

# NEKMPA Coastal Wardens Events & Activities 2015



## Monthly Activity Survey Dates:

For the 2015 survey schedule, we would like each bay to be surveyed twice - or more - each month. If you cannot make a survey date, please complete it as close to the date as possible. All surveys can be entered online at the Coastal Warden webpage, currently: [http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk/Coastal\\_Wardens\\_Survey.aspx](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk/Coastal_Wardens_Survey.aspx)

	<b>Survey 1</b> (every 1 <sup>st</sup> full weekend)	<b>Survey 2</b> (every 3 <sup>rd</sup> full weekend)
<b>January</b>	Sun 4 High tide 10:57am	Sun 18 High tide 09:31am
<b>February</b>	Sun 8 High tide 14:01pm	Sat 21 High tide 13:04pm
<b>March</b>	Sat 7 High tide 12:33pm	Sun 22 High tide 12:42pm
<b>April</b>	Sat 4 High tide 12:34pm	Sun 19 High tide 12:37pm
<b>May</b>	Sat 2 Low tide 18:16pm	Sat 16 Low tide 17:52pm
<b>June</b>	Sun 7 Low tide 10:16am	Sat 20 Low tide 09:27am
<b>July</b>	Sun 5 Low tide 09:32am	Sat 18 Low tide 08:38am
<b>August</b>	Sun 2 Low tide 08:36am	Sat 15 High tide 13:01pm
<b>September</b>	Sat 5 Low tide 11:47am	Sun 20 High tide 16:17pm
<b>October</b>	Sat 3 High tide 16:01pm	Sun 18 High tide 14:10pm
<b>November</b>	Sun 8 High tide 09:17am	Sat 21 Low tide 13:40pm
<b>December</b>	Sat 5 Low tide 13:11pm	Sun 20 Low tide 13:11pm

**Note: Ramsgate High Tide times shown.** Add 7 mins = Broadstairs; 45 mins = Margate. For your tide tables in the Whitstable & Herne Bay area, these can be found online at: <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/leisure-countryside/foreshore-services/tidal-information-and-local-tide-tables/>

## Trainings and Events Listings:

### January

**NEKMPA Turnstone Briefing 2015**  
Sat 17 January 2015, 10.30am – 1pm (2.5hrs)  
Drum Room, Droit House, Margate CT9 1JD

*The Turnstone population is one of only two species found in internationally important numbers within the NEKMPA and so is used as our 'indicator' of how coastal birds are faring here. The last 2 year's surveys have indicated a huge decline in the local population. Whilst this may be due to variety of reasons, it is well known that we have a long outstanding issue of people or dogs disturbing them and not allowing enough 'rest' time within their local environment.*

**Please register to attend this briefing workshop for helping monitoring our local Turnstone population** run in conjunction with the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust (SBBOT) on behalf of Natural England. Volunteers are welcome from NEKMPA Coastal wardens, RSPB local group and SBBOT!

Volunteer help required through January-February in up to THREE parts, which can be allocated:

**i) DISTURBANCE STUDY:** These two sessions need to run for 2 hours over one high tide in the week from **18 to 23 January**; & again over high tide in **late February**.

You will be given information/survey form and allocated a roost site to monitor.

**ii) COORDINATED COUNTS:** These sessions are vital to help establish the turnstone population on TWO coordinated count dates within the allocated survey sections – which are likely to be on:

- **Sat. 31 January** High Tide: Rams' 9.07am (4.4m); Margate 09.25 (4.2m); Herne Bay 9.28
- **Sat. 21 February** High Tide: Rams' 13.01pm (5.2m) ; Margate 13.57 (5.0m); Herne Bay 14.07

**iii) AWARENESS CAMPAIGN:** Find out how you can help to raise awareness of turnstone meeting beach users at high tides from 1 February (up until 20 February).

