

1. NEKMPA Coastal Warden Feedback (Nov 2014)



A) The best bits!

Tell us what you have enjoyed most about your volunteering this year - *anything new, different or just plain fun!*

Seashore safari (5)

Tidal pool draining (3)

Just helping at anything

Being in the fresh air with like-minded people, e.g., oyster bashing

Watching everything

Coastbusting (3)

Turnstone survey

Counting birds

The cake!

Basically, everything

Wildlife walks and talks

Watching everything

B) What can we do better?

Tell us any suggestions you have on how we could improve your volunteering experience:

Online bird ID sheet - ✓ (2)

App for phone - ✓✓✓✓ (4)

Summary of survey input data

Add to e-news: Things to look out for each month; highlight of birds, marine life, etc that people can watch out for (links to photos, etc)

Group surveys in different areas, see different things to what you see on your allocated bay (perform surveys together as a group in various bays)

3a. Training/Events 2015

We have outlined a possible year's programme below. Please indicate whether you would like to see the suggested **training activities, topics/issues, practical tasks or presentations** included within the 2015 programme *(Please tick ...& help suggest more in 2b!)*

	Event Suggestion	✓ Support / I Would Attend	✗ Not Interested / I Would Not Attend		Event Suggestion	✓ Support / Would Attend	✗ Not Interested / Would Not Attend
Jan	Turnstone Training / Briefing Session	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (19)		Jul	Seaweeds & Secrets (Public)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓ (11)	
Jan/ Feb	Turnstone Awareness Raising + Disturbance studies + Coordinated Counts	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (18)		Aug	National Whale and Dolphin Watch	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (9)	
Mar /April	Non-Native Species Project Training	✓✓✓✓✓ (5)	✓ Already attended ✓	Sep	Beachwatch - Briefing	W/AV (?)	
					Beachwatch (public) - Survey Event/s	✓✓✓✓✓✓ (6)	
Apr	Beachwatch Big Clean (public)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓ (13)		Oct	?Bird Watch or presentation	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓ (11)	
	Introductory training	✓✓✓ (3*)	*Nb: Already attended!		Introductory Training	✓✓✓ (3)	
May	RNLI Lifeguard talk	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓✓ (12)	✓	Nov	11 th Annual Forum	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (9)	
	Shorelife Identification study day (public)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓ (11)					
Jun	Informal "Catch Up" / open discussion / social	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓✓✓ (15)		Dec			
	World Ocean day event eg walk (Public?)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓ (11)					

2014 Examples: *Introductory training, Shorelife Identification training, Coordinated Turnstone Count & Roost Identification, Coastal Wader Watch, Emergency First Aid, Seaweeds & Their Secrets, Spring and Summer Catch Ups, Shoresearch, Climate Change & Coastal Communities events, Coastal Nature Rambles*

3b. Suggestions for Additional Training/Events 2015

Suggestions	✓ Support / Would Attend	✗ Not Interested / Would Not Attend	# Add your comments! <i>(use "post-its", or write in this space)</i>
Bird identification (indoor presentation)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (13)		
Bird Watch	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (15)		
Nature Ramble	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (13)		
Coastal Health Walk or Cycle Ride (Active Ramsgate)?	W=✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (12) C=✓✓✓✓✓ (5)	W= C=	
Would you be interested in helping run some public events - such as			
- Great Eggcase Hunts (April)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (9)		
- Kent Coastal Week event (May, if KCC secure funding to ahead)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (10)		
-Seashore Safaris (July-Aug)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (10)		YES!!
Other Suggestions:			
Wind Farm Visit	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (11)		
Seal Survey by helicopter	✓✓✓✓ (4)		
Repeat First Aid Course for new wardens & others who could not attend	✓✓✓ (3)		PLS CONTACT MY NURSERY SCHOOL (Orla)

Further comments:

(use post-its, or write in this space)

Questions raised during Annual Forum 2014

Q1. Could we have map of the Thanet Coast MCZ? (Graham Rickett)

A: We will circulate the **Thanet Coast MCZ Map** with this Annual Forum Feedback, and the Factsheet can be found at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5573527184867328?category=1721481>

Q2. Can I step down now from Westbrook Bay as a second area to cover, as Laura Shawyer would now like to cover Westbrook Bay & carry out surveys? (Tony Sykes, warden for 'St Mildred's to Westbrook')

A: Yes – We have amended the database to show this (Note: The 'Adopted bays' list will be updated – see Q8.)

Q3. Can the Coastal Activities Surveys chart for 2014 be circulated?

A: We will circulate with this Feedback (but will also post the 2014 Annual Forum presentations online, as PDF soon the Warden's webpage soon!)

Q4. Can we circulate information on the "Thanet Coast or NEKMPA Facebook page"?

A: Once the page is re-launched, we will circulate details for joining/liking the page (although there is currently 'publicly displayed' information under "Thanet Coast")!

Q5. Can we put coastal bird images online? (Laura Shawyer)

A: It is already on the Coastal Warden page under "Other useful information" near the bottom of the page: http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk/Coastal_Wardens_Survey.aspx

- **Wader Identification Sheet** - for Thanet Coast (PDF, 877kb, Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust)

Q6. Request to have the Activity Survey on a wish list for a mobile phone App. (Graham Rickett)

A: Unlikely to be able to afford at present, unless a helper/sponsor is found. However, we may be able to tie the 'Incident reporting' in with Thanet Council's new reporting App. if they continue to develop it.

(Patsy said online reporting was now clearer. Chris Cooling said on-line incident reporting was very useful, so not to get rid of it).

Q7. Request to offer a training session on online incident reporting system.

A: We will schedule a warden 'catch up' meeting within the first half of 2015, in which we will cover this reporting system.

Q8. Concern was raised that there are coastal areas where wardens are inactive, e.g., Herne Bay.

A: Yes, there are some inactive wardens on our 'Bay Adoption List' and we will be contacting ALL the wardens over December/January that have not completed an Activity Survey in the last year to see if they would like to step down, so that new wardens can adopt their 'patch'. The next updated list will be circulated before the end of 2014.

If anyone has further comments or input into the Coastal Warden programme from this past year or going forward into 2015, please let us know by 22 December 2014 as we are aware we ran out of time at the end of the evening! Thank You!