

Welcome to the Coastal Community Beach Hut

The Coastal Community Beach Hut (CCBH) provides a facility and base that is suitable for community groups - including young families & small school visits - as a point of access to the natural coastal environment. Local people can help enhance their visit to the beach by access various resources for enjoying this natural open space. It is for you – and we hope you will make the most of it!



The Beach Hut is maintained by the Thanet Coast Project and Thanet Council - as a legacy of the “Footprints in the Sand” partnership project funded through the Access to Nature / Changing Spaces Big Lottery Fund (2011-2013) and re-stocked in 2014 for use under the ‘Destination Thanet Coast’ project with support from the Coastal Communities Fund.

Please:

- ◇ Explore the beach & rockpool areas safely - follow health & safety guidelines
- ◇ Follow the Coastal Codes - so that people & wildlife can use the beach safely together
- ◇ Treat the Coastal Community Beach Hut and its contents with respect, leaving it in a good condition, as you would like to find it
- ◇ Report any problems with the hut and equipment to the Thanet Coast Project
- ◇ Tell your friends: If you know of other groups that would like to use the hut, please take a flyer and encourage them to book a session
- ◇ Have fun!

Before using the CCBH, please make sure you have read and are prepared to follow the Health and Safety Guidelines listed on the next page. If you have any questions, please contact the Thanet Coast Project.

North East Kent



Marine Protected Area

The North East Kent Coast is one of the best sites in Europe for wintering birds, and marine life of the chalk caves, reef and sandy bays.



working with people
for coastal wildlife



For more details visit

Web: www.thanetcoast.org.uk
or www.nekmpa.org.uk
Tel: 01843 577672



Coastal Community Beach Hut: Health and Safety

Please:

- ◇ Carry out your own “risk-assessment” for your activities beforehand, making sure all staff and adults are aware of potential hazards or dangers to help children be safe.
- ◇ Always be aware of the main dangers on the shore - keep children away from the rocks on incoming tides; away from the tidal pool—and aware of all dangers/hazards pointed out on the Bay Information Signs.
- ◇ Be prepared for incremental weather conditions, and have alternative activities or indoor options lined up.
- ◇ Always look out and help clear any litter or debris that may be a hazard - that have been turned up within the beach hut area - like any sharp objects or dog mess (eg glass near the promenade wall). Litter bags/gloves provided inside beach hut.
- ◇ Do not allow children to enter the beach hut.
- ◇ Attend children at all times while using the beach hut, equipment & whilst out on the beach or rockpools. Games should be supervised safety by adults.
- ◇ Only use equipment that is suitable for the children's age group
- ◇ Wash your hands before eating and drinking after using the beach hut or equipment
- ◇ Do not dig large holes that may become dangerous, and re-fill any small holes, before leaving the beach hut area
- ◇ “Slip – Slop – Slap”: Take precautions to prevent sunburn = Slip on a shirt; Slop on the 30+ sunscreen; and slap on a hat! Or seek shade & put on some sunglasses!
- ◇ Remember to drink plenty of water on hot or warm days
- ◇ Remember babies and small children are especially vulnerable to sunburn and dehydration when out in the sun – it’s best to keep them under shade.
- ◇ Fires are not permitted within the area, and BBQs are only permitted after 6pm, but not adjacent to the hut. Have an area ‘evacuation policy’ for fire/lightning/heavy rain - such as temporary meeting on the promanade at the Nayland Rock shelter.
- ◇ Make sure you are covered by your public liability insurance

There is a **FIRST AID KIT** located in the Coastal Community Beach Hut.

There is a **Bay Inspector** on Margate Main Sands.

Check the **times of RNLI Lifeguard cover** with TDC foreshores (01843 577274). Lifeguards are on duty on Margate Main Sands **10am to 6pm every day during the summer holidays only.**

Report local issues (eg flytipping, antisocial behaviour/graffiti) **to Thanet Council: 01843 577000**

In an emergency, please dial 999.

The nearest postcode is CT9 1XN

If you have any questions, please contact the Thanet Coast Project on 01843 577672

Key to be collected/returned as agreed - eg: Thanet Visitor Information Centre at Droit House, at Margate Harbour CT9 1XZ (open from 10-5pm: Tel 01843 577577)

Please follow the Thanet Coastal Codes

Local people have helped draw up voluntary codes to help safeguard coastal wildlife, while allowing people to enjoy their activities:



Respect Coastal wildlife



Consider other users




Stay safe on the beach



Be environmentally friendly

See www.thanetcoast.org.uk for codes on the seashore, bait digging, shellfish harvesting, dog walking, horse riding, field trips, shore angling, power-craft and wind-powered activities.



Tread carefully on the chalky shore - it's my home!



Take photos, and not my mates, home!



Avoid scaring my coastal feathered friends - they need rest at high tide!



Please take your rubbish home with you or use the bin provided!



Water Safety in Thanet

- Spot the dangers
- Take safety advice
- Don't go alone
- Learn how to help

The Water Safety in Thanet video can be viewed online - see website below.

North East Kent



Marine Protected Area

The North East Kent Coast is one of the best sites in Europe for wintering birds, and marine life of the chalk caves, reef and sandy bays.



working with people for coastal wildlife



For more details visit

Web: www.thanetcoast.org.uk
or www.nekmpa.org.uk
Tel: 01843 577672

