line with other marine industries in EMS which require completion of an Appropriate Assessment of activities that are considered likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of EMS. A risk priority matrix has been compiled about how different fishing activities may affect the features and subfeatures of EMS and the level of risk / exposure associated. Activities and features considered 'Red risk' are high risk (Article 6 of the Habitats Directive) and activity is deemed incompatible with protection of the feature or subfeature. Amber and Green risk mean that, with management measures in place, the activity or gear type can continue to be used in conjunction with that feature.
- 8.2. There is a very tight timescale for the red risk sites, to be signed off by Secretary of

State later this year, with management in place (including byelaws implemented) for Red Risk features. Before 2015, IFCA's need to assess Amber and Green risks and put in place management, where necessary, including completion of 'tests of likely significance' and 'appropriate assessments' as necessary. SC showed an example of the highly complex matrix. She explained that a buffer of 4x the deepest part of feature must be in place for reef features, which means that on Lundy it is 200m (4x50m depth). This may result in the need for the byelaw relating to no towed areas having to be increased, based on recent reef maps of Lundy. The IFCA also need to look at the potential impact on subfeatures for Lundy, as well as for all of the other EMSs in the D&S IFCA, which is a lot of work.

- 8.3. Reviewing all existing byelaws is a separate duty for IFCA's which must be completed by 2015. For D&S IFCA, towed gear is a priority as it is the most high risk gear type for interactions with marine features. SC and the team are currently looking at the potting byelaws. D&S IFCA are bringing in a different sort of byelaw (past byelaw format was not flexible enough) which will be known as a 'permitting byelaw'. Some aspects of the revised byelaws will not change, but licences will be issued to carry out activities annually and changes to spatial, temporal and / or other restrictions can be made each time the licences need to be reissued. This will be a much more flexible and adaptive approach. SC said that there are 2 leaflets available to explain the process and she encouraged any feedback to her before June. In order to enforce these flexible byelaws D&S IFCA are looking to work with the Environment Agency, use their RIB in N Devon, and increase efficiency / effectiveness by combining effort with MOD, MMO, etc. through sharing resources, but also using inshore VMS on all vessels to track their movements as a compulsory part of receiving a licence for towed gear. Inshore VMS trials are currently ongoing.
- 8.4. KH was very concerned that towed gear is allowed in substantial parts of the SAC/MCZ and asked about the risk of sites experiencing increased fishing effort before the byelaws are changed or brought in. SC asked that people report any activity that they are worried about directly to her. The revised byelaw will be brought in for Lundy within the next 7 months.
- 8.5. SC explained that, with all of the extra work, last year's lobster tagging survey data have not yet been analysed, but there are 3 survey programmes proposed for this year. The D&S IFCA is working with Wildlife Trusts to look at fishing effort data around the island. A Plymouth University student may be looking at some previous data. She has been involved in discussions about the possibility of looking at genetic markers for lobsters, to improve understanding of the ongoing 'spill over' studies. There are lots of potential future studies with experts interested in Lundy. SC is hoping to present a more detailed report at the next meeting. Cefas are looking to continue the light trap larvae work, which so far has collected lots of mantis shrimp larvae, but not many lobster larvae.
- 8.6. There was a discussion about the per person quota for recreational divers for scallops, lobster, crawfish, etc. Divers reported that recent scallop takes have been very low compared to previous years.
- 8.7. The LFS response to the MCZ consultation for Lundy was tabled and is available from KH. KH raised concerns about the limited number of features included in the Lundy MCZ consultation for designation this year.
- 8.8. MD asked whether the EMS byelaws will focus on protected species *and* protected habitats. SC confirmed that the D&S IFCA will be proactive in addressing features for protection, in conjunction with NE.

9. Recently published scientific papers on the NTZ

- 9.1. Two papers have been published this winter and KH offered to answer any questions

people have about the questions they raise. The paper that describes increases in lobster numbers in the NTZ can be accessed in full from: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051615>.

The paper by Ross Colman and others that indicates no effect of the NTZ on attached invertebrate species is not publicly available in full but an abstract and access to pay-to-view can be found via: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022098112004170>.

