



Financial	N	Employment (internal)	N
Legal	N	Partnership	N
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	Y
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	N

Background papers ... N/A.....

## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 This review of the year provides Board Members with an account what has happened at the harbour during the past twelve month period.

## **2.0 Content**

2.1 On site management, maintenance work carried out, vandalism and damage.

## **3.0 On site management**

3.1 The Harbour Master continues to effectively manage the day to day running of the harbour and works with the Assistant Engineer to identify and implement maintenance and repairs as necessary. I am pleased to record that the Harbour Master was accepted as a member of the UK Harbour Masters' Association in February of this year.

## **4.0 Maintenance work carried out**

4.1 Work carried out since the last Annual Meeting is listed below;

2011	July,	Weed spraying and clearance on quays and hardstand New chains laid in for centre moorings
	Sept.	Extensions to ladder bottoms to prevent mooring lines snagging Centre roads cleared of mud
	Oct.	Pontoon centre hinge replaced following storm damage
	Nov.	Works to reduce areas open for pigeons to roost.
2012	Feb.	Navigation light replaced with new unit following failure
	June	Old pontoons scrapped, replaced with reconditioned units Approach channel cleared of shingle.

## **5.0 Vandalism and damage**

5.1 Problems continue with lifebelts being thrown into the harbour, particularly in September 2011, but continuing at intervals throughout the year. After complaints from boat owners about mess and damage from pigeon droppings works were carried out to cover drainage holes in the quay walls which were being used as roosting sites. Following storms during December both the harbour boat and Alan Ellwood's boat were damaged during a joint attempt to recover a vessel which broke its moorings and sank. Repairs were completed during May and the harbour boat returned to the water. In March of this year graffiti had to be removed from South Pier.

## **6.0 Other work**

6.1 In line with previous years the Whitehaven racing buoy was lifted out and stored in October following the end of the racing season. The buoy was returned to station in May for commencement of this year's racing events. Also during May four of the stored finger pontoons were prepared and modified to replace the existing units (dating from 1995) which were at the end of their safe useful life. These were lifted out and swapped over for the 'new' ones in June 2012. The opportunity was also taken to lift out a boat which the Harbour Master considered to be in an unseaworthy condition. It was transferred to the hardstand to enable the owner to bring it up to standard.

## **7.0 Recommendation**

- The harbour continues to be effectively managed and maintained in a safe and efficient condition.
- It is recommended that members note the contents of the report.

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