**Book online:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}  
<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

**Practical: CoastBuster Task**  
**Tue 27 Jan 9.45am** Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

## February

**Turnstone Awareness Campaign:** Raising awareness of turnstone meeting beach users at high tides:

- 1 February to 20 February

**Turnstone coordinated count 2:**

- **Sat. 21 February** High Tide: Rams' 13.01pm (5.2m) ; Margate 13.57 (5.0m); Herne Bay 14.07

### NEKMPA Turnstone Awareness Campaign 2015

**Sun 1 February until 20 February 2015 (3 weeks)**

**at High Tides (for about 1 hour) during daytime (for H&S reasons)**



**YOU CAN HELP raise awareness of the turnstone roosts in your 'patch'** - if you have turnstone roosts present.

**Promote the options to reduce disturbance to coastal users** around high tides (*start from 1 hour to 0.5 hours before, to about half an hour after*) and hand out the attached flyer. If people would like to speak with you, then you can point out the roost sites in your area, as people that may not be aware of turnstone trying to find somewhere to 'rest'.

The flyer (attached) can be printed in B&W to cut down on any costs (or collect from us - training session, or order/collect from us at the council offices).

### Refresher Session for Coastal Wardens

**Tues 24 February, 2pm (2hrs)**

**Thanet Council Offices, Margate CT9 1XZ**

This short two hour refresher course is for Coastal Wardens that may not have carried out surveys in a while. This short refresher will go through the scheme and the online activity and incident surveys. Places are limited, but do **get in contact if you are interested.**

**Practical: CoastBuster Task**  
**Mon 9 February 8am**, Botany Bay  
**Wed 25 February 9:30am**, Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

**\*DBS CHECKS: Educational Volunteering & Seashore Safaris\*** *If you would like to volunteer to assist visiting school or community groups on educational site visits to the coast, including at our Coastal Community Beach Hut, then please let us know so that we can arrange for your DBS check to be processed (takes about 6-8 weeks). It is also necessary for any volunteers that can assist for a whole week of Seashore Safaris (but it is not essential if you are helping at just one or two – as you can still help on many of our tasks at these events).*

## March

### Peek Under the Waves - Walpole Tidal Pool draining session

**Tue 24 March, 7.45am (2hrs), Walpole Tidal Pool, Cliftonville**

A chance to look at the marine wildlife within one of Thanet's largest artificial rockpools, without having to dive! Come along to explore for hidden gems at this spring 'tidal pool maintenance' session. This session is also open to members of the Walpole Tidal Pool Swimmers Group.

**Note: Please check emails the night before the event, as these events have a high chance of cancellation if the sea or wind conditions are not suitable for maintenance.**

**Book to let us know you can attend:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}  
<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## Practical Task: Coastal Community Beach Hut (CCBH) - Clean up!

**Tue 24 March, 10.30am (2.5hrs) – Coastal Community Beach Hut, Margate Main Sands (at the bottom of the disability ramp, across from Arlington House)**

A chance for a social catch-up and to lend practical help to level the sand, to clean and tidy up within and around the CCBH – the educational resource we have for local community groups and schools – so that we can return equipment there for another season of bookings.

Also, please let us know if you are interested in helping us to help community groups run events at the beach hut!

### Practical: CoastBuster Task

**Wed 25 March 8:15am**, Botany Bay

## Spring Social Seashore Safari Stroll - Botany Bay, Broadstairs

**Fri 27 March, 11am (2hrs)**

A chance to join a spring get-together and walk onto the beach and a closer look over the chalk reef looking for the spring shore life in the Kingsgate area. Wear Wellies or sturdy boots for rockpools/walking on the reef; and suitable outdoor clothing for the weather on the day (waterproofs/windproof etc). Afterwards, there is an optional excursion for warm up & catch up over a hot drink in the Botany Bay Hotel, Kingsgate with Julie Jellyfish (as this is her kind suggestion & also her bay!!!)

**Meet:** Outside the Botany Bay Hotel, Marine Drive, Kingsgate CT10 3LG

**Book to let us know you can attend:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

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## April

### Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunts (Volunteer Opportunity)

Volunteer at these public events by helping participants look out for clues of life in our seas and the egg cases of sharks and rays - and then help to create a marine art masterpiece on the beach over the school Easter break. These hunts last for 45 minutes with another 45 minutes of 'art-time'. These events are particularly suitable for 4-11s.