10. Proposed Atlantic Array Windfarm – current position

- 10.1. RWE have reviewed their proposal and reduced the scale of the proposed project to 200 km² and the maximum number of turbines is now 240 (down from an original 278), although they have retained the right to put in turbines of the maximum height. The overall output of the proposed farm has now been reduced from 1500 MW to 1200 MW. This is the third decrease since the original proposal in 2011.
- 10.2. The next stage is to run an application for a Development Consent Order from the Government, and this application is expected in June 2013. After that their application is checked to confirm that it meets the Planning Authority's criteria, and then it is published on their website. Any interested party can then follow the progress of the planning application, can register and then have 28 days after publication to feedback comments. Statutory consultees have all been contacted and NE and EH cannot give opinions on the proposal, but must give advice on the expected impact. If anyone has any questions about the project or the process, please see DG. Cllr GT confirmed that Torridge District Council is not the planning authority in this case, they are just a consultee, as the process runs through the government's Planning Inspectorate. Also, RWE are looking at other means of anchoring the turbines, which may not lead to pile driving, but there are serious concerns about other methods too. Andrew Knights will give more information on this topic at the LMF meeting tomorrow.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1. The MMO representative was unable to attend this evening, but is hoping to attend the LMF meeting. Carley Elson is responsible for Lundy (local MMO officer). As regulator of recreational activities around Lundy, it was agreed by the Group that the MMO should be involved in and listen to discussions at the AG meetings.
- 11.2. Marine Spatial Planning project is still about 2 years away for N Devon, although it is starting to be progressed on the S Devon coast.
- 11.3. SA announced that on the 5th June, the Ilfracombe & North Devon SAC has someone coming to give a talk about the Atlantic Array Windfarm and that all are welcome. There is also a talk about the wreck off Foreland Point (1930s) coming up and all information about forthcoming events is available on the Ilfracombe Dive Club Facebook page.

12. **Suggested date of next meeting:** Tuesday 15th October 2013, 19:00 hrs at Ilfracombe Sub-Aqua Club, Ilfracombe.

Warden's Report (October 2012 - April 2013)

The following report includes information gathered between October 2012 and March 2013. However as there was no Warden in place until February 2013, some areas have received little or no attention.

1. Staff

- 1.1 In February, Beccy MacDonald took up the post of Warden. Following funding cuts and subsequent re-structuring there will be one permanent Warden based on the island throughout the year supported by a voluntary seasonal assistant. To contact the Warden, please use the following email address and not those provided in previous reports: warden@lundyisland.co.uk
- 1.2 Ashley Millman was appointed Voluntary Seasonal Assistant Ranger in March to work alongside Steve Pratt (Ranger) until the end of October 2013. Ashley has come to us from the National Trust where he was working as a Coastal Warden.
- 1.3 Ashlinn Mottahedin-Fardo will be joining Beccy as the Voluntary Seasonal Assistant Warden from the middle of May and will be in post until the end of November 2013 to assist with Natural England monitoring. Ashlinn is currently volunteering on Flatholm as an assistant warden. Her long term aim is to find a permanent position as a Coastal/Marine Warden.
- 1.4 Mel Parker has been seconded to the NE's Media Department and the new Marine Lead Advisor for the Devon and Severn team is Ruth Porter.

2. Marine - general & monitoring

- 2.1 Beccy MacDonald, Warden, undertook RIB training (RYA Powerboat Level 2) courtesy of Thom Flaxman (Secretary of the North Devon Yacht Club).
- 2.2 MARINELife restarted their monthly survey on the MS *Oldenburg*. One surveyor was on the crossing at the end of March and observed large numbers of seabirds, particularly Razorbills and Kittiwakes. No cetaceans were seen on this occasion. If you would like to see the March report please visit <http://www.marine-life.org.uk/ilfracombe-lundy>

MARINELife have also proposed a Wildlife Officer for the MS *Oldenburg* and this is currently under discussion with the Warden. In essence, the Wildlife Officer would interact with island visitors during their journey to Lundy, pointing out marine life and educating them about the ecology of the MCZ and the waters surrounding Lundy.

