

# NEKMPA Coastal Wardens Events & Activities 2016



## Monthly Activity Survey Dates:

The 2016 survey dates are shown below – but you can forward survey details for each time that you visit, as more the better! Remember if you cannot make a survey date, please try to complete one as close to the date as possible. All surveys can be entered online via the link on the Coastal Warden own webpage (below). Also, keep in touch via: [f](#) [t](#)

<http://nekmpa.org.uk/coastal-warden-survey/> [f](#) nekmpa1 [t](#) twitter.com/ThanetCoastProj

	Survey 1 (every 1 <sup>st</sup> full weekend)	Survey 2 (every 3 <sup>rd</sup> full weekend)
January	Sat 2 Low tide 11:15am	Sat 16 Low tide 10:43am
February	Sat 13 High tide 14:50pm	Sat 27 High tide 14:14pm
March	Sat 5 High tide 8:29am	Sun 20 High tide 9:52am
April	Sat 2 Low tide 14:03pm	Sun 17 High tide 09:28am
May	Sun 8 Low tide 08:17am	Sat 21 High tide 12:17pm
June	Sat 4 Low tide 18:40pm	Sat 18 Low tide 17:55pm
July	Sat 2 Low tide 17:26pm	Sat 16 Low tide 16:27pm
August	Sat 6 Low tide 9:24am	Sat 20 Low tide 8:34am
September	Sat 3 Low tide 8:27am	Sun 18 Low tide 08:11am
October	Sat 1 High tide 12:39pm	Sat 15 High tide 11:17am
November	Sat 5 High tide 14:23pm	Sat 19 High tide 14:50pm
December	Sat 3 High tide 13:30pm	Sun 18 High tide 14:34pm

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

## Training and Events Listings:

### January

#### NEKMPA Turnstone Briefing 2016

**Sat 9 January 2016, 10am (3hrs)** Drum Room, Droit House, Margate CT9 1JD

*The Turnstone population is one of only two species found in internationally important numbers within the NEKMPA & is used as our 'indicator' of how coastal birds are faring here. The last 4 year's surveys have indicated a huge decline in the local population. Whilst this may be due to a variety of reasons, it is well known that we have a long outstanding issue of people or dogs disturbing them & 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 & SBBOT!

Volunteer help is required through January-February:

**i) DISTURBANCE STUDY:** These two sessions need to run for 2 hours over one high tide in **January to the end of 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. 23 January** High Tide: Rams' 11.02am (4.9m); Margate 11:36 (4.6m); Herne Bay 11:45
- **Sat. 20 February** High Tide: Rams' 10.08am (4.6m) ; Margate 10.39 (4.4m); Herne Bay 10.42

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

## NEKMPA Turnstone Awareness at High Tides



**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 (we recommend that people avoid roost sites from 1.5 hours before to 0.5 hours after HT) during the day for health & safety reasons. Flyers can be handed out, but please only engage 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'. October to March each winter.

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

### Practical: CoastBuster Task

Control of selected non-native species within the inter-tidal zone of the NEKMPA – volunteers welcome, but need to take the training session to be included. Please get in contact to register your interest & receive information about the next training session: [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

**Fri 15 January 8.30am**, Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

**Sat 30 January 8:30am**, Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

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

**Sat 16 January, 9:30am** (2-3hrs)

A survey of life along the beach at Reculver Country Park – where the appearance of the table like rocks can be quite changeable if covered algae in the Thanet MCZ. Wellies, windproofs & waterproof trousers recommended – with layers of warm clothing! *Low Water: 10:54*

**Meet:** Car Park (£1 all day) besides Towers/Country Park. OS Map Ref: TR226 694. Postcode CT6 6SS  
[www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk) 01622 662012

## February

### Shoresearch – Viking Bay {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

**Sun 14 February, 9am** (2-3hrs)

A survey of the chalk reef that extends out from the shore below Victoria Gardens in Broadstairs. *Low Water Margate: 10:14, 0.5m*

**Meet:** Bandstand in Victoria Gardens, Broadstairs CT10 1QL OS map ref: TR 397 675.

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

### Practical: CoastBuster Task – see 15 Jan

**Mon 15 February 9.45am** Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

**Mon 29 February 8:15am**, Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

### Turnstone coordinated count 2: {see 9 January}

- Sat. 20 February** High Tide: Rams' 10.08am (4.6m) ; Margate 10.39 (4.4m); Herne Bay 10.42

## March

**\*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). We would also like arrange DBS checks for volunteers assisting on more than a couple of Seashore Safaris this summer.

