

Thanet Coastal Wardens & Volunteers 2025 Annual Forum

6pm, Thursday 20 November - Drum Room, Margate Visitor Information Centre



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2025 Annual Forum Agenda

6pm Arrival & Welcome Drinks

6.30 Welcome

6:35 Guest Speakers

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Dynamic Marinescapes - Michael Lee, TDC

7:20 **The Thanet Coast Project Year 2025** - Tony Child, TCP

7:50 **Open Floor** - for All: *Things to Share; New projects; Things going on!*

8:00 **Networking, Nibbles & Feedback**

9pm Depart

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Welcome & Housekeeping:

Refreshments

Toilet

Mobile phones - on vibrate / silent please!

Smoking - outside

Health & Safety - First Aid

Evacuation - Fire exit / meeting point

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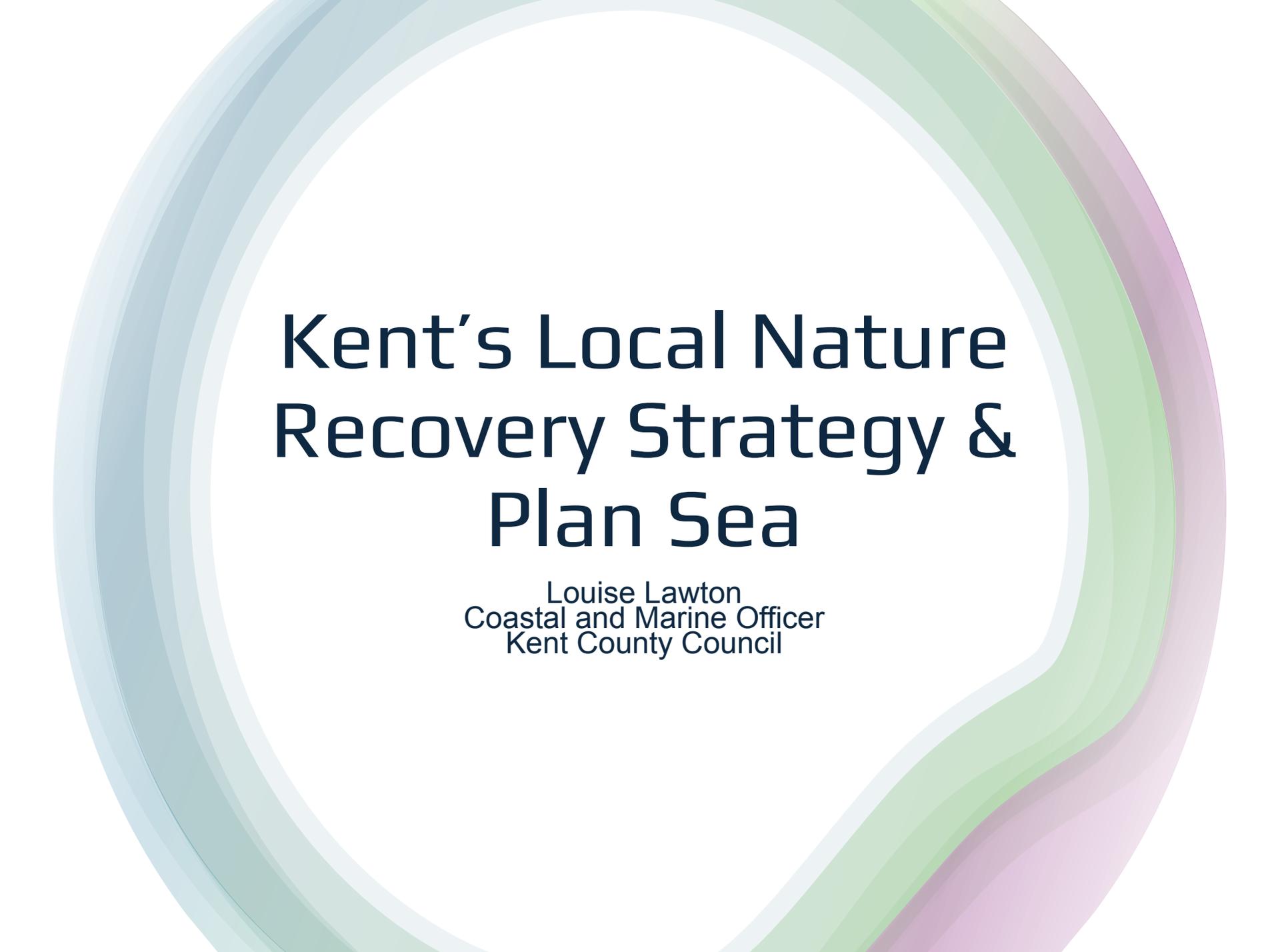
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Kent's Local Nature Recovery Strategy & Plan Sea

