## 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

hatural 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.



## 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)

### Margate High and Low Tide Times June to October 2015

(Add one hour for British Summer time)

#### ENGLAND — MARGATE

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### Take Only Memories

The beaches & rockpools along the Thanet coast are wonderful places to explore and learn about the many different creatures that live along our shores. From marine life like fish, crabs and seaweed to birds like turnstones, sanderlings and oyster catchers, there are so many animals to see and learn about.

But we need to remember when we are out exploring, or simply having a fun day in the sun at the seaside, that we share this space with these plants and animals, and we need to respect their homes.

We like to say, **"Take Only Memories and Leave Only Footprints"** to remind us that we should leave the beach in the best condition possible for this life to thrive. You can help by being gentle with any sea life you may encounter (and leaving it on the beach rather than taking anything home), leaving rocks and seaweed in the rockpools as you find them and throw away or recycle all litter.



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