Thanet Coast Project

Feedback 2023 to NEKMPA Management Group / NEKSCAG Tuesday 28 November 2023 - Margate Visitor Information Centre





with support from Southern Water, Natural England & the general public donations



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Thanet Coast Project & Coastal Wardens 2023









COASTAL WARDENS









North East Kent Marine Protected Area

Coastal Warden Introductory Training



Delivered by Tony Child

with support from Greg Bessant & Jasmine Beveridge

2023



Coastal Warden Introductory Training Sessions 2023 Drum Room, Margate Visitor Information Centre

- Sat 3 June = 6
- Fri 28 June = 22 (+2)

= 28 new volunteers trained!

Incident Reports Online: 43 reports

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MG 20230707 162... :

MG 20230616 072... :

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IMG 8676 - John Ha...

MG 20230707 162... :

IMG 6567 - Hubbar...

IMG 8319 - John Ha.

IMG 51

- 35 incidents; &

- 8 wildlife reports (1 Oct- 30 Sept) (up from 32 in 2022)



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IMG 5024 - Hubbard...



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tidal pool emptying ...

IMG_1032 - Stephen...



IMG_6569 - Hubbar... MG 6564 - Hubbar..





IMG 1881 - Tony Chi...

20230609 114318 - ... :







Incidents reports: 35

2022 to 2023 (1 Oct to 30 Sept)

2023 Type of Incidents



Type of Incident:

Wildlife incidents reports: 8

2022 to 2023 (1 Oct to 30 Sept)

Hugh 'under-reporting' on system = as more have come through outside of system - via telephone, emails, social media!



2023 Wildlife Incident reports

Wildlife reports

Incidents: 25 reports 2021-22 = down from 37 in previous year







Coastal Activity Surveys 2023

- 179 online Activity Surveys (1 Oct 2022 30 Sept 2023)
- highlighting activities & provides evidence for where codes of conduct are broken
- still needs streamlining

& to help identify when coastal codes are broken to help identify where our management is working or not! Guardians of the Deep

Activities and Distur

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WHERE? eg	DISTURBANCES								Always	record nu	mbers of	birds encount	ered in each di							
At Sea	None – normal behaviour eg feeding, resting Increased vigilance, alarm calls but stays put Minor disturbance – walks/flies, max 10m					BIRDS above, even when no human activity is occurring nearb														
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Website:

thanetcoast.org.uk

2023: 28,772 hits (so far); 2022: 28,846 Facebook: 2.6k followers

- X/Twitter (1,106)
- Insta

Coastal Wardens:

Closed Facebook Group

136 members

Mailchimp:

E-News/Newsplash x4

'Online resource locker'

Coastal Wardens Only resources

Thanet Coastal Wardens E-Newsplash: Summer 2023

Thanet Coast Summer 2023 Join us on the beach for some natural fun! For event details please book online at: Thanetcoast.org.uk

Seashore Safaris

Explore Thanet's rocky chalk shore for its fascinating rockpool life - with help on hand to identify your finds (4-14yrs & all the family; 2hrs; suggested donation £2pp)

- · Sat 22 July, 9am Minnis Bay
- Sun 23 July, 9am St Mildred's Bay
- Mon 24 July, 10am Walpole Bay
- Tue 25 July, 10:30am Western Undercliff • Tue 1 Aug, 6pm - Stone Bay (evening)
- Wed 2 Aug, 7pm Walpole Bay (evening)
- Sat 5 Aug, 9am Margate Main Sands
- Sun 6 Aug, 9am West Bay Mon 7 Aug, 10am - Botany Bay
- Tue 8 Aug, 11am Stone Bay
- Wed 9 Aug, 11:30am Louisa Bay
- Thur 10 Aug, 12:30pm Dumpton Gap
- · Mon 21 Aug, 9am Minnis Bay • Tue 22 Aug, 9am - Walpole Bay

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Look Out for more online... • 24 June - Solstice Fayre (Newgate Gap) 2 Aug - Water Gala: 9:30iger Hunt/stall East Kent

Exhibition East Kent Coastal Coast Photography Exhibition astal se East Kent

Reculver - Margate -

Seaweed & their Secrets Everything you need to know about Seaweed: a walk & talk with expert Ian Tittley (14yrs+; 2hrs; £4pp donation) • Tue 11 July, 12pm - Walpole Bay • Tue 5 Sept, 9am - Dumpton Gap

White Cliffs of Kingsgate: Evolution of a Kentish Coastal Landscape A step back in time to uncover the secrets of this stunning coastscape on this walk & talk with expert Richard Hubbard (11yrs+; 2hrs; £4pp donation) • Wed 23 Aug, 9.30am

Great British Beach Clean Join these beach clean / litter surveys as part of the MCS national campaign to clean our shores (5yrs+; 2hrs) Sat 16 Sept, 10am - Cliffsend Sat 16 Sept, 2:30pm - Birchington . Fri 1 Dec, 10am - Cliffsend