**Let us know at: [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk) if you are able to help run any of these events, so that we can process a DBS check for you. Please plan to arrive on the day ½ hour before the event is scheduled to begin.**

- **Tue 7 April, 10:30am - Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)**  
Meet by Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington House)
- **Wed 8 April, 10:30am - Viking Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1EU)**  
Meet: outside old Broadstairs Harbour Master Office (opp. Tartar Frigate pub)
- **Thur 9 April, 10:30am - Ramsgate Main Sands (CT11 8LP)0**  
Meet by the Needle (Obelisk opp. Belgian Cafe)

**{Note: For the Public booking link – visit the website:**

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=34&sc=c7bf3b16> }

### Shoresearch – Whitstable, The Street 00{Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

**Sat 11 April, 10:30am (2-3hrs)**

A survey of life on the shingle spit just east of Whitstable and the muddy areas alongside. Our survey area is at the eastern end of the Swale Estuary recommended MCZ. *Low Water Herne Bay: 11:21, 1.0m*

**Meet:** At the western end of Marine Parade, Tankerton slopes, by the steps.

OS Map Ref: TR113672. Approximate postcode CT5 2BQ

[www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) 01622 662012

### NEKMPA 'Non-Native Species Control' Training Day for the 2015/16 practical sessions

**Fri 17 April, 10am (4.5hrs) – Thanet District Council Offices, CT9 1XZ**

This session will cover everything you need to know in order to become a member of this crack practical task team 'CoastBusters'. You will then be able to help out on the 2015-16 practical task sessions.

Places are limited – so first come, first served! A light refreshment will be included.

**Booking Essential:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

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### Seashore Safari – Health Walk at West Bay

**Fri 24 April, 10.45 (45mins)**

Come along and assist at this informal seashore safari for the Westgate Health Walk. The walkers set off at 10am from the library – and Warden Tony Sykes would like assistance from a few volunteers to help run a safari for around a 10.45am start! You would need to be there by 10.15am to help set up. Get in contact if you can help at:

[thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

## Thanet Coastal Warden - Introductory Training

### (Coastal Warden modules 1 & 2)

**Tue 28 April, 10am (5hrs) – Droit House, Margate Harbour**

This is the first introduction module for new Coastal Wardens. We will take you through the history of the North East Kent European marine sites management scheme, your role as a coastal warden and how you can help through activity surveys and incident reporting. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

**Booking Essential:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## May

### Seasearch Observer Course (for divers) - KWT

**Sat 2 May, 9:30am-5:30pm - Reculver Visitor Centre**

This is an introductory one-day course for divers new to marine life and recording. Ideal for those new to Seasearch surveying or keen to refresh their skills, the course helps to recognise and record habitat and marine life. To book your place and for more information, contact Fiona White, Marine Officer at Kent Wildlife Trust, e-mail:

fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk. Tel: 01622 662012. **Cost: £40, free if you have done the course before.**

**2015 Seasearch Dive Surveys** (*Kent Wildlife Trust: See 02 May*):

**May - Sun 3**

**June - Sat 20**

**July - Sat 11, Sat 25**

**August - Sat 8**

**September - Sun 13**

### **Big Beach Clean – Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend** {Open to the Public}

**Sat 9 May, 10.30am (2hrs)**

Help on this national beach clean event run in partnership with the *Marine Conservation Society, Marks & Spencer and NE Kent Marine Protected Area*. Beach litter will be recorded within the main bay within the National Nature Reserve.

Gloves, sticks and bags provided. Suitable for all ages, children should be accompanied by an adult.

**Meet:** On the beach at the end of former hoverport access road, Cliffsend

(*nr Viking Ship Picnic Site, CT12 5HY*).

**More info:** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk) (Public book: [www.mcsuk.org/foreverfish](http://www.mcsuk.org/foreverfish))

**Please let us know** if you can help: [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

### **Shoresearch – Seasalter** {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

**Sun 17 May, 5.30pm (2-3hrs) for survey, earlier for workshop**

This month's survey will be preceded by a beginner's workshop on marine worms (polychaetes). We will then head off to the shore to see what polychaetes we can find. Further details about the workshop will be available nearer the time.

*Low Water Herne Bay: 18:46, 0.6m*

**Meet:** To be confirmed.

[www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) 01622 662012

### **Seaweeds and their Secrets** {Open to the Public}

**Sat 23 May, 9.30am (2hrs) – Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs**

**Walk and talk with Ian Tittley (Natural History Museum)**

The Thanet Coast's chalk reef provides a perfect substrate for algae communities. Join Ian Tittley to find out everything you would like to know about seaweed, their uses and properties. Please wear appropriate footwear suitable for walking on the chalk reef and rockpools. Suitable for adults (14+).

