

NEKMPA Coastal Wardens Events & Activities 2017

North East Kent



Marine Protected Area

Monthly Activity Survey Dates:

The 2017 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 plus the “Closed Group” site for Coastal Wardens: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NEKMPACoastalWardens/>

[t](#) ThanetCoastProj

2017	Survey 1 (every 2 nd full weekend: Jan to Apr) (every 1 st full weekend: May-Dec)	Survey 2 (every 4 th full weekend: Jan to Apr) (every 3 rd full weekend: May-Dec)
January	Sat 14 High tide 12:44 (5.1)	Sat 28 High tide 11:50 (4.9)
February	Sat 11 High tide 11:48 (5.0)	Sat 25 High tide 10:50 (4.9)
March	Sat 11 High tide 10:53 (4.9)	Sat 25 High tide 09:38 (4.6)
April	Sat 8 High tide 10:51 (4.7)	Sat 22 High tide 09:28 (4.3)
May	Sat 6 Low tide 16:21 (1.1)	Sat 20 Low tide 13:36 (1.5)
June	Sat 3 Low tide 14:25 (1.3)	Sat 17 Low tide 11:51 (1.2)
July	Sat 1 Low tide 12:33 (1.0)	Sat 15 Low tide 10:46 (1.0)
August	Sat 5 Low tide 17:47 (1.0)	Sat 26 Low tide 10:04 (0.6)
September	Sat 2 Low tide 16:18 (1.4)	Sat 16 Low tide 15:57 (1.1)
October	Sat 7 High tide 13:02 (5.5)	Sat 21 High tide 13:16 (5.3)
November	Sat 4 High tide 10:28 (5.4)	Sat 18 High tide 11:18 (5.1)
December	Sat 2 High tide 09:50 (5.2)	Sat 16 High tide 10:20 (4.8)

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



Shoresearch – Epple Bay, Birchington

Sat 7 January 2017, 10.30am (3hrs)

The survey area is the exposed chalk reef to the east of the bay – a wave-cut chalk platform with rockpools & gullies, slippery algae & areas of soft sand. Low tide: 12:49pm, so it will be following outgoing tide. Wear sturdy waterproof walking boots/wellies, & bring weatherproof/warm clothing.

Leader Fiona White (07779 657573) **Kent Wildlife Trust**

Meet: Epple Bay Avenue CT7 9HU slope to the beach (TR307698)

Practical: CoastBuster Tasks (Non-native marine species project)

9 Jan 13.30pm Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

18 Jan. 8.30am Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

These practical sessions are currently led by volunteers with guidance from Natural England and will be tackling running pacific Oyster control session within the section of coastline between Ramsgate Harbour towards Pegwell Bay and the National Nature Reserve. Any further volunteers can register their interest to get involved – please do get in touch, as we are likely to run a new ‘Coastbuster Training Session’ when enough people come forward - possibly May/June (tbc)

February

Practical: CoastBuster Tasks

4 Feb 8.25am Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

15 Feb 8.00am Broadstairs Harbour

17 Feb 8.20am Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

Shoresearch – Newgate Gap, Cliftonville

Sat 4 February, 10am (3hrs)

Explore and survey the superb chalk reef along the Margate coastline (Low tide is at 11.21) Please wear sturdy waterproof walking boots or wellies, and bring weatherproof clothing/trousers are useful for keeping out the wind and when kneeling down. Layers are a good idea as well as a scarf, woolly hat and gloves as likely to be very cold!