Louise Lawton
Coastal and Marine Officer
Kent County Council

What are Local Nature Recovery Strategies?



Legal requirement - Environment Act 2021.



48 across England – no gaps or overlaps.



Led by regulations and statutory guidance, a developed with Defra grant.



Landscape-scale.



Locally developed by appointed Responsible Authority.



Collaboratively developed.

Will agree the local priorities and associated actions for nature recovery and wider environmental benefits, that collectively will deliver a nature recovery network for England, ending the decline of nature and supporting its recovery.



JOINED UP

IMPROVE QUALITY OF LAND IN BETWEEN SITES TO ENCOURAGE CONNECTIONS + CREATE NEW PHYSICAL CORRIDORS

ROADSIDE NATURE RESERVES



GREEN BRIDGES

Good Quality HABITAT MANAGEMENT

RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

SAFEGUARDING OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS



CONSERVATION



ANIMAL HIGHWAYS



ANIMAL BANKS

MOZAIC HABITATS



ACCESS TO NATURE



Connection to NATURE

MORE ABUNDANCE

MORE DIVERSITY

MORE GREEN SPACES

More HABITATS
More SPECIES



MORE

THROUGH HABITAT RESTORATION + CREATION, ESTABLISH NEW NATURE-RICH SITES THAT PROVIDE MORE SPACE + CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN EXISTING SITES

BIGGER

INCREASE THE SIZE + BUFFER OUR MOST VALUABLE HABITAT SITES + PROTECT THEM FROM THE PRESSURES OF HUMAN INFLUENCE



WHITE CLIFFS



ANCIENT WOODLAND



CHALK GRASSLAND



LONG + VARIED COASTLINE



CHALK STREAMS



NATIONAL LANDSCAPES

Cleaner air

WATER QUALITY + QUANTITY

TREE CANOPY SHADE + COOLING

CARBON CAPTURE + STORAGE

BUFFER STRIPS

GREEN ROOFS + WALLS

MEANDERS + DAMS

NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery strategy

Making space for the county's nature

NATURE RECOVERY PRINCIPLES

NATURE FRIENDLY FARMING

Collaboration

FIELD MARGINS

FLOWER RICH MEADOWS

LAND MANAGEMENT & LAND USE

IT ALL STARTS IN THE SOIL



LNRS Coastal Priorities

- Priority CL1 - Sustainable and strategic management of estuaries and open coast to create functionally linked coastal habitats that are allowed evolve, creating areas for wildlife to thrive. Natural dynamic processes and progression is restored, to enable adaption and resilience to climate change and minimise the loss of intertidal habitats.
- Priority CL2 - Reduce small scale loss, improve condition and increase connectivity of saltmarsh and mudflats, providing functioning ecosystems that are safeguarded from recreational disturbance.
- Priority CL3 - Reverse the decline in seagrass off Kent's coast to safeguard this important habitat for marine species and their breeding grounds and nurseries; and to preserve its vital function as a blue carbon store.
- Priority CL4 - Chalk cliffs and reef communities thrive in their natural state and are safeguarded from damage from recreational and leisure activities, development and bottom fishing methods.

LNRS Coastal Priorities

- Priority CL5 - Sustainable management of native oyster beds to allow them to reach their habitat building potential.
- Priority CL6 - Saline lagoons are appropriately safeguarded and managed to increase their resilience and adaptation to climate change and secure their ecological functions, including the role they will play as transitional habitats.
- Priority CL7 - Safeguard and restore vegetated shingle, ensuring there is no unavoidable loss and areas remain in, or are returned to, a favourable condition.
- Priority CL8 – Restore sand dunes, enabling, where possible, the natural mobile function of the dune system to be reinstated or use management to maintain a full range of successional stages of sand stabilisation across the dune system.
- Priority CL9 - Reduction in coastal wildlife disturbance resulting from leisure pressures at coast.



