

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Joint Patrol in North Devon

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Devon and Severn IFCA (D&S IFCA) recently conducted a patrol of North Devon with the Environment Agency. Due to the size of the District, D&S IFCA work closely with partner agencies to share knowledge, experience and resources. D&S IFCA and the Environment Agency both patrol the estuaries within the District to enforce separate legislation so joint patrols are a productive way of working. The development of joint working opportunities is one of the objectives of the D&S IFA 2018-20 [Annual Plan](#).

Enforcement Officers covered a large area during their patrol including Bideford, Appledore, Instow, Fremington, Barnstable, Lee Bay and Ilfracombe. D&S IFCA are pleased to report that on the day of the patrol no offences were detected, and all fishers were abiding by the permit conditions.

One of the main purposes of the patrol was to ensure that the D&S IFCA Netting Byelaw was being adhered to. In 2018, the D&S IFCA Netting Permit Byelaw (and associated permit conditions) came into force. The [Netting Permit Conditions](#) and [Annexes](#), that are issued to fishers, prevent drift netting and fixed netting within all estuaries in the D&S IFCA District.

D&S IFCA makes use of intelligence received to target their operations and welcome any information concerning suspicious fishing activity. During office hours we can be contacted on 01803 854648. Out of office hours we have a duty phone which can be used to report any suspicions fishing activity on 07740 175479.

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