Scavenger Hunt Look for clues of life from our seas and for shark egg cases; with marine art (4-11s; 1.5hrs; £2pp donation) • Tue 24 Oct - Margate · Wed 25 Oct - Viking Bay Thur 26 Oct - Ramsgate

v important for its bird & marine life. help safeguard our coastline s includes advice to assist your beach experience. ttion & borrow equipment to run their own clean! by families/groups (Margate/Broadstairs/Ramsgate

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- TCP Online Beach Clean Advisory Service
- Great British Beach Clean
- Quarterly Beachwatch
- Community Beach Cleans
 - 47 beach cleans (1 Oct to 30 Sept)
 - 903 volunteers involved
 - Equipment loan to loan to 23



BEACH CLEANS

Children	Adults	Beach Cleans
0	15	31 March 2023 - Pegwell Bay
0	48	Friday 16 June - Pegwell Bay
10	39	Sat 17 Sept - Pegwell Bay
16	32	Sat 17 Sept - Birchington
3		Thur 1 Dec - Pegwell Bay
48	5	Fri 15 Sent 2023 (German sch)-(









		Children	Adults
	Community	48	5
	Community	371	26
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	Community		32
1	Community	23	13
	Community	<u>j </u>	75

COMMUNITY EVENTS





Summer Solstice Safari World Ocean Day: adult safari/pledges Broadstairs Water Gala ZeroMargate Chalk grassland walk School Groups.... 13 events











SCAVENGER HUNTS



children	adults	Scavenger Hunts						
14	10	Margate - 4 April						
35	26	Broadstairs - 5 April						
12	10	Ramsgate - 6 April						
20	15	Walpole - 24 October 2023						
19	16	Botany - 25 October 2023						
22	15	Dumpton Gap - 26 October 2023						













SEAWEED & THEIR SECRETS

WHITE CLIFFS OF KINGSGATE

childrer adultsSeaweed & Cliffs Walks19Wed 10 May - Botany Bay (Seaweed)22Tue 11 July - Walpole Bay (Seaweed)130Tue 5 Sept - Dumpton Gap (Seaweed)14Wed. 9 June-Kingsgate (Cliffs)226Wed. 23 Aug (Cliffs)













children	adults	Seashore Safaris 2023								
16	13	Sat 22 July, 9am – Minnis Bay, Birchington								
23	11	un 23 July, 9am – St Mildred's Bay, Westgate								
58	27	Mon 24 July, 10am – Walpole Bay, Margate								
49	32	Tue 25 July, 10.30pm – Western Undercliff, Ramsgate								
31	29	Tue 1 August, 6pm – Eastcliff, Ramsgate (Evening Safari)								
28	24	Wed 2 August, 7pm to 8.30pm – Walpole Bay, Margate (Evening Safari)								
0	0	Cancelled = Sat 5 Aug, 9am – Margate Main Sands								
34	25	Sun 6 Aug, 9am – West Bay, Westgate								
42	23	Mon 7 Aug, 10am – Botany Bay, Broadstairs								
50	39	ue 8 Aug, 11am – Stone Bay, Broadstairs								
42	25	Wed 9 Aug, 11.30am – Louisa Bay, Broadstairs								
44	34	Thur 10 Aug, 12:30pm – Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs								
37	21	Mon 21 Aug, 9am – Minnis Bay, Birchington								
46	38	Tues 22 Aug, 9am – Walpole Bay, Margate								
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SUMMER SEASHORE SAFARIS















SUMMER SEASHORE SAFARIS

378 hours of volunteer time









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	Children	Adults		Children	Adults				
Community	48	5	Public	0	15	Exhibitions	605	Warden	6
Community	371	26	Public	0	48	Exhibitions	879	Warden	22
Community	47	4	Public	10	39	Exhibitions	208	Warden	19
Community	50	4	Public	16	32	Exhibitions	1,539	Warden	35
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Community		96	Public	14	10				
Community	16	18	Public	35	26				
Community		20	Public	12	10				
Community		16	Public		19				
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			Public	22	15				
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13 community events (10 in 2022)555 children347 adults

36 public events (33 in 2022)
651 children (463 last year)
798 adults (750 last year)



5 photo competition exhibitions - led by Bird Wise **4,380 visitors** (1194 in 2022)

4 Warden events (5 in 2022) 82 attendees (72 in 2022)

Total: 6,813 participants

Volunteer Hours: 1,801

Surveys & Events (1388.5hrs in 2022)

= £12k vol. days = £17K (@£9.5/hr)



1a) Best bits

11 responses

Meeting potential new Wardens. Keeping eye out on coast from Minnis Bay to Epple Bay.

Learning! Observing, helping the children on safari's.

Being on the beach

seashore safaris

Seeing the enthusiasm in the fellow volunteers at each event and also in the children and their guardians as they discover new aspects of wildlife on their doorsteps.