Priority CL8 – Restore sand dunes, enabling, where possible, the natural mobile function of the dune system to be reinstated or use management to maintain a full range of successional stages of sand stabilisation across the dune system.

Potential Measures



Potential measure CL8.1: Manage dunes to reduce scrub encroachment, remove invasive species and reduce disturbance pressures of recreational activities. Management to include year-round low-intensity grazing in the absence of endectocides, and with high-quality fodder in winter to maintain high dung quality.



Potential measure CL8.2: Enable more naturalised and mobile sand dune systems through a full range of successional stages of sand stabilisation across the dune system, from mobile sparsely vegetated foredunes, young dunes with dense Marram Grass clumps, to more established dunes with varied vegetation, stable sandy grassland or heath, open sandy areas and dune slacks. Address overstabilisation of the dunes to increase dune mobility and sand movement.

Priority species associated with sand dunes, requiring additional bespoke measures:

- Four-banded Weevil-wasp
- Long-spined Ant
- Anthicus bimaculatus (beetle)
- Dune Tiger Beetle
- East Coast Dune-walker
- Sandwich Click Beetle
- Ophonus puncticollis (beetle)
- Hohenbuehelia culmicola (fungi)
- Forester Moth
- Sand Running Spider
- Greater Streaked Shieldbug
- Prostemma guttula (true bug)
- Bedstraw Broomrape
- Bur Medick
- Green-winged Orchid
- Heath Dog-violet
- Lizard Orchid

Land management and land-use principles for sand dunes:

- Maintain the water table in dune slacks but do not deepen them, to make them permanently wet.
- Discourage the removal of biodegradable material from the foreshore and dune.





Plan Sea

- A collaborative framework extending nature recovery into our marine environment.
- The Plan Sea Officer is also responsible for overseeing the delivery of the LNRS coastal priorities.

Mission Statement



Plan Sea aims to work collaboratively to build a framework to protect our marine environment and recover our precious and most vulnerable marine habitats and species across the Kent coastline.



We hope to link up various marine stakeholders to work collaboratively on solving the problems of marine recovery and establish a Kent Marine Group to form these partnerships and project working groups.



Combining efforts, we hope to achieve; 30% of nature recovering by 2030 and our Marine Protected Areas in favourable condition by 2042.

Working across our coast

Create a partnership to drive a co-ordinated and collaborative approach.
Work across statutory boundaries and learn from other coastal partnerships.

Achieving nature recovery targets

Develop a framework for marine nature recovery. Work without boundaries across the land/sea divide, ensuring effective and meaningful engagement in relation to the delivery of the 30 by 30 marine nature recovery targets.

Understanding our coast

Sharing data to support effective decision making, evaluation and monitoring.
Make best use of the natural capital approach.

Restoring Coast and Sea

Developing a framework for marine nature recovery.

Invest in our coast

Utilise all available public, private and blended funding sources to ensure maximum benefits.

Supporting resilient coastal communities

Work with partners and communities to develop a combination of mitigation and adaptation strategies to address challenges faced by our coastal areas.

Supporting marine communities and businesses

Deliver engagement with marine, estuarine and coastal communities including an education programme to increase marine literacy amongst community members, businesses and industry. Support blue-environmental growth and the blue economy.

How will Plan Sea and the LNRS compliment each other?

- Delivery of coastal LNRS measures will be incorporated into Plan Sea framework
- Able to include protected sites.
- Out of scope pressures are now potentially in scope.
- Can include anything beyond mean low water, looking at the entire seascape.
- Creating a partnership in Kent to share ideas, projects and best practice for coastal and marine nature recovery in Kent.





Any questions?