Leader: Fiona White Fiona.White@kentwildlife.org.uk (07779 657573) **Kent Wildlife Trust**

Meet: Entrance to foot tunnel down to lower promenade from Percy Rd/Eastern Esplanade, Margate CT9 2DT

First Aid Training – for volunteers on the NE Kent MPA

East Kent College, Broadstairs Campus

Wed 8 February – 8 places: Fully Booked; Friday 10 February – 8 places: Fully Booked

These one day “First Aid at work” training course are for Coastal Volunteers/Wardens - with priority to those that help out on practical tasks (eg Coastbusters), Beach Cleans, or helping at educational or public events programme (eg Seashore Safaris). It is a full day “First Aid at Work” Course that will be delivered by Andy Webb of Kent Surf School at the East Kent College Broadstairs, and will cover many aspects including emergency first aid cover and so will be a great skill to have. This course is free to volunteers, as we have secured funding from the Coastal Communities Fund project at Thanet Council and usually costs around £55 per person. The course is available for 8 coastal volunteers per day – indicate preference by doodlepoll: <http://doodle.com/poll/fp5x8ha89wxvy7p3>

Talk: Seaweeds and Their Secrets

An evening with Ian Tittley’s expert cover of our Kent seaweeds and their uses.

When: Mon 13 Feb, 6.30pm for 7pm

Where: Herne Bay Museum and Gallery, 12 William St, Herne Bay CT6 5EJ

£5pp (£4 museum volunteers) www.theseasidemuseumhernebay.org

‘Capturing the Coast’ Training session for NEKMPA Coastal Wardens & Volunteers

Sat. 25 February, 11am (7hrs) – Droit House, Margate Harbour CT9 1JD

This is a brilliant opportunity to join the **largest marine citizen science project** ever started in the UK.

This ‘CoCoast’ training session will enable you to be equipped for recording your chosen small set of marine wildlife – so you can survey for them at your own bay or different sites around the NE Kent coast in your own time at low tide. Places are limited and shared with other volunteers the region – so first come, first served! Light lunch and refreshments will be included. {Course lead by Thanet Coast Project/Kent Wildlife Trust}

Please book:

a) directly with **CoCoast**: {<http://capturingourcoast.co.uk/user/register>}, &

b) on our doodlepoll: <http://doodle.com/poll/fp5x8ha89wxvy7p3>

Note: The event details – and confirmation of this time/date – will be sent out to those registering online.

March

Practical: CoastBuster Tasks

6 Mar 10.10am Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

20 Mar. 9.00am Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

Great British Beach Spring Clean!

Fri 3 to Sun. 5 March – various locations



Why not help on a community group clean up – or run your own 2-minute clean?

This spring campaign is coordinated by Keep Britain Tidy – click on poster ([hyperlink](#)) to get to their website for information and to register!

Thanet Council is running some 'deep cleans' and is supporting local groups running clean-ups where possible. Keep a look out on the 'What's On' section of our website for more information about local cleans – so please do let us know the time and location of a clean if you decide to run one!

Great British Spring Litter Clean – Viking Bay, Broadstairs {Broadstairs Town Team}

Tues 7 March, 11.30am for 12pm start (3hrs) - Viking Bay & Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground
Come and help the Broadstairs Town Team with their spring clean - with Coastal Wardens & many other volunteers taking part. Part of Keep Britain Tidy's Super Heros spring event (3-5 March) & **BBC Radio Kent's 'One Good Thing'** campaign! **Meet:** By The Look Out (former Harbour master office building), Broadstairs Harbour – Julie Perrin will be there with our beach clean equipment.

SBBOT illustrated talk: RSPB Lydden Valley Update & other Kent Reserves

Thur. 23 March, 7pm (2.5hrs; 7.30pm start) - Price: £4pp.

Martin Randall, RSPB Area Manager for Kent, is SBBOT's speaker and will give an update of this exciting RSPB wetlands project (RSPB Lydden Valley Reserve) on farmland between Worth (nr. Sandwich) and Foulmead. There will also be updates about the other RSPB reserves in Kent.

Meet: SBBOT, Guilford Road, Sandwich Bay CT13 9PF Tel: 01304 617341 {Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust}

April

Shoresearch – Stone Bay, Broadstairs

/ Support day for practice your 'Capturing Our Coast' volunteers

Sat 1 April, am (3hrs)

A Shoresearch investigation of the chalk reef that lies below the sandy shore & bay just north of Broadstairs Harbour; and a chance for Capturing our Coast volunteers to practice their survey skills.