- 2.3 An unusual sighting of a Basking Shark was made by a visitor on Friday 5th April, who watched it gracefully feed from Lametry Bay around to Rat Island. Another Basking Shark was seen on 20th April in the Landing Bay by a member of staff and two visitors. This seems very early for these gentle giants to be in Lundy waters. However a large group were seen three weeks ago off the Southeast coast of Ireland. Any opinions on this would be appreciated.

Small cetacean pods were seen going passed Quarry beach by the Warden in March during the Rhododendron works but could not be identified due to distance.

The first Harbour porpoise sighting (logbook) was on the 6th March on the west coast.

- 2.4 NTZ Infringements – in February concerns were raised regarding a marker buoy that had been positioned just within the NTZ (Landing Bay end). IFCA were informed of the buoy. Within two days the buoy had been removed. Clarification on the issue of keep pots within the NTZ is required as it is believed that this is what the buoy marked.

On the 20th April a small blue/black rib was seen with a fishing rod in the NTZ. Unfortunately it had left before the Warden was able to get any details from it.

- 2.5 Seals – Formal observations began again in April as adverse weather conditions stopped any observations in March and February. No observations were undertaken between November and January as there was no Warden.

An informal survey was carried out during the Warden's powerboat training when 11 seals were seen at the Knoll Pins, 1 at Threequarter Wall Bay, 6 at Surf Point and 1 at Devil's Kitchen.

The March survey (carried out on foot) counted 30 individuals along the East and North coasts. The aim is carry out one survey per month in May and June, followed by two surveys per month up to November.

The Logbook records provide the following information:

- 43 seals counted at Three Quarter Wall Bay (December 2012)
- 70 seals counted between Three Quarter Wall and Brazen Ward (January 2013)

Talks have been ongoing with Sue Sayer from Cornwall Seal Group and they have offered volunteers to assist with the surveys. We are working together to further the seal survey through ID photographs; this has been touched on before and needs to be developed so that we can learn more about the Lundy population and its movements.

2.6 A research group from Plymouth University will be staying on the island from 18th May to 29th June to carry out cetacean surveys and to analyse data from the C-Pods. At the time of writing, both C-Pods were still deployed due to adverse weather conditions that have prevented their recovery.

2.7 Historical data on seals, cup corals, *Sargassum* removal, rockpool surveys and temperature loggers is currently being collated and reports produced for NE.

2.8 Seabirds: The first Puffin was seen at Benjamin's Chair by Peter Lambden, shortly followed by Grant Sherman who recorded three in Jenny's Cove on 20th March. The population has grown to 15 on 11th April.

The Manx Shearwaters have returned to Lundy and were first heard by Chris Dee during his stay in the first week of April. This was confirmed when two unfortunate birds were discovered outside St. John's Valley where it is believed that they collided with the wall.

A Long-tailed Skua was spotted flying over Millcombe by the bird ringing group and was promptly followed North on the evening of the 16th April.

On Tuesday 23rd, the third bird ringing group spotted a male Golden Oriole. Unfortunately, they were not able to catch and ring it.

2.9 The marine temperature loggers will soon be retrieved with the assistance of DG.

2.10 A beach clean-up was carried out by the Warden with the assistance of the NT working party in March. 577 items were found including 222 polystyrene fragments, 38 bottle tops and a dog collar. One Nursehound (*Scyliorhinus stellaris*) eggcase was also found and reported to The Shark Trust.

3. Education, interpretation & events

4.1 Walks and talks: During the absence of a Warden, Grant Sherman (Lundy Head Barman) did a wonderful job of continuing the regular weekly walks and talks for visitors. Simon Dell (LFS) has also undertaken visitor walks and talks when he has been available and his (and Grant's) assistance are greatly appreciated.

Since March, an introductory talk to Lundy has been arranged for changeover days with at least one walk per week. Both the talks and walks have been very well attended with very generous donations to the Lundy Fund. Due to their popularity these will continue throughout the season.

4.2 Simon Dell has become a valuable asset to the island, providing talks to schools and other interested parties on the mainland. These talks are furthering the local understanding regarding Lundy and supporting the island's Higher Level Stewardship.

Simon Dell is also assisting Beccy MacDonald (Warden) with group visits to the island and is helping to develop the island's education programme.