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biodiversity officer

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thanet's biodiversity strategy

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(Proposed) Key Actions:

- *Deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) through on-site woodland planting or via habitat banking to expand native woodlands.*
- *Establish woodland habitat banks for long-term restoration and carbon sequestration.*
- *Implement sustainable land management on council-owned wooded sites, focusing on the Forestry Commission's guidance - Right Tree, Right Place, Right Reason; which may include non-native species planting, future coppicing regimes, and invasive species control.*
- *Establish Mini Woodlands using appropriate planting methods for the environmental features to reconnect fragmented habitats across Thanet, creating dense, biodiverse corridors that support wildlife movement and strengthen climate resilience.*
- *Engage communities in woodland planting schemes, volunteer woodland management, and education about woodland biodiversity.*
- *Monitor woodland restoration through; species surveys, health of tree stock, carbon storage assessments, and habitat connectivity indicators.*



renewed woodlands

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*“Every tree planted in Thanet
benefits our community and
protects our environment...
[these] four hectares of new
woodland will really help to
increase biodiversity and keep
Thanet a green place to live”.*



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Conserve and Restore Coastal and Marine Habitats to Support Biodiversity, Coastal Protection, and Climate Adaptation.

(Proposed) Key Actions:

- *Apply Biodiversity Net Gain requirements to coastal development projects, directing enhancements to marine habitats where appropriate.*
- *Explore habitat banking for marine or coastal habitats (e.g., saltmarsh, seagrass restoration) as these markets develop.*
- *Sustainably manage council-owned coastal sites to protect natural processes, reduce pollution, and restore habitats such as dunes and saltmarshes.*
- *Ensure coastal habitats are connected to inland wetland and grassland sites through ecological corridors (e.g., estuaries, saltmarsh buffers).*
- *Involve local communities through beach clean-ups, marine wildlife monitoring, and coastal education programmes.*
- *Monitor marine and coastal biodiversity through species counts, water quality data, and coastal habitat extent.*



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Protect, Restore, and Enhance Wetland Habitats for Biodiversity, Flood Protection, and Water Quality.

(Proposed) Key Actions:

- *Secure BNG for wetland creation, including ponds, reedbeds, and floodplains, in both development and offset projects.*
- *Establish wetland habitat banks to support water quality improvements and natural flood defences.*
- *Integrate sustainable wetland management on council-owned land, including use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and naturalised waterways.*
- *Strengthen ecological connectivity by linking wetlands with woodlands, ponds, and urban green spaces through riparian corridors.*
- *Foster community wetland projects such as clean-ups, citizen science water monitoring, and habitat creation initiatives.*
- *Monitor wetland health via water quality metrics, species presence (e.g., dragonflies, amphibians), and flood mitigation performance.*



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“best for carbon sequestration”



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Enhance Biodiversity Across Farmland While Supporting Sustainable and Productive Agriculture.

(Proposed) Key Actions:

- *Direct BNG towards farmland projects like hedgerow restoration, field margins, wildflower strips, and pond creation.*
- *Develop habitat banks on farmland to deliver landscape-scale ecological improvements.*
- *Encourage sustainable farming practices on council tenancies and across the wider farming community (e.g., agroecology, regenerative agriculture).*
- *Use farmland habitats to create ecological links between wetlands, woodlands, and urban areas via hedgerows, shelter belts, and wildlife-friendly field margins.*
- *Promote farm-based community engagement projects such as wildlife-friendly farming open days, school visits, and local food initiatives.*
- *Monitor farmland biodiversity through surveys of pollinators, farmland birds, soil health, and habitat condition.*



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Create and Enhance Green Corridors in Urban Areas to Improve Connectivity, Wildlife Habitat, and Community Wellbeing.

(Proposed) Key Actions:

- *Ensure BNG outcomes in urban developments contribute to the creation of green infrastructure, including green roofs, street trees, pollinator-friendly planting, and rain gardens.*
- *Develop urban habitat banks where feasible, focusing on street greening, parks, and verge enhancements.*
- *Adopt sustainable land management on council-owned urban sites, such as low-mow regimes, wildflower meadows, and habitat enhancements in parks and public spaces.*
- *Map and strengthen urban ecological corridors that link parks, gardens, schools, and community spaces with surrounding habitats.*
- *Drive community-led greening projects, including pollinator highways, hedgehog streets, and wildlife-friendly gardens, with strong volunteer participation.*
- *Monitor urban biodiversity by tracking pollinator activity, species richness in parks and gardens, and the extent of connected green infrastructure.*
- *Install policies to establish nesting opportunities for key species in new developments and council owned properties where appropriate.*



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vision & objectives



vision: to protect, enhance, and restore thanet's biodiversity through responsible development, habitat conservation, & community engagement.