### Doggie Pit-stops & walk – Pegwell Bay area (Volunteer Opportunity)

We're after 2 or 3 volunteers to attend to help & talk to people and dog owners at these public events.

**Let us know if you can help/attend** {[hyperlink](#)}:

<http://doodle.com/poll/4m2zhrrisur34kaz> & please turn up at the time stated.

The Thanet Coast Project is running this event in conjunction with Natural England, Kent Wildlife Trust warden (Education), Dorset Dogs and the Thanet Council... with the aim of pit-stops with Dorset dogs providing tips about how to look after your dog and also local wildlife! The events are held over 2 days; and the new 'English Coastal Path' opens around Pegwell Bay this spring. **More info:** <http://www.nekmpa.org.uk/whats-on/2016-events-and-activities/>

- **Doggie Pit-stop:** Fri 11 March, 9am(3.5hrs) - Viking Ship Picnic site, Cliffsend (open to public)
  - **Walkies** Fri 11 March, 2pm (2hrs) for 'invited' stakeholders (open to Councillors / Resident Group reps) - Pegwell Country Park to Western Undercliff, Ramsgate
- **Doggie Pit-stop:** Sat 12 March, 9am(3.5hrs) - LookOut Café, Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate (open to public)
  - **Walkies:** Sat 12 March, 2.30pm (2hrs) – Pegwell Country Park, Cliffsend (open to public)

### Shoresearch & Peek Under the Waves – Walpole Tidal Pool {Thanet Coast /Kent WT: open to public}

#### Tue 15 March, 9am (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. *Low Water Margate: 10:45, 0.9m. Meet:* At the eastern side of the tidal pool. Nearest postcode: CT9 3HF, OS TR 370 714.

**Let us know if you can attend:** <http://doodle.com/poll/4m2zhrrisur34kaz> **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.

**Practical: CoastBuster Task** – see 15 Jan

**Tue 15 March 9:45am** Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

**Tue 29 March 8.45am** Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

### Great Eggcase & Scavenger 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: <http://doodle.com/poll/4m2zhrrisur34kaz> **if you are able to help out at any of these events, as we need a small team of helpers on the day.** You will need to arrive on the day ½ hour before the start time below.

- **Tue 29 March, 11am - Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)**  
Meet by Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington House)
- **Wed 30 March, 11am - Viking Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1EU)**  
Meet: outside old Broadstairs Harbour Master Office (opp. Tartar Frigate pub)
- **Thur 31 March, 11am - Ramsgate Main Sands (CT11 8LP)0**  
Meet by the Needle (Obelisk opp. Belgian Cafe)

**(Note: For the Public to book/pay online for an event: [nekmpa.org.uk](http://nekmpa.org.uk))**

## April

### **'Capturing Our Coast' Training – for NEKMPA Coastal Wardens & other volunteers!**

**Mon. 4 April, 11am (6hrs) – Droit House, Margate Harbour CT9 1JD**

This is a brilliant opportunity to join the largest marine citizen science project ever started in the UK in 2016! This 'CoCoast' training session will enable you to be equipped for recording your chosen small set of marine wildlife – so you can carry out a transect survey for them at different sites around the NE Kent coast in your own time at low tide. Places are limited – so first come, first served! Light lunch and refreshments will be included.

**a) Registration with CoCoast is essential:** <http://capturingourcoast.co.uk/user/register>

**b) Then, please reserve your place for 4 April by booking:** {[hyperlink](#); or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

{be quick, places are limited and course is for NEW CoCoast Volunteers & Coastal Wardens!}

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

### **Seashell Ecology & Identification** {Wildwood - external course}

**Sun 17 April, 10:30am-4pm - Reculver Visitor Centre**

Discover the secret lives of our local seashells and how to identify them, plus go on a visit to a local beach to start your own seashell reference collection. Own transport required for off-site visit. **£30** per person