**Meet:** Bottom of slope to beach, Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs (CT10 1TJ)

**Book:** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk)

## June

### **Lifeguards – the RNLI in Thanet** {presenation}

**Tue 2 June, 6.45pm (1.5hrs), Droit House, Margate harbour**

Guest speaker James Uren, will talk about the work of the RNLI and in Thanet where it includes their lifesaving work on Thanet's busy beaches over the summer.

**Please book to let us know you can attend:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## Marine Fish Identification

Brighton Sealife Centre, BN2 1TB (Kent & Sussex Wildlife Trust joint workshop for Shoresearch)

Sat 6 June, 9:30am–4:30pm

*Booking essential* Run by Dr. Frances Dipper author of 'British Sea Fishes' and co-author of 'Marine Fishes of Wales & Adjacent Waters', this workshop will improve your identification skills of UK marine fish.

**Cost £40, Booking essential:** [www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/events/courses\\_diary/page00006.htm#3](http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/events/courses_diary/page00006.htm#3)

## WORLD OCEANS DAY Mon 8 June

This year, the theme is *Healthy oceans, healthy planet*, and we're making a special effort to stop plastic pollution. <http://worldoceansday.org>

## Intertidal Investigations: Life along the shore {Coastal Warden Module 3}

Wed 10 June, 9:30am (7.5hrs), Droit House, Margate harbour / & beach

Kent Wildlife Trust Special Study Day for Coastal Wardens

Presentations and practical training session to explore the variety of life between the tides – along with techniques to equip you to contribute to surveying Marine Protected Areas. Led by Fiona White & Bryony Chapman (KWT).

**Cost: This course is being offered to you FREE as part of your NEKMPA Coastal Warden Scheme.**

**Booking Essential (before Fri 5 June):** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## Summer Social Seashore Safari Stroll at Stone!

Tue 16 June, 6.30pm (1.5hrs)

A near "Midsummer Mid-shore Meander" is a chance for social stroll and meander over the chalk reef – we will be walking from Stone Bay to explore the shorelife on the reef around North Foreland. Wear Wellies or sturdy boots for rockpools/walking on the reef. The event will last for 1.5hours, with an optional chance to walk into Broadstairs to find a café (Ballards Lounge) for an extra catch up before going home!

**Meet:** Stone Bay, Broadstairs – at bottom of steps

**Book to let us know you can attend:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## Rib Request Boat Excursion from Ramsgate's Royal harbour

TBC – June/July

Following on from the offshore boat excursions we promoted two years ago, please register your interest for either a trip to the wind farm or to see the seals at [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk).

**Cost:** Either £25pp for seal trip (10 places); or £39pp for Thanet Windfarm (8 places)

Please contact us to let us know which one you would be interested in going on: [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

(Booking & payment will be arranged online)

## July

## Shoresearch - Walpole Bay, Cliftonville {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

Sat 5 July, 9am (2-3hrs)

A look at the abundant life in the chalk reefs between Walpole and Palm Bay. Will we find the stalked jellyfish?

Also a great place to look for sea urchin fossils on the beach! (*Low Water Margate: 09:00, 0.6m*)

**Meet:** At the eastern side of the tidal swimming pool (TR 370 714, nearest) [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) 01622 662012

**Ham Fen** is Kent's last remaining fenland and a refuge for a distinctive and rare community of plants and insects. The Ham Fen Beaver Project was the first of its kind in the UK and aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of beavers as a conservation management tool. Beavers have been resident for over 10 years and are having a highly positive impact on the site. Ham Fen is not openly accessible to the public. This evening is an opportunity for people to learn about its special wildlife and the innovative Beaver Project – viewing signs of beaver activity such as trees they have coppiced, channels they have excavated and the lodge and dam they have constructed. There is a remote chance of seeing beavers in the wild. Please bring binoculars and a torch, and please wear suitable outdoor clothing in sombre colours including **wellingtons**. The paths may be wet and there are narrow bridges over ditches and streams which may be **unsuitable for people with mobility difficulties**.