(proposed! still!) objectives:

- 1. implement and enforce Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in all new developments.*
- 2. establish independent habitat banks to support biodiversity offsetting.*
- 3. develop sustainable land management practices across council-owned green spaces.*
- 4. enhance habitat connectivity to protect species diversity and migration corridors.*
- 5. engage with stakeholders and local communities to promote biodiversity conservation.*
- 6. monitor and report on biodiversity progress to ensure compliance with national standards.*

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- Urban_Corridors
- Biodiverse_Agriculture
- Robust_Wetlands
- Dynamic_Marinescapes
- Renewed_Woodlands
- National Nature Reserve GSD
- Local Wildlife Sites GSD
- Site of Special Scientific Interest GSD
- Special Protection Area - ramsar site SP28

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Thanet Coastal Wardens 2004 - 2024





NEKMPA
Thanet Coast Project
& Coastal Warden Year
2025





FREE FIRST AID TRAINING 2025

for volunteer Coastal Wardens who help out at our or practical sessions (eg Beach cleans and 'Coastbusters')

- 19 Feb (Margate Visitor Info Centre)
- 20 March (Discovery Planet, Ramsgate)



View the Virtual 'Thanet Coast Art Exhibition'

Held at The Margate School featuring Northdown

Primary @ Canterbury Academy and supported the

Arts Council and by Thanet Coastal Wardens for

their 20th Anniversary.

[VIEW HERE](#)

The launch of the virtual Thanet Coast art exhibition successfully brings alive the varied range of art works produced by children at Northdown Primary School to celebrate the coast alongside the 20th anniversary of the volunteer Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme and the fantastic work they do for our coastline.

The Margate School hosted the exhibition in November 2024 and ran workshops to enable the artwork to be mounted on a range of recycled materials.

The amazing window display of marching crabs was produced especially for the event by students from the Canterbury Academy, a school for every talent.

Displays and a sensory table with objects found along the shoreline were added to the exhibition by the Thanet Coastal Wardens.

Congratulations to one warden - Sam Glynn - who successfully led on the project on behalf of the Thanet Coast Project, with the support of the [Arts Council](#) and [Thanet District Council](#).

BIRD WISE EAST KENT AND THANET COAST PROJECT PRESENT:

THE 2025 EAST KENT COAST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Enter up to 2 images in to the following categories

DARING DOZEN COASTAL WILDLIFE COASTAL LANDSCAPE
SAVVY SEA DOG HUMAN IMPACT: GOOD AND BAD

young participants can enter images from any category into their age group

UNDER 12'S UNDER 18'S
closing date 16th February 2025

Enter for FREE for the chance to win prizes worth up to £120 and have your image exhibited throughout Thanet and Canterbury

FREE TO ENTER

ENTER HERE:




Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area

★ Rising contributor · 20 March · 📍

Some of the volunteers were lucky enough to be guests of Southern Water on 19 March 2025 along with Bird Wise East Kent - to hear about the new outfall recently install... See more



CERTIFICATE THANET COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS

PRESENTED TO:

Thanet Coastal Wardens

We proudly present this certificate in recognition of your outstanding achievements

Councillor *Ryde Duckworth*
 Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Property
 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