Leader: Fiona White (07779 657573) Kent Wildlife Trust

Meet: On the Eastern Esplanade, between the junctions with Dickens Rd & Rectory Rd, (CT10 1DP; OS:TR 397682)

Seashore Walk – Herne Bay {www.theseasidemuseumhernebay.org}

Sun 2 April, 9.30am

Puddle, guddle and beachcomb: A two hour walk around taking in the beach and shore to and from Herne Bay to Beltinge with Ian Tittley, Natural History Museum /Seaside Museum. (Low Water is 10.45am)

Meet: at Herne Bay Museum and Gallery, 12 William St, Herne Bay CT6 5EJ

£5.00 (£4 museum volunteers); Children under 16 £1.00



SAS Big Spring Beach Clean

3 to 9 April: Community Groups helping clean beaches on the Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) call of action

Western Undercliff, Ramsgate – clean up

Mon 5 April Time:TBC Join us on this spring clean of the Western Undercliff beach area. (**Western Undercliff / Artificial Beach Group & friends**)

Joss Bay , Broadstairs – big spring beach clean

Sun 9 April Time:TBC (**Surf School & Friends**):

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.

- **Tue 4 April, 11am - Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)**
Meet: Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington House)
- **Wed 5 April, 11am - Viking Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1EU)**
Meet: outside old Broadstairs Harbour Master Office (opp. Tartar Frigate pub)
- **Thur 6 April, 11am - Ramsgate Main Sands (CT11 8LP)**
Meet: By the 'Needle' or Obelisk (opp. The Belgian Cafe)

To HELP us run the event, please let us know at: <http://doodle.com/poll/fp5x8ha89wxvy7p3>

Please plan to arrive on the day ½ hour before the event is scheduled to begin.

A DBS is recommended if you are able to help at all three events (otherwise not essential, as adults have to accompany children at these events). **Note: Public bookings open Feb. online at the website: nekmpa.org.uk**

‘Peek Under the Waves’ - Walpole Tidal Pool Draining session

19 April, 10.30am (2-3hrs), Walpole Tidal Pool, Cliftonville

As spring approaches we have a chance to view the marine wildlife within one of Thanet’s largest artificial rockpools. Come along to explore for our gems at this spring ‘tidal pool maintenance’ session.

Please indicate if intending to visit: <http://doodle.com/poll/6yzi5i8r7dztzxh9y>

Please Note: *It is only a neap-tide of 1.4m – so there will not be nearly as much to see as usual during these sessions. Also, please check emails the night before, as these events have a high chance of cancellation if the sea or wind conditions are not suitable for maintenance.*

Seasearch Observer Course - for divers {Kent WT}

Sat 22 April, 9:30am-5:30pm – Tyland Barn, Maidstone

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. The day includes a simulated dive on video to practice the skills.

Booking form: contact Fiona White fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk (01622 662012). **Cost: £45 (Free for refreshers)**

2017 Seasearch Dive Surveys (Kent WT: See 22 April): Cost of boat dives: £40 per day - 2 dives (subsidised by Kent Seasearch)
April – Sun 23 (shore dive); **May - Sat 20, Sun 21; June – Sat 3, Sun 18; July – Sun 2, Sun 9**

Something Fishy for the Evening!

Wed 26 April, 6.45pm (2hrs) - Droit House, Margate Harbour CT9 1JD

Informal evening talk about the IFCA & local Sea Life. Guest speakers - Tom Clegg, will give an **update of the Kent & Essex IFCA** (Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Agency) work in our area - including how volunteer Coastal Wardens can help keep a look out!

Joined by **Coastal Warden, Lester Hovenden**, who will be let loose on one of his favourite subjects to talk about the **local fish & shore** life that he has so ably illustrated over the last couple of years.