## Beaver Walk - Fenland Wildlife

Wed 8 July, 7pm (evening walk) - Ham Fen Nature Reserve (nr. Sandwich)

An opportunity to visit Kent's last remaining fenland with its rare and distinctive community of wildlife with Tony Swandale, KWT Warden, and to find out about the fascinating Ham Fen Beaver Project. Limited spaces, map available.

**Booking Essential (opens May):** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

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## National Whale and Dolphin Watch

Sea Watch Foundation has Watch events all over the country that helps provide a record of whale, dolphin & porpoise distribution around the UK.

## National Whale and Dolphin Watch

**Sat 18 July, 1pm (1hrs) - North Foreland**

Join this 'Watch' group viewing from the Thanet Coast cliff top on the North Foreland Private Estate.

Please bring binoculars and scopes if you have them. Otherwise, we will share. Limited spaces.

**Lead:** Jon Bramley, Kent Regional Coordinator, SeaWatch Foundation.

**Meet:** At northern end of Cliff Promenade (near Crescent Road: CT10 3QU)

**Booking Essential (opens May):** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=250&sc=74ad4467>

## Seashore Fun for the Family - Coastal Community Beach Hut (CCBH)- (Volunteer opportunities)

Volunteer at CCBH and at these public events by helping participants enjoy the beach - exploring Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife and make connections with the outdoors through art and game activities.

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to help at this event so that we can process a DBS check for you. Please plan to arrive on the day ½ hour before the event is scheduled to begin.**

Mon 27 (LT 15.29-1.37m); Tues 28 (LT 16:36-1.14m); Wed 29 July (LT17:33-0.(1m)

## Seashore Fun for the Family - Coastal Community Beach Hut, Margate

{Open to the Public}

**Family beach fun for children (4-11s)** and families to experience and enjoy the sandy beach through 'games' or 'art' activities. There is a chance to explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife, if the tide is out, and a 'seashore safari' to the Nayland Rock will explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife. Identification sheet & equipment is provided - and there will be help on hand to identify your finds!

Wear suitable footwear for the sandy beach, rocks/rockpools (for safari days) and the weather conditions on the day!

These events are particularly suitable for young family groups (4-11s or as shown, accompanied by an adult). £-Donations welcome.

**Booking is essential** as places are limited on each day

Safari will be juggled with the tides, with some games at the Beach Hut. £-Donations welcome.

**Meet:** Coastal Community Beach Hut, Margate Main Sand (CT9 1XN)

**Start: 2.30pm (2.5hrs)**

- **Mon 27 July: Seashore Safari & Beach Games - most suitable for '5-11s'**
- **Tues 28 July: Seashore Games & Safari – most suitable for '5-11s'**
- **Weds 29 July: Beach & Bubbles Fun Day – aimed at 'Under 5s'**

**Book here:** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk) (opens here at start of July)

## Shoresearch & BBQ – Coastal Wardens & Shoresearchers!

**Fri 31 July, 5pm, Nayland Rock, Margate**

Join us for a summer social! A survey of the chalk reef followed by a b.y.o. barbeque at the Coastal Community Beach Hut on Margate Main Sands. *Low Water Margate: 19:12, 0.6m*

**Meet:** At the Coastal Community Beach Hut, just on the beach opposite Arlington Square and Station Approach (OS Map Ref: TR 348 707, nearest postcode CT9 1XN). [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) / Thanet Coast

## August

### Thanet Coast Seashore Safaris (Volunteer opportunity) {Open to the Public}

Explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife - with help on hand to identify your finds!

Identification sheet & equipment is provided. Wear suitable footwear for rocks and rockpools. These events are

particularly suitable for young family groups (children 4-11s, accompanied by an adult). Safaris lasts for 2 hours. £-Donations welcome.

- **Tue 4 August, 9am – Stone Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1DP)**
- **Wed 5 August, 9:30am – Nayland Rock, Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)**
- **Thur 6 August, 10:30am – Botany Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3LG)**
- **Fri 7 August, 11am – West Bay, Westgate (CT8 8QZ)**
- **Sat 8 August, 12pm – Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)**
- **Thur 20 August, 9am – Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)**
- **Fri 21 August, 9.30am – Louisa Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1PU)**
- **Sat 22 August, 10am – Walpole Bay, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)**

**Public Bookings (open in July):** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk)

**If you would like to volunteer at any of these events (there's no need to be a marine expert, there are jobs for many abilities and interests), please register to help:** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

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## [Seaweed and their Secrets](#) {Open to the Public}

**Sun 23 August, 11am (2hrs) – Botany Bay, Kingsgate**

**Walk and talk with Ian Tittley (Natural History Museum)**

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**Meet:** Bottom of steps to beach, by kiosk (CT10 1TJ)

**Public Bookings (opens July):** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk)

## September

### **MCS Beachwatch Big Weekend 2015: 18-21 Sept**

Help on this national weekend of action - the UK biggest beach clean and survey – to clean and record the beach litter in your bay, or help on one of the public cleans listed.