by *award*

Welcome to the Thanet Community Champions Conference and Awards

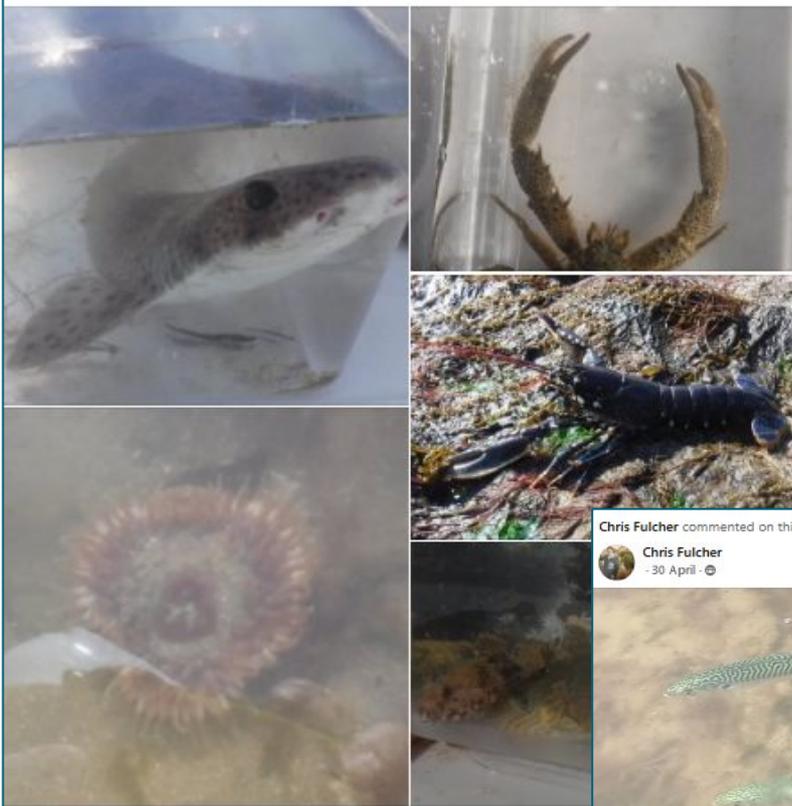
Thanet Community Champions Awards
 Wednesday 12th March 2025 12:30pm to 4:00pm
 The Pavilion, Ramsgate

Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area
 13 March · 📍

Thanet Coastal Wardens were recognised for their work at the Thanet Community Champions Awards 2025 (Wed..12 March 2025)... See more

Chris Fulcher
- 30 April -

Yesterday, 9 Coastal Wardens were able to visit the Walpole Tidal Pool whilst it was drained and under repair. PPE had to be worn, but it did not detract from a great morning of finds. I have attached some pictures of the better finds.



Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area and 6 others

Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area
★ Rising contributor · · 2 May ·

...more

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Walpole Bay tidal pool drained during repair and maintenance works
The Walpole Bay tidal pool has now been drained as work for maintenance and repairs takes p...

Chris Fulcher commented on this photo.

Chris Fulcher
- 30 April -

Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area
★ Rising contributor · · 16 May ·

Amazing drone filming by Greg in this short film by Thanet Council.

YOUTUBE.COM

Draining Walpole Bay 2025
Walpole Bay tidal pool is a real asset to Thanet District Council. In recent years it has become a...

Keeping our district
SAFE + CLEAN

[Walpole draining - Frank Leppard](#)
[Walpole Draining - TDC](#)

North East Kent Marine Protected Area

Coastal Warden Introductory Training



Coastal Warden Introductory Training Sessions 2025

Drum Room, Margate Visitor Information Centre

- Sat 24 May = 8 13 in 2024
- Wed 18 June = 10 (13+4 in 2024)

= 18 new volunteers



Mon 21 July, 6pm (2hrs): Pre-Safari Season Familiarisation Session.

MEET: ON THE BEACH to the east of the Walpole Tidal Pool

Join this informal pre-summer safari session for Coastal Wardens and Volunteers – for new and experienced its a 2-part outdoor meeting to hear about (a) TDC: Thanet's Beaches & Coast Team – and the official beach set-up for 2025, and (b) TCP: Pre-Season Seashore Safari meeting – the safari set-up & talk through for volunteers.