Please book to register if able to attend: <http://doodle.com/poll/6yzi5i8r7dztzxh9y>

May

Shoresearch – Whiteness: Shore-based survey workshop!

Tues 2 May, time-tbc {Kent Wildlife Trust}

Aimed at Kent Shoresearchers who regularly attend surveys and are willing to help with at least 4 quadrat surveys a year. This shore-based workshop will provide training in transect and quadrat survey techniques that we use so you can take a more active role in the surveys. Leaders: Ian Tittley/Chris Spurrier will help you describe shore zones, take survey photos, use a GPS and how to record species in a quadrat.

Places limited to surveyors: booking essential: Fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk

NEKMPA Coastal Warden - Introductory Training

Thur 4 May, 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}

Two Coastal Warden volunteers needed to help new volunteers on this introductory training event:

Please volunteer via: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

Ramsgate Sea Safety

21 May: Please get in contact if you would like to help run a NEKMPA/Thanet Coast stall at the event: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

Coastal Warden ‘Support Team’ – catch up/discussion!

TBC - Tues 23 May, 6.30pm (2hrs): Botany Bay Hotel, Kingsgate CT10 3LG

This session is for volunteers that would like to assist the running of the NEKMPA Coastal Warden scheme. The meeting will be cover the upcoming summer programme and areas for improvement for potential volunteer input/support opportunities – such as social media, summer events, education, publicity, surveys, to Guardians of the Deep and also this year’s Annual Forum.

Please indicate if able to help & attend: <http://doodle.com/poll/6yzi5i8r7dztzxh9y>

RSPB: A Field Trip to Stonelees KWT Reserve & Pegwell Bay - 'migration check'

Sat. 13 May, 8.30am

Join the RSPB on a circular walk to locate newly arrived and passage migrants at these wetland and woodland sites with abundant scrub. High tide is at 1pm. Price: Donations (Free to RSPB members).

Meet: Car park opp. Sportsman Pub (end of Ebbs Fleet Lane). CT11 2TR

Tel: 01843 961483 E-mail: therspbthanetlocalgroup@talktalk.net www.rspb.org.uk/groups/thanet/events/

RSPB: The History of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory

Tue. 30 May, 7.40pm - Price: £ 3.50 members £ 5 non-members.

Mike Briggs, vice-chairman of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (SBBO) is the RSPB's guest speaker. The SBBO was one of the first independent ringing stations founded in 1952, and the site has developed tremendously offering a wide variety of enjoyable opportunities.

Meet: The Portland Centre, Hopeville Ave, St Peters, Broadstairs CT10 2TR

Tel. 01843 961483 E-mail: therspbthanetlocalgroup@talktalk.net

June

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

Sat 3 June, 1.30pm (2hrs) – Botany Bay, Kingsgate

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: Beach Café Kiosk (CT10 3LG)

Public booking: www.nekmpa.org.uk *(from April)*

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory – visit & walk

TBC - Sun 4 June, 9.30am (2hrs) – Sandwich Bay

A walk & talk with Ken Chapman (Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory) around the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory and grounds – with a look on the dune pasture and golf course for the famed Lizard Orchids, and shingle vegetation. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor walking, & weather conditions on the day. Note: Reduced Car Toll applies: say going to the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory (SBBOT)

Meet: Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, Guilford Road, Sandwich Bay CT13 9PF

Book: doodlepoll *(Booking in next e-News):*

Sponges, hydroids and bryozoans - microscope workshop

Sun 4 June

Aimed at Seasearch Surveyors, this workshop will help you to know which species can be identified on dives and which need closer examination. **Meet:** KWT's Tyland Barn Visitor Centre

Booking essential: Fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk

WORLD OCEANS DAY Wed 8 June

The theme is *Our Oceans, Our Future*. <http://worldoceansday.org>

Cliffs, Caves and Castles: a World Ocean Day walk!