**Book:** [courses@wildwoodtrust.org](mailto:courses@wildwoodtrust.org)

### **Seasearch Observer Course - for divers** {Kent WT}

**Sat 23 April, 9:30am-5:30pm - Reculver Visitor Centre**

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 request booking form: contact Fiona White: [fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk) (01622 662012). **Cost: £45** (Free for refreshers)

**2016 Seasearch Dive Surveys** (Kent WT: See 23 April): Cost of boat dives: £40 per day - 2 dives (subsidised by Kent Seasearch)

**April – Sun 24** (shore dive)

**May - Sat 14, Sun 15, Mon 30**

**August - Sat 13**

**September - Sun 4, Sun 11**

## Coastal Warden 'Support Team' discussion!

**Thur 28 April, 6.30pm (2hrs) – Botany Bay Hotel, Kingsgate**

This session is restarting the informal 'team meetings' of Coastal Wardens that can help further – to assist the running of the NEKMPA Coastal Warden scheme (similar to previous informal catch-ups in 2011-13). The meeting will be covering an informal agenda to discuss the current 2016 programme and areas for improvement for potential volunteer input/support opportunities – such as social media, website, education, publicity, events, surveys, to this year's Annual Forum.

[Book here](#) *{hyperlink}*:

<http://doodle.com/poll/77k6z7b25srwzeqq>

## NEKMPA Coastal Warden - Introductory Training

(Coastal Warden modules 1 & 2)

**Sat 30 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 Marine Protected Area and 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: NEW WARDENS ONLY** *{hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}*

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

**Two or three Coastal Warden volunteers** can help new volunteers on this introductory training event:

**Please volunteer at:** *{hyperlink}*

<http://doodle.com/poll/77k6z7b25srwzeqq>

## May

### Spring morning walk for migrating birds

**Sun 1 May, 9am (2hrs) – Pegwell Country Park**

**Guided walk with Ken Chapman** (Secretary of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory) mostly looking out for newly-arrived migrating birds, on the marshland, shoreline and scrub of the Country Park – including a range of warblers such as Blackcap and Whitethroat and a whole range of other birds, plus spring flowers on route! The walking is easy on level and hard footpaths. Waterproof clothing and sensible footwear are essential. If you can bring a pair of binoculars, that would be very useful. Public toilets on-site. Note: Car Park charges apply

**Meet:** Pegwell Bay Country Park car park, Sandwich Road, Cliffsend.

[Book here](#) *{hyperlink}*:

<http://doodle.com/poll/7tvxh8wxt5rb6hqy>

### Seaweed identification workshop - Reculver {Kent WT}

**Sun. 8 May, full day** (times-tbc)

**Workshop led by algae expert Ian Tittley**, Natural History Museum, that will introduce & help you identify some of the seaweeds that we commonly find around our shores. Includes the chance to have a go at seaweed pressing!.

**Book:** [fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk) Free – but places limited!

**Meet:** Reculver Country Park Visitor Centre

### The Kent & Essex IFCA in NE Kent {presentation}

**Tue 17 May, 6.45 - 8.30pm - Droit House, Margate Harbour CT9 1JD**

**Guest speaker Tom Clegg**, will talk about the work of the Kent & Essex IFCA that was set up after the 'Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009' and cover their work ...including how volunteer Coastal Wardens can help!

**Also, artist Rachel Taylor will cover her exciting collaboration project – see 'When the Lights go Out' (below)**

[Book here](#) *if you would like to attend the talk* *{hyperlink}*:

<http://doodle.com/poll/7tvxh8wxt5rb6hqy>

### 'When the Lights go out' - Bioluminescence Public Engagement {art/science project}

**TBC – Workshop, May/June**

**Local public artist Rachel Taylor** is collaborating with Tom Clegg, local marine biologist and IFCA officer; to deliver an innovative and engaging workshop centred on bioluminescence within marine wildlife. Combining marine biology and art, participants will be sampling and exploring plankton samples, photographing them using handmade microscopes. Interacting with bioluminescent plankton and through hands on art activities, the participants will collectively make a public artwork which will be installed in an outdoor location along Thanet's coast.

**Call out for Coastal Warden Volunteers!** We are seeking volunteers who would be interested in guiding the public on coastal exploration walks which will include engaging the public in collecting plankton samples from the sea. Working with Rachel and Tom, you will devise the route and content of the walks which will then lead on to the bespoke hands on sci-art workshop.

