

NEKMPA Coastal Wardens e-News July to Sept 2016

Dear Coastal Wardens,

Welcome to your summer e-News with an update of current activities and events.

There are a few amendments to the 2016 programme –and plenty of opportunities to help, such as joining the fun by helping at this year’s summer seashore safaris.

Urgent: Please book on board the 9 July ‘Seal Watching Trip’ asap if you would like to go – as this excursion is at a special reduced rate and will have our SeaWatch expert Jon Bramley on board – and still has plenty of spare seats. The remaining seats will be available for others - friends/ families/ colleagues to book - from 4 July. [Book & Pay online essential](#)

Helping Laura: Please could you help our Whiteness Bay Coastal Warden, Laura Whitfield, as she would like to interview coastal wardens - from our adopted bay list - to gain an insight into your involvement in volunteering as coastal wardens within the NEKMPA, as part of her university project.

Some recent events:



New Coastal Warden introduction 30 April 2016



Seaweeds & their Secrets 28 May 2016



SpringWatch event, Sandwich SBBOT June 2016



Coastbuster Training June 2016

For more up-to-date current news & information, please look at our social media links:

(These are ‘open public pages’ on facebook and twitter accounts – so that even non-facebook members can view & keep up to date!)



www.facebook.com/nekmpa1



twitter.com/ThanetCoastProj

NE Kent Coast – Activity Surveys

The monthly surveys coming up:

	Survey 1 (every 1 st full weekend)	Survey 2 (every 3 rd full weekend)
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
Sept	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

Note: Ramsgate Tides shown (For High Tides, add 7mins = Broadstairs, add 45 mins for [Margate](#).
For [Herne Bay & Whitstable](#) - check local tide tables! [{hyperlink}](#)

Trainings and Events Listings:

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 31st 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/w9m37szin5fmwwxu> ;

or use the public booking link (see below) to bring friends or family along to an event!



Explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife! Id 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 8QZ)**
- **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**
(*Part of the Ramsgate Festival: ramsgatefestival.org)
- *Wed 17 Aug – see Broadstairs Water Gala (see below)*
- **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)**
- *Sat/Sun 10/11 Sept – see Wheels & Fins (see below)*

Further details & public booking/payment link online: nekmpa.org.uk

Seashore Family Fun Days 26 & 30 July Coastal Community Beach Huts = Cancelled

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: Plough Lane, where meets Swalecliffe Ct Dr, by the triangle. (CT5 2NY) 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: 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. 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 & walking on 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>

'Oceans of Light' Marine Bioluminescence Workshop

Fri 19 & Sat 20 August – Turner Contemporary Public Sessions at 11pm & 2.30 (2.5hrs)

Local public artist Rachel Taylor collaboration with Tom Clegg, local marine biologist & IFCA officer; to deliver an innovative & engaging workshop centred on bioluminescence within marine wildlife. Combining marine biology & art, participants will be sampling and exploring plankton samples, photographing them using handmade microscopes. Interacting with bioluminescent plankton & 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.

Volunteers: Initial meetings will gather ideas & devise content for the coastal walks. Coastal Wardens involved on coastal exploration walks would need to be around for 9am-11.45pm & 2pm-2.45pm. Contact:

Rachelellataylor@gmail.com asap if you would like to help!

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: Car park above Joss Bay. Free parking on Elmwood Ave.(CT10 3PG) www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

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

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

Thanet Coast Seashore Safaris - Volunteer opportunities

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- **Sun 21 Aug, 8.30am - Stone Bay**
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- **Tue 23 Aug, 9.30am - Botany Bay**
- **Wed 24 Aug, 10am - Dumpton Gap**

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

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

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/) 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 help & let me know which day/s: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

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/).

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 or 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/xphqrqthfv6axiaq>

'Capturing Our Coast' Training {Open to Public/Wardens}

TBC – Oct/Nov (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

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 www.facebook.com/nekmpa1  twitter.com/ThanetCoastProj

For background information and public events, please go online to: nekmpa.org.uk

2-Minute beach Cleans coming to Thanet Coast!

Look out for the new 2 Minute Beach Cleans coming to a beach near you this summer! This fab-idea will give the opportunity for people to get involved with keeping their beaches clean this summer. There will be 15 placed with bay inspectors & concessionaires right around the coast from Birchington, Westgate, Margate, Kingsgate, Broadstairs to Ramsgate. Supported by Thanet Coast Project & Thanet Council.

New English Coastal Path: Folkestone to Ramsgate (Opens 19 July 2016)

Dog Walking on the Thanet Coast – look out for new Access Restrictions:



<http://nekmpa.org.uk/media/3372317/2016-A3-Pegwell-Access-Sign-WesternUndercliff.pdf>

Discover Thanet's Coast

Extra events & activities: Join Local Thanet RSPB walks at Foreness Point & Tony Swandale walks at Pegwell Bay NNR. Events run with support from Coastal Community Fund:

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

Further info' & to book or pay, please go to: <http://www.visitthanet.co.uk/thanetcoast>

Did you see: Stone Bay's Seal of content?



<https://www.facebook.com/nekmpa1/posts/1382049601821758>

**Phytoplankton blooms (red tides)
... followed by a Sea of Sea Gooseberries?**



<https://www.facebook.com/nekmpa1/posts/1368363896523662>

Crowdfunder – Blenny help will do?



<https://www.facebook.com/nekmpa1/posts/1382032811823437>
Help the marine environment in Kent – 'Guardians of the Deep'

Can you spare 2 minutes to help?



2 Minute Beach Cleans: coming to Thanet
(See article on previous page)

Coastal Wardens only:

<http://nekmpa.org.uk/coastal-warden-survey/>

Please do let us know if you are unable to complete surveys, or let me know if you would like to 'step down' from volunteering which would allow new volunteers to help adopt bays in their area. Remember to any "incidents" – such as commercial collecting of shellfish on the coast - online!

I hope that you're well and able to get out & about to enjoy and make the most of coast this summer.

With thanks,

Tony



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