Thur 8 June, 6pm – Botany Bay, Broadstairs

Evening stroll around the Kingsgate coast with Tony Child (Thanet Coast Project/NE Kent MPA) exploring Thanet Coast's chalk cliffs, reef and caves, whilst looking out for clues of marine life along our strandline. Please wear appropriate footwear suitable for walking on the beach, chalk reef and rockpools. Walk last 1.5 hours.

Meet: Botany Bay, by Beach Café Kiosk (bottom of steps from Marine Drive, Kingsgate (CT10 3LG)

Book online: nekmpa.org.uk

Talk: Life between Tides at Herne Bay

Mon 12 June, 6.30pm for 7pm

An evening with Ian Tittley talking about shore life on the Herne Bay coastline.

Where: Herne Bay Museum and Gallery, 12 William St, Herne Bay CT6 5EJ

£5pp (£4 museum volunteers) www.theseasidemuseumhernebay.org

NEKMPA 'Non-Native Species Control' Training Day

TBC - June *(for the 2017/18 practical session)*

Training session led by Natural England to cover everything you need to know in order to become a member of the practical task 'CoastBuster' team. Places are limited – so first come, first served! Please bring your own lunch – drinks/biscuits available.

Please let us know if you would be interested in attending this training: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

Seashore Walk – Herne Bay www.theseasidemuseumhernebay.org

Fri 23 June, 6pm (Low Water is 6.40pm)

Puddle, guddle and beachcomb: A two hour walk around taking in the beach and shore to and from Herne Bay to Beltinge with Ian Tittley, Natural History Museum

Meet at Herne Bay Museum and Gallery, 12 William St, Herne Bay CT6 5EJ

£5.00 (£4 museum volunteers); Children under 16 £1.00

Walpole Tidal Pool Day!

TBC - Sun. 25 June, TCP pm (2hrs) Walpole Bay, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)

Event to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the tidal pool. NEKMPA & the Thanet Coast Project will be helping celebrate this 80th with a stall with a 'local finds' table and art/craft activities.

Let us know if you are able to help on the day: <http://doodle.com/poll/6yzi5i8r7dztzx9y>

July

Shorelife identification (/Capturing Our Coast – basic introduction / Coastal Warden module 3)

Thur 6 July, 10am (7.5hrs), Droit House, Margate harbour / & beach

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 (Kent Wildlife Trust). **This course is being offered FREE as part of your NEKMPA Coastal Warden Scheme.**

Booking Essential: <http://doodle.com/poll/6yzi5i8r7dztzx9y>

National Whale and Dolphin Watch

The SeaWatch Foundation helps people to run events all over the country over the week 29 July – 6 Aug 2017, to help provide a record of whale, dolphin & porpoise distribution. **TBC - Marine Mammal Watch/Talk**

Shoresearch & BBQ – Nayland Rock, Margate

/ Support day for practice your 'Capturing Our Coast' volunteers

Fri 21 July, pm (times = tbc: Low Water Margate: 17:06, 0.8m)

Coastal Wardens & Shoresearchers {KWT/TCP} Join us for a summer social – starting with a survey of the chalk reef, followed by a b.y.o. barbeque at the Coastal Community Beach Hut.

Meet: At the Coastal Community Beach Hut, just on the beach opposite Arlington Square and Station Approach. (CT9 1XN; OS Map Ref: TR 348 707) www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

Let us know if you can make it: **Book: doodlepoll** {Booking in July e-News}:

National Marine Week 2017

The Wildlife Trusts run a national campaign to celebrate our seas (from July to August).

In 2017, the Thanet Coast Project with Kent Wildlife Trust will run the summer *Seashore Safari* as part of the 'Guardians of the Deep' project to link people to new Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) and our NEKMPA designation. Your help is crucial to help raise awareness of marine life around the Thanet coast.