**Please register your interest to help on this art / science project** *{hyperlink}*:

<http://doodle.com/poll/7tvxh8wxt5rb6hqy>

## **Seaweeds and their Secrets** (Open to the public)

**Sat 28 May, 9.30am (2hrs) – Walpole Bay, Cliftonville**

**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 on this outdoor talk. Please wear appropriate footwear suitable for walking on the chalk reef & rockpools. Suitable for adults (14+).

**Meet:** Walpole Bay, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)

Public booking £3pp: [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk) {from April}

**Coastal Wardens can go FREE, but you will need to [pre-Book your place here](#)** {hyperlink}:

<http://doodle.com/poll/7vtxh8wxt5rb6hqy>

## June

### **WORLD OCEANS DAY Wed 8 June**

The theme is *Healthy oceans, healthy planet.*

<http://worldoceansday.org>

### **Avocet Watch**

**Sat 11 June, 9am (2hrs) – Sandwich Bay**

**Guided walk with Mike or Ken Chapman** (Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory) looking out for the newly nesting Avocet in our area, and the bird life of National Nature Reserve near the River Stour. Waterproof clothing and sensible footwear are essential. If you can bring a pair of binoculars, that would be very useful. Public toilets only at the meeting point. Note: Reduced Car Toll applies – say for Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (SBBO)

**Meet:** Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, CT13 9PF

**[Book here](#)** {hyperlink}: <http://doodle.com/poll/i7hzqp4i957fxhg9>

### **NEKMPA 'Non-Native Species Control' Training Day**

**for the 2016/17 practical sessions**

**Mon 20 June, 10am (4.5hrs) – Drum Room, Droit House, Margate Harbour**

**Training session led by Willie McKnight** 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 2016-17 practical tasks. 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}

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

(Note: will be put up when date confirmed by April)

### **CITIZEN** (Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network) **in Thanet**

**Sat/Sun 25-26 June – Pegwell Bay**

**Free training weekend in archaeological recording and monitoring available!** CITIZAN is a response to threats to our island heritage – and this volunteer training will equip you in skills in archaeological recording and long-term monitoring.

Classroom session on Saturday morning with presentations on the CITIZAN project, history of the site, recording systems and site health and safety. On site practical session in the afternoon and Sunday. All attendees will receive a CPD certificate and a CITIZAN edition Archaeology Skills Passport. To book a place, or ask questions - please email Lara at [lband@mola.org.uk](mailto:lband@mola.org.uk)

<http://www.citizen.org.uk/> Course arranged via Emily Greenaway, TDC Heritage Engagement Officer

## July

### **National Whale and Dolphin Watch**

The SeaWatch Foundation helps people to run events all over the country at the end of July each year – 23 to 31<sup>st</sup> July in 2016 - to help provide a record of whale, dolphin & porpoise distribution. Usually we have run one at top of North Foreland cliffs. However, this year we are running a special 'excursion' on board the Sandwich Riverbus:

### **Marine Mammal Watching Excursion – on the Sandwich Riverbus**

**Sat 9 July, 5pm (2hrs)**

Come on board this specially commissioned boat trip where we will be **accompanied by Jon Bramley, the SeaWatch Kent Coordinator /Kent Mammal Group** - for this one-off special covering marine mammal watching and a closer look at the seal colony within the River Stour from Sandwich, Kent. Please bring binoculars/cameras & suitable clothing/footwear for going on board the boat. Costs are **£20pp**.

**Meet:** Sandwich Quayside, near Toll bridge. (More info on trips: <http://www.sandwichrb.uk/>)

**[Book & Pay online essential:](#)** {hyperlink; or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

<https://secure.thanet.gov.uk/officeforms/Booking-Book.ofml?ResourceID=293&sc=57256375>

## Shorelife identification: investigating life along the shore {Coastal Warden Module 3}

**Fri 15 July, 10am (7.5hrs), Droit House, Margate harbour / & beach**

Kent Wildlife Trust Special Study Day for Coastal Wardens

**Presentations and practical training** to explore the variety of life between the tides, and techniques to equip you to contribute to surveying Marine Protected Areas. Led by Fiona White & Bryony Chapman (Kent WT).