#### **Organising your own Beachwatch event:**

To run your own public event as an organiser, register your bay with the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) online and receive full instructions and advice information ([www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/](http://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/)).

Do also contact us if you would like any further advice on running your own event, and do let us know the details of when/where/how long it will last - so that we can advertise it locally online too, and arrange for collection of the rubbish bags with the local authority. We may have some equipment (protective gloves, bags, sticks, sharps box, first aid) to assist at your event, although we will need to link exchange of equipment with other events in the area.

### **MCS Beachwatch Big Weekend 2015** {Open to the Public}

Join a public beach clean & litter survey as a part of the MCS's annual national campaign.

These events last for 2.5 hours and are open to the general public to join in. Gloves, sticks, bags and hoops are provided. Please wear appropriate clothing & footwear. You can join an organised even at:

#### **[Pegwell Bay Beachwatch](#) along the National Nature Reserve beach by the cliffs.**

**Sat 19 Sept 10am (2.5hrs)**

**Meet:** At the beach below the former hoverport access road, Cliffsend. CT12 5HY

#### **[Plumpudding Beachwatch](#) along the refreshing Northern Sea Wall**

**Sat 19 Sept 2pm (2.5hrs)**

**Meet:** Outside 'The Minnis Restaurant', Minnis Bay, Birchington. CT7 9QP

**Book:** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk)

or look out for other organised events online that will be run by Coastal wardens and other volunteers.

## October

### **Peek Under the Waves - Walpole Tidal Pool draining session**

**TBC – October (2hrs) - Walpole Tidal Pool, Cliftonville**

Watch for information in our monthly e-News instalments to see your next chance to catch the draining and to see what marine life gems will be found this time round.

**Note: Please check emails the night before the event, as these events have a high chance of cancellation if the sea or wind conditions are not suitable for maintenance.**

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### **Thanet Coastal Warden - Introductory Training**

**Thur 15 October, 10am (4.5hrs)**

This training session is for new Coastal Wardens and covers module 1 and 2. We will take you through the features of international importance, the history of the North East Kent Marine Protected Area, the management scheme, your role as a coastal warden and how you can help through activity surveys and incident reporting.

A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

**Booking Essential (opens August):** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}  
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## **Social Seashore Safari Autumn Amble & optional breakfast! - Eastcliffe, Ramsgate** **Fri 30 October, 8am (1.5hrs)**

An autumn social and closer look at the chalk reef shorelife and cliffs between Winterstoke and Dumpton Gap. Wear Wellies or sturdy boots for rockpools/walking on the reef; and suitable outdoor clothing on the day (waterproofs/windproof etc). Afterwards, there is an optional excursion & catch up in the Belgian Café, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate for a hot drink or breakfast (buy our own! ) after the walk.

**Meet:** Besides the Sea Garden, Eastcliffe, Ramsgate. Payable car park. (Beach promenade below: CT11 8ED - directly straight ahead when descending down the Marina Road from Victoria Parade on top of the Eastcliff)

**Book to let us know you can attend (opens August):** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}  
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## **November**

### **Shoresearch – Joss Bay, Broadstairs** {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public} **Sat 21 November, 12.30pm (2-3hrs)**

A survey of the chalk platform at Joss Bay in the Thanet Coast MCZ.

**Meet:** In the car park above Joss Bay, (below North Foreland Lighthouse) on Joss Gap Road/North Foreland Hill, opposite Elmwood Avenue. OS Map Ref: TR 399 701 *Low Water Margate: 13:41, 0.9m*  
[www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) 01622 662012

### **'Birds of the East Kent Coast with particular reference to advice on identification'** {Presentation} **Mon 23 November, 7pm (2hrs) – Drum Room, Droit House, Margate Harbour, CT9 1JD**

Indoor presentation by Tony Swandale, the Kent Wildlife Trust's East Kent Area Warden, on our coastal birds and waders with an emphasis on helping wardens with identification skills.