Seaweeds and their Secrets - exhibition (Open to the public)

Sat 29 July to Sun 3 Sept, 10am to 5pm

Drum Room, Droit House, Margate Harbour CT9 1JD (Margate Visitor Information Centre)

A delightful look at the sheer variety of seaweeds around the Kent coast and their sometimes surprising uses in everyday life. This exhibition has been created by **Ian Tittley** (Natural History Museum & Kent Field Club) with help from the Thanet Coast Project and NEKMPA Coastal Wardens.

Volunteers needed: please let us know if you are able to help with setting up this exhibition - thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

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



working with people
for coastal wildlife
www.thanetcoast.org.uk
01842 87102

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. Suggested donation of £1 per person (adults & children).

- **Wed 26 July, 8.30am - Minnis Bay, Birchington** (CT7 9QP)
- **Thur 27 July, 8.30am - West Bay, Westgate** (CT8 8QZ)
- **Fri 28 July, 9.30am - St Mildred's Bay** (CT8 8TP)
- **Sat 29 July, 9am - Eastcliff, Ramsgate** (CT11 8DG)
- **Sun 30 July, 10am - Western Undercliff, Ramsgate** CT11 9PH)

- **Fri 11 Aug, 8.30am - Walpole Bay**, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)
- **Sat 12 Aug, 9am - Stone Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 1DP)
- **Sun 13 Aug, 9.30am - Joss Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)
- **Mon 14 Aug, 10.30am - Botany Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 3LG)
- **Tue 15 Aug, 11am - Dumpton Gap**, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)
- **Wed 16 Aug, 12pm - Nayland Rock, Margate Main Sands** (CT9 1XN)

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

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:

Volunteer help: [doodlepoll](#) {Booking in the July e-News}:

August

Thanet Coast Seashore Safaris - Volunteer opportunities

See July above {Open to the Public}

- **Fri 11 Aug, 8.30am - Walpole Bay**, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)
- **Sat 12 Aug, 9am - Stone Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 1DP)
- **Sun 13 Aug, 9.30am - Joss Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)
- **Mon 14 Aug, 10.30am - Botany Bay**, Broadstairs (CT10 3LG)
- **Tue 15 Aug, 11am - Dumpton Gap**, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)
- **Wed 16 Aug, 12pm - Nayland Rock, Margate Main Sands** (CT9 1XN)

Public to book online: nekmpa.org.uk

Volunteer help: [doodlepoll](#) {Booking in the July e-News}:

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

Wed 23 August - Viking Bay area.

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

- **8am Seashore Safari – Louisa Bay** (for 4-11s, accompanied by an adult)

Meet: Lower promenade 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.

- **11am 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!)

Volunteer help: [doodlepoll](#) {Booking in the July e-News}:

Seaweeds and their Secrets (Open to the public)

Mon. 21 August, 6pm (2hrs) – Fulsam Rock, Margate Harbour area

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 (eg Wetshoes or Wellington boots). Suitable for adults (14+) with suggested donation of £3.

Meet: Outside Droit House (Margate VIC), Margate Harbour CT9 1 JD

Public booking: www.nekmpa.org.uk {from April}

September

An Introduction to Kent's Marine Wildlife – Kent Wildlife Trust Workshop

Wed 13 September

An introduction to marine wildlife identification. Aimed at those with a little or no knowledge who would like to know what they are looking at when they visit the coast. Contact:

Cost is £23 for KWT/Shoresearch volunteers (£28 for others).

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 2017: 15-18 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 2017 {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 Beach Clean along the refreshing Northern Sea Wall

Sat 16 Sept 10am (2.5hrs)

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

Pegwell Bay Beach Clean along the National Nature Reserve beach by the cliffs.

Sat 16 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:
thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

RSPB: The Wonders of Migration

Tue. 26 Sept, 7.30pm - Price: £ 3.50 members £ 5 non-members.

John Buckingham, trustee of the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust (SBBOT) is the RSPB's guest speaker. John is an experienced ornithologist and bird tour leader, and an active bird ringer who studies migration in detail.