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

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

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

(Note: will be put up when date confirmed by April)

### National Marine Week 2016

The Wildlife Trusts run a national campaign to celebrate our seas – from 23 July to 7 August in 2016.

In 2016, the Thanet Coast Project with Kent Wildlife Trust will be trial the summer *Seashore Safari* to test the format and obtain feedback, as part of the development phase of the 'Guardians of the Deep' project to link people to new Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) and our NEKMPA designation. Your help is crucial if these Seashore Safaris are to help raise awareness of marine life around the Thanet coast.

### Thanet Coast Seashore Safaris - Volunteer opportunities {Open to the Public}

There's no need to be a marine expert, as there are jobs for many abilities and interests on these events.

**If you would like to volunteer at any of the summer safaris:**

**Please register to help on any of the Summer Seashore Safaris here:**

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

<http://doodle.com/poll/w9m37szin5fmwvxu>; or use the public booking link to bring friends or family along to an event!



Explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife! Identification sheet & equipment is provided and there is help on hand to identify your finds. Wear suitable footwear for rocks & rockpools! All events last for 2 hours and are suitable for ALL the family, but particularly 4-11s. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Costs: £1 per person (adults & children).

- **Sat 23 July, 8.30am - Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)**
- **Sun 24 July, 9am - West Bay, Westgate (CT8 8ZQ)**
- **Mon 25 July, 9.30am - St Mildred's Bay**
- **Tue 26 July, 10am - Nayland Rock, Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)**
- **Wed 27 July, 11am - Walpole Bay, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)**
- **Sat 30 July, 3pm - Eastcliff, Ramsgate**
- **Sun 31 July, 4.30pm - Western Undercliff, Ramsgate**
- **Sun 21 Aug, 8.30am - Stone Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1DP)**
- **Mon 22 Aug, 9am - Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)**
- **Tue 23 Aug, 9.30am - Botany Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3LG)**
- **Wed 24 Aug, 10am - Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)**

Further details & public booking/payment link online: [nekmpa.org.uk](http://nekmpa.org.uk)

### Seashore Family Fun - Coastal Community Beach Huts (CCBH) - Volunteer opportunities

Volunteer at these public events by helping participants enjoy the beach with art and games – after/before they explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore on a seashore safari. **Please let us know asap (before June), so that we can process a DBS check for you. Arrive 30 mins before the event is scheduled to begin.**

**Register your interest to volunteer here** {*hyperlink, & remember the dates:*}

<http://doodle.com/poll/xphgrqthfv6axiaq>

### Seashore Family Fun (CCBH) {Open to the Public}

**Family beach fun for children (4-11s)** - families can experience & enjoy the sandy beach through 'games' or 'art' activities after/before they explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore on a 'seashore safari' to the Nayland Rock or Eastcliff chalk reef. Suitable clothing/footwear for the beach, rocks/rockpools (for safari) & weather conditions on the day! These events are particularly suitable for young family groups (ages as shown, accompanied by an adult). £1pp.

**Booking essential** as places are limited on each day. Cost: £1 per child

- **Tues 26 July: Beach Games - most suitable for '5-11s' - Margate**  
**Start: 1pm (2hrs) Meet: CCBH, Margate Main Sand (CT9 1XN)**
- **Sat 30 July: Beach Games & Bubbles – under 11s - Ramsgate**  
**Start: 1pm (2hrs) Meet: CCBH, Ramsgate Sand by Royal Victoria Pavilion (CT11 8LS)**

**Public Bookings:** [nekmpa.org.uk](http://nekmpa.org.uk) {public opens here at start of July}

## Shoresearch - Long Rock, Swalecliffe {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

Sun. 24 July, 9am tbc

This survey site lies between Whitstable and Herne Bay. Long Rock is a shingle spit on a base of hard clay. It is also of particular interest for its fossils. *Low Water Herne Bay: 10:11, 0.7m*

**Meet:** On Plough Lane where it meets Swalecliffe Court Drive, by the triangle.

Nearest postcode: CT5 2NY, OS map ref: TR 136 675. [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## August

### Seaweed and their Secrets {Open to the Public}

**Tue 2 August, 6pm (2hrs) – Eastcliffe, Ramsgate**

**Walk & 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 & properties. Wear appropriate footwear suitable for walking along the chalk reef/rockpools. Suitable for adults (14+).