Seashore Safaris! 🦀 And meeting new volunteers 😊

Being able to share information

Seashore Safaris

Being part of the TCP Education team , meeting and engaging with the general public and especially all the children .

Just getting out into nature

taking notice of what's going on at the beach



1b) Do better?

9 responses

Improve reporting system. See coastal signage continue to be clearer

Training that is not on a week day

Refresher meetings

refresher training on access to forms.

More group training sessions and opportunities to network

The feedback form

Improve notice of information eg forthcoming events or call out for volunteers . This would give volunteers more time to plan and possibly increase their availability etc Short notice impedes any planning.

More opportunity to get updates on any work , changes or progress on local areas

have a better survey form

2a) Public Events



2b) New Events

7 responses

Develop public understanding of when bird life needs to be avoided.

School visits / engagament

making a video for presentations to schools and community

Perhaps more meetings with regulatory bodies to find out what they do and expect voulnteers to do to help them.

Adult rockpooling

Fossil hunting for children. Simple " Geology Rocks" type walks for children.Bird walks for children.Walks and talks on local coastal insects and fauna & Flora.Childrens seaweed pressing sessions. Walk and talk about coastal photography,walk and talk with local archaeology team exploring coastal heritage.

a walk for all wardens to join





3b) Community help! 11 responses



3c) Comments

5 responses

The Coastal warden scheme is a vital & needs full support and financial support.

I would need more training and then I would be able to help

Events will need to be limited to resource available ... need to be realistic

Yes

No

Improved advertising of public events with wider distribution. And a more efficient booking in system.

i think they;re a good way of involving people but I'm not keen on being a volunteer for that



4b) Form Comments

7 responses

Less complex. Better layout.

make less complicated

Activity form process not as easy as it used to be

The activity form is very cumbersome needs simplifying

Clearer format , where relevant and useful information is recorded. The form user needs to know why information is gathered and to whom it is of use .

Simple activity forms and instructions, the system needs to be able to be used on mobile phone.

it is a difficult form, no need to keep saying no, or for the time of eaach activity, the start and finish has been recorded,

5a) Anniversary Group





5b) Coastal Wardens 2024

6 responses

Will give thought as time submission for this survey is short.

Training skills.

Rockpooling & strandline practical sessions with id skills before seashore safaris to give confidence also more socials maybe a bbq on the beach to celebrate

Refresher training

Hands on workshop to ID local fossils . Walks & talks for wardens from local experts on geology, fossils, birdlife ,fish , flora and fauna, mammals etc Also if possible obtain simple reference information sheets from the experts on relevant items for wardens to use as teaching tools for school visits and public events .Information on local invasive species.ICoastal archaeology and heritage. Photography workshop, Seaweed pressing workshop and marine themed art ncluding craft/art and games for children.)Sea safety/RNLR,Night time safari.Coastal wardens introductory walk and talk of their adopted bays.Beach BBQ (like in previous years) Invitation to wardens to participate in fun hands on SSS sessions .

maybe a couple of hours for wardens to get together on a beach, chat about the birds etc every so often wild be nice

2024:

- INNS / Coastbuster training?
- Geology or climate change indoor session?
- ?

6) Your Skills

4 responses

do not think so apart from knowledge gained on seashore events.

Creative /art background

Enjoy amateur photography.. Lot of hands on experience supporting coastal events(public & School)

7) Satisfaction:

11 responses



Thanet Coast Project - NEKMPA

Coastal Wardens 2023 Annual Forum 16 November - Margate Visitor Info Centre





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King Charles III England Coast Path – Ramsgate to Whitstable, Kent

More online at: https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en GB/trails/england-coast-path-south-east/

SEE online video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFHc7ELOMPY&t=4s

Coastal Warden Forum 2023

6.30pm Welcome

Agenda

- 6:35 Thanet Coast Project & Coastal Wardens 2023
- 6:45 Short Sharp Shore: updates/presentations
- 8.10 Climate Change Thanet
- 8:30 Feedback comments Networking, nibbles & drinks
- 9-9.15 Depart



Short Presentations

- 1. Natural England update NEKMPA MG-AG/Coastbusters Becca Turley, Natural England
- 2. King Charles III England Coast Path short film Laura Whitfield, Natural England Access Team
- 3. Is our Kelp disappearing? Ian Tittley, NEKSCAG/Kent Field Club/SeasideMuseum
- 4. Sea Level Change in Thanet Richard & Tina Hubbard
- 5. Coastal Bird changes

Greg Bessant, Bird Wise East Kent

6. Save Minster Marshes

Nik Mitchell, Wildlife Conservation in Thanet

7. Pegwell Bay NNR updates: The Good & the Bad

North East Kent



Nina Jones, Kent Wildlife Trust
8. Zero Margate Update and display panels
Sam Causer, Zero Margate



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