Meet: The Portland Centre, Hopeville Ave, St Peters, Broadstairs CT10 2TR

Tel. 01843 961483 E-mail: therspbthanetlocalgroup@talktalk.net

October

RSPCA Mallydams Wood – rehabilitation centre

TBC - October, 6.45pm

Guest speaker, Richard Thompson, will be our guest presenter and will cover the work of the main RSPCA Rescue (Rehabilitation and Education) Centre in the southeast at RSPB Mallydams, near Hastings, where many of our marine mammal and bird rescues are taken.

Please Book: Doodlepoll {Booking in the July/Oct E-News}

Thanet Coastal Warden - Introductory Training

TBC October, 10am (5hrs) – Margate

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: nekmpa.org.uk

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

Two Coastal Warden volunteers needed to help new volunteers on this introductory training event:

Please volunteer via: thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk

Shoresearch – Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate

Sun. 15 October, pm – time tbc *Low Water Ramsgate: 16:14, 0.4m*

A survey of the chalk shore below Pegwell Bay Caravan Park. A new site for Shoresearch.

Meet: On Royal Harbour Approach, through the tunnel. (Carry on through tunnel from postcode CT11 0NQ.) OS Map Ref: TR 370 641. www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk {Kent Wildlife Trust: open to public}

Peek Under the Waves - Walpole Tidal Pool draining viewing

TBC – Oct/Nov (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.**

Booking: Doodlepoll in Oct E-News!

November

Annual Coastal Warden Forum

Wed 22 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: Doodlepoll in Oct E-News

RSPB: Life on the Rocky Shore

Tue. 28 Nov, 7.30pm - Price: £ 3.50 members £ 5 non-members.

Peter Dean, trustee of the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust (SBBOT) and retired biology teacher (Sir Roger Manwood) is the RSPB's guest speaker on the life on the rocky shore.

Meet: The Portland Centre, Hopeville Ave, St Peters, Broadstairs CT10 2TR

Tel. 01843 961483 E-mail: therspbthanetlocalgroup@talktalk.net

December

Shoresearch - Sandwich Bay

Sat 9 Dec. am *Low Water Rams:: 10:23, 0.5m*

A stroll along the strandline to investigate the variety of shells and other flotsam that can be found here.

Followed by an indoor session using KWT's mollusc reference collection to help identify what we've found.

Book: fiona.white@kentwildlife.org.uk

Meet: Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, Guilford Road, Sandwich CT13 9PF OS Ref: TR 356 574

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRAAAAsss - 2017

Look out for more up to date details of events & activities on the quarterly e-News circulated!

We will also forward any additional events that may be of interest, as we know of some more in the pipeline....such as potential

Guardians of the Deep

Look out for additional learning events and volunteering opportunities

'Capturing Our Coast' Training

- summer / autumn {See 25 Feb: Open to Public/Wardens}

A Plastic Ocean – The Film = DATE: TBC (via Dom Bridges at Turner Contemporary)

Everyone can make a difference - This film will make a difference, by first and foremost getting people to know and to care Dr Sylvia Earle Plastic Oceans has assembled a team of the world's top scientists and leading film makers to produce a powerful, high-end documentary

in high definition 'A Plastic Ocean'. Accompanied by scientists, conservationists and engineers, the film follows the journey of two explorers as they travel to some of the most remote parts of the world, documenting the environmental issues associated with plastic pollution and its impact on the environment, ecosystems and human health.