**Meet:** Besides Sea Garden – northern end of Marina car park (north of CT11 8ED)

**Public Bookings £3pp (opens July):** [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk)

**Coastal Wardens can go FREE, but you will need to [pre-Book your place here](#) {hyperlink}:**

<http://doodle.com/poll/xphqrqthfv6axiaq>

### Thanet Coast Project - at the 'Broadstairs Water Gala' – Volunteer opportunity {Open to the Public}

**Wed 17 August - Viking Bay area.**

We will be running two community events at this year's Gala festivities suitable for children & their families:

- **3pm Beach Scavenger Challenge** (for 6-11s, accompanied by an adult)

**Meet:** Near tidal pool, southern end of Viking Bay. Wear suitable clothing for the sandy beach – scavenge & for sand art. Also for protection from the weather on the day (windproof if windy; suncream; t-shirt; hats if sunny!) Places limited (first come - first served!)

- **5.30pm Seashore Safari – Louisa Bay** (for 4-11s, accompanied by an adult)

**Meet:** On slope onto Louisa Bay. Join this rockpooling venture to look at our local marine life. Wear suitable footwear for rockpools and walking on the rocks; and suitable clothing or protection from the weather on the day. This event is suitable for all the family.

**Register your interest to volunteer at either session here** {hyperlink}:

<http://doodle.com/poll/xphqrqthfv6axiaq>

### Shoresearch & BBQ – Coastal Wardens & Shoresearchers! {KWT/TCP}

**Fri 19 August, 6pm & 8pm (times = tbc) - Joss Bay, Broadstairs**

Join us for a summer social! A survey of the chalk reef followed by a b.y.o.

barbeque on the beach. *Low Water Margate: 19:47, 0.2m*

**Meet:** In the car park above Joss Bay, (below North Foreland Lighthouse) on

Joss Gap Road/North Foreland Hill, opposite Elmwood Avenue. Nearest

postcode: CT10 3PG, OS Map Ref: TR 399 701. [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Let us know if you can make either the Shoresearch, or the BBQ here** {hyperlink}:

<http://doodle.com/poll/xphqrqthfv6axiaq>

### Thanet Coast Seashore Safaris - Volunteer opportunities

**See July above** {Open to the Public}

- **Sun 21 Aug, 8.30am - Stone Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1DP)**
- **Mon 22 Aug, 9am - Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)**
- **Tue 23 Aug, 9.30am - Botany Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3LG)**
- **Wed 24 Aug, 10am - Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)**

Public to book/pay (£1pp) online: [nekmpa.org.uk](http://nekmpa.org.uk)

**(Volunteer booking: <http://doodle.com/poll/w9m37szin5fmwwxu>)**

## September

### Thanet Coast Project - at the 'Wheels & Find Festival Gala' – Volunteer opportunity {Open to the Public}

**10 & 11 Sept – Joss Bay, Broadstairs**

We will be running two seashore safari events at this year's Wheels & Fins festival ([wheelsandfins.co.uk/](http://wheelsandfins.co.uk/)) suitable for children & their families. "Explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife! Identification sheet & equipment is provided and there is help on hand to identify finds. Wear suitable footwear for rocks & rockpools! Events last for 2 hours and are suitable for ALL the family, but particularly 4-11s. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Places are limited - 'first come - first served' !

- **11.30am – Seashore Safari on Sat. 10 Sept**
- **12.30pm – Seashore Safari on Sun. 11 Sept**

**Register your interest to volunteer at the Safaris: [doodlepoll](#) to be circulated**

## Organising your own Beachwatch event:

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

Please 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 get permissions, advertise it locally online, & 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 up to exchange equipment with other events in the area.

## MCS Beachwatch Big Weekend 2016: 16-19 Sept

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

## MCS Great British Beach Clean 2016 {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:

### Plumpudding Beachwatch along the refreshing Northern Sea Wall

Sat 17 Sept 10am (2.5hrs)

Meet: Outside 'The Minnis Bar & Brasserie', Minnis Bay, Birchington.CT7 9QP

### Pegwell Bay Beachwatch along the National Nature Reserve beach by the cliffs.

Sat 17 Sept 2.30pm (2.5hrs)

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

The public can book on the 'Great British Beach Clean' Bookings: [www.nekmpa.org.uk](http://www.nekmpa.org.uk) or [www.mcsuk.org/](http://www.mcsuk.org/) or look out for other organised events online that will be run by Coastal Wardens or volunteer groups online.

