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Teignmouth Harbour is “Punching Above its Weight”

Teignmouth Port and Harbour managed by Teignmouth Harbour Commission and ABP Teignmouth Quays is making its mark on both a regional and national scale and is now recognised as one of the UK’s leading smaller ports in a number of activities across the ports industry.

It is negotiating directly with the government via Teignbridge MP Anne Marie Morris in trying to secure a fairer deal for the smaller ports some of which are disadvantaged by hidden government subsidies to competitors.

Anne Marie Morris emphasises this point:

“smaller ports like Teignmouth are vital to many local communities up and down the country and they need a level playing field so they can compete effectively with the larger commercial ports”.

The Commission represents the interests of the UK smaller ports in the long running saga of the Pilots National Pension Fund and has again been negotiating with government departments to achieve a fairer solution.

Its Chief Executive Officer and Harbour Master, Commander David Vaughan, has recently been appointed as Vice President of the UK Harbour Masters Association and will become President next year.

This is the first time for a number of years that the appointment has been made to a CEO and Harbour Master of a small port, it is normally made to a representative of one of the UK’s larger ports.

David Vaughan, after 3 years as Vice Chairman, is now the Chairman of the South West Regional Ports Association, which brings together all the ports operating across the South West.

Closer to home the Harbour Commission works closely with Teignbridge DC and Devon County Council . David has recently been appointed chairman of the Teign Estuary Forum which represents the interests of all the stakeholders and users of the harbour and estuary.

“Teignmouth Harbour is growing from strength to strength , is extending its profile locally,regionally and nationally . It is recognised as an important small UK regional port with a future that is fundamental to the local community and economy” says Jeremy Grammer ,Chairman of the Harbour Commission.

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