Wheels & Fins Festival

8-10 Sept

NEKMPA Coastal Warden Events 2017 - Quick Glance

Key: Underlined = Public Events; * Ramsgate Tide Times

Event	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Survey 1* (2 nd full w-end Jan-Apr; then 1 st w-end)	<u>Sat 14</u> HT 12:44	<u>Sat 11</u> HT 11:48	<u>Sat 11</u> HT 10:53	<u>Sat 8</u> HT 10:51	<u>Sat 6</u> LT 16:21	<u>Sat 3</u> LT 14:25	<u>Sat 1</u> LT 12:33	<u>Sat 5</u> LT 17:47	<u>Sat 2</u> LT 16:18	<u>Sat 7</u> HT 13:02	<u>Sat 4</u> HT 10:28	<u>Sat 2</u> HT 09:50
Survey 2* (4 th full w-end Jan-Apr, then 3 rd w-end)	<u>Sat 28</u> HT 11:50	<u>Sat 25</u> HT 10:50	<u>Sat 25</u> HT 09:38	<u>Sat 22</u> HT 9:28	<u>Sat 20</u> LT 13:36	<u>Sat 17</u> LT 11:51	<u>Sat 15</u> LT 10:46	<u>Sat 26</u> LT 10:04	<u>Sat 16</u> LT 15:57	<u>Sat 21</u> HT 13:16	<u>Sat 18</u> HT 11:18	<u>Sat 16</u> HT 10:20
Introductory & Shore life Training 'core modules'		<u>25th Capturing Our Coast Study Day</u>			<u>Thur 4th Warden Intro Training</u>		<u>Thur 6th Shore life Identification Study Day</u>			<u>TBC Warden Intro Training</u> <u>TBC CoCoast Training</u>		
Shoresearch (Kent WT)	<u>Sat.7 Epple Bay</u>	<u>Sat. 4 Newgate Gap</u>	<u>Tue 15 Walpole</u>	<u>Sat. 1 Stone Bay</u> <small>(22=Searesearch training for Divers)</small>	<u>Tues. 2 Whiteness</u> <small>(limited)</small>	<u>4 Sponges (etc) Workshop</u>	<u>Fri 21 Shoresearch</u> <small>(Margate-Nayland Rock)</small>		<u>13 Intro' Marine life KWT Study Day</u>	<u>Sun 15 Pegwell Bay</u>		<u>Sat. 9 Sandwich Bay</u>
Volunteer Tasks	<u>31 Event Planning</u>		<u>3 - 5 Great British Beach Clean</u> <u>Z One Good Thing (Viking Bay)</u>	<u>3 - 9: SAS Beach Cleans</u> <u>4 - 6 Great Eggcase Hunt</u>			<u>26 - 30 Seashore Safaris</u>	<u>11 to 16 Seashore Safaris</u> <u>± Wed 23 Water Gala</u>	<u>16 - 19 Great British Beach Clean:</u> <u>Sat 16 Pegwell + Plumpudding</u>			
Optional Events / Training		<u>8th & 10th First Aid Training</u> <u>Sat. 25 Capturing Our Coast Training</u>	<u>23 RSPB Talk</u>	<u>19 Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool draining)</u> <u>Tue 26 Something Fishy (K&EIFCA & Lester)</u>	<u>23 Support Team</u> <u>13 & 30 RSPB Talks</u>	<u>Sat 3 Seaweeds & Secrets (Viking)</u> <u>Sun 4 SBBOwalk</u> <u>6-Herne Bay</u> <u>Thur 8 Cliffs, Caves & Castles</u> <u>Sun 25 Walpole 80th</u>	<u>Sat 3 SBBOT visit/walk</u> <u>29July-3Sept Seaweeds Exhibition</u>	<u>Mon 21 Seaweeds & Secrets (Margate)</u>	<u>26 RSPB Talk</u>	<u>TBC Peek under Waves (Walpole Tidal Pool)</u> <u>Sun 2 RSPB Mallydams Talk</u>	<u>28 RSPB Talk</u>	
Networking / Social Opportunities	<u>31 Event Planning</u>				<u>Tue 23 Coastal Warden Support discussion</u>		<u>Fri 21 Shoresearch & BBQ (Margate)</u>				<u>Wed 22nd Annual Forum</u>	

Your Link-in: <http://nekmpa.org.uk/coastal-warden-survey/> Keep in touch:  [nekmpa1](https://www.facebook.com/nekmpa1) or show images:  [ThanetCoastProj](https://twitter.com/ThanetCoastProj)