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Warden Forum**

#### **Thur 26 November, 6:45pm (3hrs) – Drum Room, Droit House, Margate Harbour, CT9 1JD**

Please keep this essential date in your diary – it is your change to come together with fellow coastal wardens and the team to review the year and provide feedback for the future. Invitations will be sent nearer to the date, detailing this year's theme and guest speakers.

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## **December**

# NEKMPA Coastal Warden Events 2015 – Quick Glance

Key: Underlined = Public Events; \*Ramsgate Tide Times

Event	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Survey 1*</b> (every 1 <sup>st</sup> full weekend)	Sun 4 HT 10:57am	Sun 8 HT 14:01pm	Sat 7 HT 12:33pm	Sat 4 HT 12:34pm	Sat 2 LT 18:16pm	Sun 7 LT 10:16am	Sun 5 LT 09:32am	Sun 2 LT 08:36am	Sat 5 LT 11:47am	Sat 3 HT 16:01pm	Sun 8 HT 09:17am	Sat 5 LT 13:11pm
<b>Survey 2*</b> (every 3 <sup>rd</sup> full weekend)	Sun 18 HT 9:31am	Sat 21 HT 13:04pm	Sun 22 HT 12:42pm	Sun 19 HT 12:37pm	Sat 16 LT 17:52pm	Sat 20 LT 09:27am	Sat 18 LT 08:38am	Sat 15 HT 13:01pm	Sun 20 HT 16:17pm	Sun 18 HT 14:10pm	Sat 21 LT 13:40pm	Sun 20 LT 13:11pm
<b>Introductory (1&amp;2) &amp; Shore life Training (3) 'core modules'</b>				<b>Tue 28</b> Warden Intro Training		<b>Wed 10</b> Shore life Identification Study Day (KWT)				<b>Thur 15</b> Warden Intro Training		
<b>Shoresearch (KWT)</b>				<b>Sat. 11</b> Whitstable Street	<b>Sun 17</b> Seasalter		<b>Sat 5</b> Walpole Bay + <b>Sat 31</b> Nayland Rock				<b>Sat 21</b> Joss Bay	
<b>Volunteer Tasks</b>	<b>Sat 17</b> Turnstone workshop + <b>Sat 31</b> Turnstone count + Roost monitoring	<b>Sat 21</b> Turnstone count + Roost monitoring + Awareness campaign	<b>Tue 24</b> Coastal Community Beach Hut clean up	<b>Tue 7</b> <b>Wed 8</b> <b>Thur 9</b> Scavenger & Great Eggcase Hunts	<b>Sat 9</b> MCS-Big Beach Clean Pegwell Bay		<b>Mon 27</b> <b>Tue 28</b> <b>Wed 29</b> Seashore Fun for the Family (CCBH) + more!	<b>Tue 4 to Sat 8</b> + <b>Thurs 20 to Sat 22</b> Seashore Safaris	(18- 21 Sep) Beachwatch 2014 <b>Sat 20</b> Pegwell + Plumpudding			
<b>Optional Event/ Training</b>			<b>Tue 24</b> Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool draining)	<b>Fri 17</b> Non-Native Species 'CoastBuster'	<b>Sat 23</b> Seaweeds & Secrets Dumpton Gap	<b>Tue 2</b> Lifeguards – the RNLI in Thanet + <b>TBC</b> Boat Trip	<b>Wed 8</b> Beaver Walk (KWT) + <b>Sat 18 July</b> Whale Watch	<b>Sun 23</b> Seaweeds & Secrets Botany Bay		<b>TBC</b> Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool draining)	<b>Mon 23</b> Birds of the East Kent coast	
<b>Catch ups, Networking/ Social Opportunities</b>			<b>Fri 27</b> Social Seashore Safari Stroll – Botany Bay			<b>Tue 16</b> Summer Seashore Stroll – Stone Bay	<b>Fri 31</b> Shoresearch & BBQ (CCBH)			<b>Fri 30</b> Autumn Amble – Eastcliff, Ramsgate	<b>Thur 26 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Annual Forum</b>	