**If you would be able to help volunteers to monitor litter at either clean, please let us know here**

*{hyperlink, & remember the dates}:*

<http://doodle.com/poll/xphgrqthfv6axiag>

## 'Capturing Our Coast' Training {See 4 April: Open to Public/Wardens}

**TBC – Sept/October (6hrs)** Another chance to join the largest marine citizen science project ever started in the UK. This 'CoCoast' training session will equip you to record your chosen set of marine wildlife – so you can carry out a transect survey for them at different sites around the NE Kent coast in your own time at low tide. Places are limited – so first come, first served! Light lunch and refreshments included.

**Registration with CoCoast is essential:** <http://capturingourcoast.co.uk/user/register>

**Then please LET ME KNOW when you have booked on:** [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

## October

### Autumn morning walk for migrating birds

**Sun 2 October, 9am (2hrs) – Pegwell Country Park**

Guided walk with Ken Chapman (Secretary of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, mostly looking for newly-arrived migrating birds, both on the marshland and shoreline and in the scrub and thickets of the Country Park. The walking is easy on level, hard footpaths and should take about two hours. Waterproof clothing and sensible footwear are essential. Please bring a pair of binoculars or telescope if you have any. Public toilets on-site.

**Meet:** Pegwell Bay Country Park Car Park, Sandwich Road, Cliffsend – car park charges apply!

**Bookings will open in September/October:** *{hyperlink; to be circulated in October e-News}*

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

**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.**

**Bookings will open in September/October:** *{hyperlink; to be circulated in October e-News}*

### Thanet Coastal Warden - Introductory Training

**Wed 12 October, 10am (5hrs) – Austen Room, Thanet Council Offices, Margate CT9 1XZ**

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

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



## November

### **'Climate Change on the coast'** {Open to the public}

**TBC - November, 7pm** (2hrs) – **Cliftonville Bowls Club**, Northdown Avenue, Margate

Indoor presentation by seaweed expert Ian Tittley, Herne Bay Museum & Natural History Museum, on the changes around our coast. Costs: £3pp.

**Public booking essential: [nekmpa.org.uk](http://nekmpa.org.uk)** (Opens Sept/Oct)

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

**Thur 24 November, 6:45pm** (3hrs) – **Drum Room, Droit House, Margate Harbour, CT9 1JD**

Please keep this essential date in your diary – it is your chance to come together with fellow coastal wardens 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.

**Booking Essential (opens Sept/Oct)** {[hyperlink](#); or 'copy & paste' link below into your browser}

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

## December

Only 'Activity Surveys' & 'Coastbusting' until the New Year!

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## **Destination Thanet 2016**

<http://www.visitthanet.co.uk/attractions/destination-thanet/220370?micrositeid=210#sthash.Mu0lfxNf.dpuf>

Destination Thanet is a Coastal Community Fund sponsored project that encourages visitors to explore more widely the special links between coast, culture and history around the area, through beach and town activities Look out for new activity packs to boost fun and learning for the family (late summer) and these **events are that can be booked and paid for in advance.**

