



River Deben Association in Partnership



River Users' Code

The River Deben is unique.
We can keep it that way in a
changing environment by
working together.

River Code

Many people enjoy the river.
Please observe the following:

- ♦ **Speed** - excessive speed through places where activities such as swimming, dinghy sailing, and fishing are taking place is dangerous and it can damage the saltmarshes. So please observe the relevant speed limits throughout the tidal length of the river as shown on the map inside.
- ♦ **Boat Wash** - excessive boat wash is damaging to saltmarshes and river banks, and disturbing to those in moored/anchored boats.
- ♦ **Noise** - noise can cause disturbance to wildlife, local inhabitants and to other visitors.
- ♦ **Look out** - other river users may not be expert or may be undertaking complicated manoeuvres; please be prepared to take avoiding action even if you think you have 'right of way'.
- ♦ **Litter** - please clean up after yourself and your dog.

There are few visitors **moorings** on the River Deben. Contact the Harbour Master or owner before leaving boat on mooring.

Launching is by permission of the owners of the slipways.

Visitors should contact the Harbour Master about moorings and slipways.

Felixstowe Ferry **Mr J White**
01394 270106/07803 476621

Ramsholt **Mr G Collins**
07930 304061

Waldringfield **Mr A Lyon**
01473 736291/07925 081062

Woodbridge Tidemill Yacht Harbour
01394 385745 **Mr M Ellis**

Melton Boatyard **Mr M Skeet**
01394 386327

Anti-social behaviour concerns
should be reported to:

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Tel: 01394 444763

Email:

communitysafety@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

The following is a link to the Byelaws:

<http://www.riverdeben.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/River-Deben-Byelaws-.htm>





River Deben

The River Deben in Suffolk flows through largely unspoilt countryside for nearly 25 miles from its source near Debenham to the North Sea at Felixstowe Ferry; 10.5 miles (over 17km) of this is navigable.

The River Deben Association (RDA) works at local, regional and national levels for the protection of the river as an invaluable ecosystem and recreational amenity.

The Deben Estuary is of great wildlife value; supporting internationally important numbers of migratory and wintering birds, in addition to sensitive wetland and saltmarsh habitats. The whole estuary is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar Wetland Site, and is accordingly protected under domestic, European and International legislation. The River is also part of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (SC&H AONB).

The information in this leaflet is to remind river users to be aware of other river activities, the vulnerability of the saltmarshes and the need to be considerate and not cause unnecessary disturbance to others and the wildlife.