4.3 The Splash In! is planned for Saturday 29th June. Pre-registration has already begun.

Prizes from last year's cancelled competition from Olympus, AP Valves, FOC diving (Mares) are being used along with new prizes donated from Forth Element in the shape of a travel luggage set and a £200 travel voucher from Scuba Travel. Forth Element has also kindly donated hats for every participant.

Two external judges, Stuart Philpot and Neil Hope, will be attending the event. A third judge this year will be Nigel Dalby to bring in a different aspect to the judging panel.

4.4 Seabird interpretation boards are being developed for the Church by Chris Baillie (LFS) with assistance from Beccy MacDonald (Warden), Tim Davis, Richard Campey, Anna Taylor and Andy Lester. The board should be completed by the end of April/early May.

4.5 A leaflet on Bird ringing is being developed by Tim Davis with assistance from others including Beccy MacDonald (Warden).

4.6 Talk by Tony Taylor on Bird ringing on Lundy, with a historical twist to mark his 40 years of visiting Lundy, was well attended and very enjoyable. Specialist talks from LFS visitors and others are being encouraged to allow experts to impart their knowledge and for visitors to learn more about Lundy.

4.7 The Lundy Calendar 2014 will be available to buy from the end of April. Entries for the 2015 Calendar are already being received by the Warden.

4. Media

5.1 Our "Letter from Lundy" has been reinstated with the March/April article printed in the 17 April 2013 edition of the North Devon Gazette.

5.2 Countryfile covered a piece on Marine Conservation Zones at the end of March. The team of four, including presenter Tom Heap, came to visit the island during the first week of April to interview Beccy (Warden) regarding Lundy's MCZ and NTZ.

5.3 Springwatch visited the island between 20th-25th April to collect footage of Lundy for a special 'Best of British' edition due to feature sometime in May.

5.4 Articles: An general article on Lundy was produced by the Warden and should appear in the June edition of Reader's Digest at the request of the National Trust.

Information and images on the Lundy landscape and Warden led activities have been supplied for an article in Vogue. However, we will not know if this will be used until May as it is for a piece in the June edition. The last update suggested that the Snorkel Safari's had a mention.

English Heritage Marine Update - April 2013

2012 *Iona II* Archaeological Report

Following the visit of English Heritage contractors, Wessex Archaeology, in 2012 an archaeological report on the *Iona II* is now available (attached for distribution).

Current PWA licence holders:

Iona II

David Jones – Visit
Steve Ashton – Visit
Paris Daykin-Iliopoulos – Visit
Fiona Hampton-Matthews – Visit
Andrew Bengey – Visit

Gull Rock

Paris Daykin-Iliopoulos – Survey Licence

Anyone wishing to apply for a licence can do so via the English Heritage website (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/advice/our-planning-role/consent/protected-wreck-sites/marine-app-site-visit>). To discuss an application contact Alison James.

Unauthorised Access

It is an offence to visit a site designated under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 without a licence. Any suspicion of unauthorised access to a Protected Wreck Site should be reported to the relevant local Police Service, Maritime and Coastguard Agency and English Heritage.

You should call 999 when a crime is in progress or someone suspected of a crime is nearby. Where you believe that an offence may have been committed and the suspect is no longer at the scene you should call the Police using the national non-emergency number 101.

If you have information about a crime relating to an protected wreck but you do not wish to be a witness you can pass on your information to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111. The service is confidential and you will not be asked for your name or personal details.

All reports of unauthorised access will be fully investigated.

The Alliance to Reduce Crime Against Heritage (ARCH)

ARCH is a voluntary national network which will take forward initiatives to tackle heritage crime and galvanise local action as part of the Heritage Crime Programme. The overriding objective of the group is to reduce the amount of crime that causes damage to or interferes with the enjoyment of heritage assets in England. Members of ARCH have a shared interest in preventing and seeing effective enforcement of heritage crime. Membership of the group is free and open to all organisations and groups that have an interest in preventing and enforcing heritage crime (both above and below the water); Licensee's and their teams are strongly encouraged to become members. It would also be valuable for groups who have an interest in Lundy to sign up to ARCH. For more information please contact Mark Harrison (mark.harrison@english-heritage.org.uk).

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