**Draw: Stitch Workshops 10am** - Sundays £10 per person

**15 May** - Birchington; **12 June** – Ramsgate **3 July** - Margate

**Tony Swandale guided walks: Pegwell Bay Country Park** - £3pp

**Spring Migration:** 8.30am - Fri 20 May

**About Tern:** 6.30pm - Wed 27 July

**Autumn Migration:** 8.30am – Fri 30 Sept

**Winter Flocks of Ducks, Geese and Waders:** 9am - Wed 2 Nov

**RSPB Thanet Walks at Foreness Point**, Margate: 10am Thurs - £3pp

26 May; 23 June; 28 July; 25 August; 22 September

**Kent Wildlife Trust – Marine life identification day** - £10 per person

**Tues 31 May** – 10am: Droit House, Margate

**Motiv8 - Yoga on the Beach** at Kingsgate Bay 10am Weds - £3pp 20 July to 7 Sept

**Motiv8 - Boxercise** at Western Undercliff, Ramsgate 10am, Saturdays - £3pp 23 July to 10 Sept

**Joss Bay Surf School - Introductory Surf School Lesson** 2pm, £5 pp Fri 29 July – Joss Bay

**Gateways to the First World War Travelling Exhibition** 10am-5pm - Free

Mon 17 Oct - Wed 2 November: Droit House, Margate

**Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War Travelling Exhibition** Tues-Sat 10am-5pm - Free

Fri 11 to 25 November: Droit House, Margate

# NEKMPA Coastal Warden Events 2016 - 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)	<b>Sat 2</b> LT 11:15	<b>Sat 13</b> HT 14:50	<b>Sat 5</b> HT 8:29	<b>Sat 2</b> LT 14:03	<b>Sun 8</b> LT 08:17	<b>Sat 4</b> LT 18:40	<b>Sat 2</b> LT 17:26	<b>Sat 6</b> LT 9:24	<b>Sat 3</b> LT 8:27	<b>Sat 1</b> HT 12:39	<b>Sat 5</b> HT 14:23	<b>Sat 3</b> HT 13:30
<b>Survey 2*</b> (every 3 <sup>rd</sup> full weekend)	<b>Sat 16</b> LT 10:43	<b>Sat 27</b> HT 14:14	<b>Sun 20</b> HT 9:52	<b>Sun 17</b> LT 9:28	<b>Sat 21</b> HT 12:17	<b>Sat 18</b> LT 17:55	<b>Sat 16</b> LT 16:27	<b>Sat 20</b> LT 8:34	<b>Sun 18</b> LT 8:11	<b>Sat 15</b> HT 11:17	<b>Sat 19</b> HT 14:50	<b>Sun 18</b> HT 14:34
<b>Introductory &amp; Shore life Training 'core modules'</b>				<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b> Warden Intro Training			<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Shore life Identification Study Day			<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Warden Intro Training		
<b>Shoresearch (Kent WT)</b>	<u>Sat.16</u> Reculver	<u>Sun. 14</u> Viking Bay	<u>Tue 15</u> Walpole	<b>23</b> Seasearch training (for Divers)	<b>8</b> Seaweed workshop		<u>Sun 24</u> Long Rock Swalecliffe	<u>Fri 19</u> Joss Bay				
<b>Volunteer Tasks</b>	<b>Sat 9</b> Turnstone workshop + <b>Sat 23</b> Turnstone count	<b>Sat 20</b> Turnstone count	<u>Tue 29</u> <u>Wed 30</u> <u>Thur 31</u> Great Eggcase & Scavenger Hunts				<u>23 to 27</u> <u>30 to 31</u> Seashore Safaris  <u>26 &amp; 30-Family</u> Fun-BeachHuts	<u>Wed 17</u> Broadstairs Water Gala + <u>21 to 24</u> Seashore Safaris	<u>10-11th</u> Wheels & Fins Seashore Safari  <u>16 - 19</u> Great British Beach Clean: <u>Sat 17</u> Pegwell + Plumpudding			
<b>Optional Events / Training</b>			<u>11 &amp; 12</u> Doggie Pit-stops & walkies  <b>Tue 15</b> Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool draining)	<b>Mon 4</b> Capturing Our Coast Training  <b>17</b> Seashell Ecology/ID (Wildwood)	<b>Sun 1</b> Spring Birds  <b>Tue 17</b> K&EIFCA Talk & Art Project  <b>Sat 28</b> Seaweeds & Secrets Walpole Bay	<b>Sat 11</b> Avocet Watch  <b>Mon 20</b> Non-Native Species 'CoastBuster' Training  <b>25-26</b> CITIZAN	<b>Sat 9</b> Marine Mammal Watching Excursion	<u>Tue 2</u> Seaweeds & Secrets Eastcliff, Ramsgate	<b>TBC</b> Capturing Our Coast Training	<b>TBC</b> Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool)  <b>Sun 2</b> Autumn Birds	<b>TBC</b> Climate change talk	
<b>Networking / Social Opportunities</b>				<b>Thur 28</b> Coastal Warden Support discussion				<u>Fri 19</u> Shoresearch & BBQ (Joss Bay)			<b>Thur 24<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Forum	

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