- 21 July = 12 participants
- 9 Sept (feedback) = 11 participants

Tue 9 Sept, 7pm (2.5hrs): Botany Bay Nighttime Exploration

MEET: Grass area at the TOP of the steps at Marine Drive, Kingsgate, Broadstairs CT10 3LG

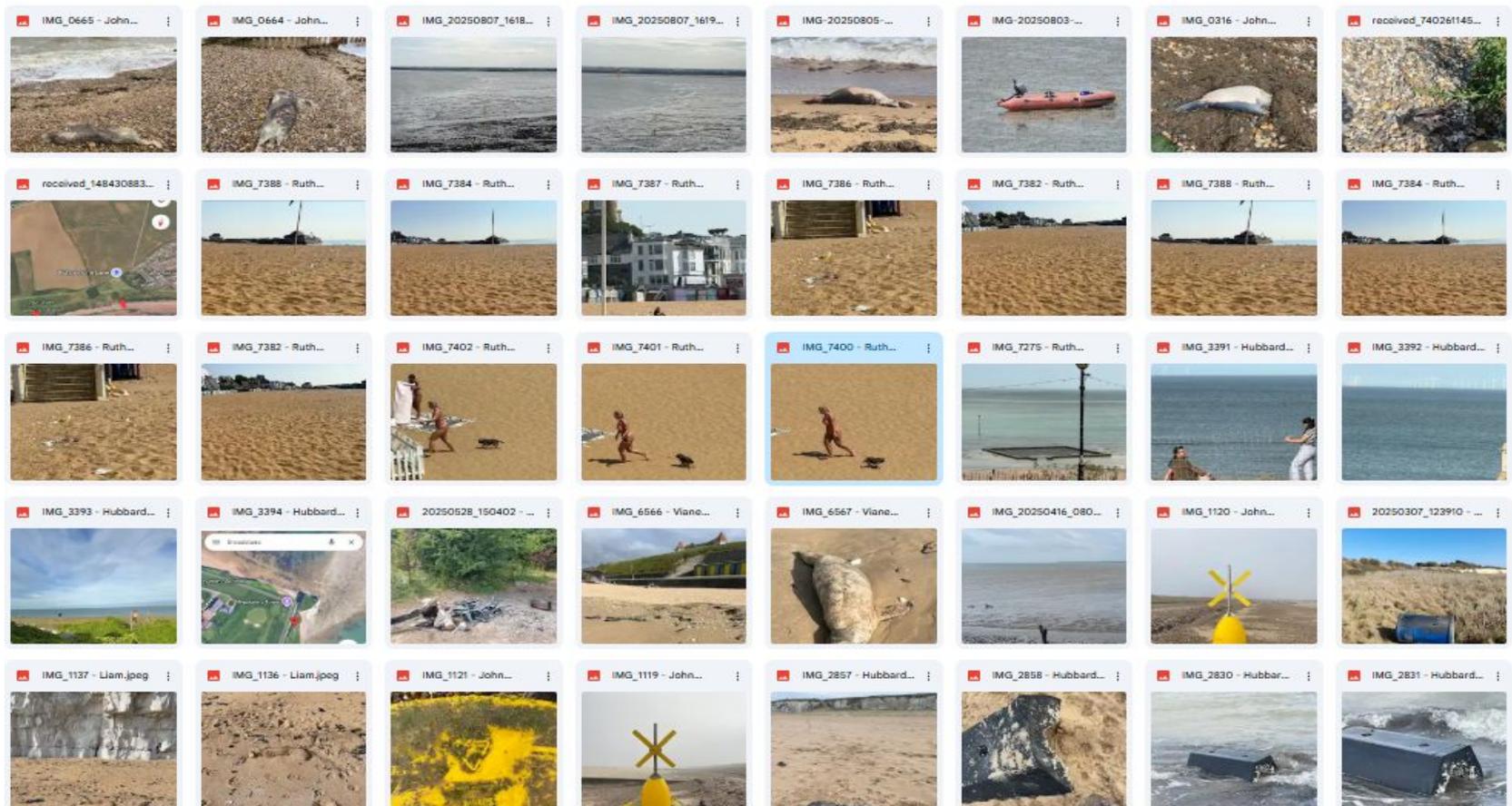
Nighttime Rock-pooling: This will be a chance to have a short night exploration of the chalk reef after the sunset – led by the safari team. Please bring YOUR OWN UV torches (available on Amazon!) to explore. Wear footwear for walking in water, rockpools & on the chalk reef (ie wellies/wetshoes) & warm wear for the evening & weather conditions of the evening.

- 9 Sept = 14 participants

Incident Reports Online: 54 reports

1 Oct 2024 - 30 Sept 2025: (57 last year, 43 in 2023 & 32 in 2022)

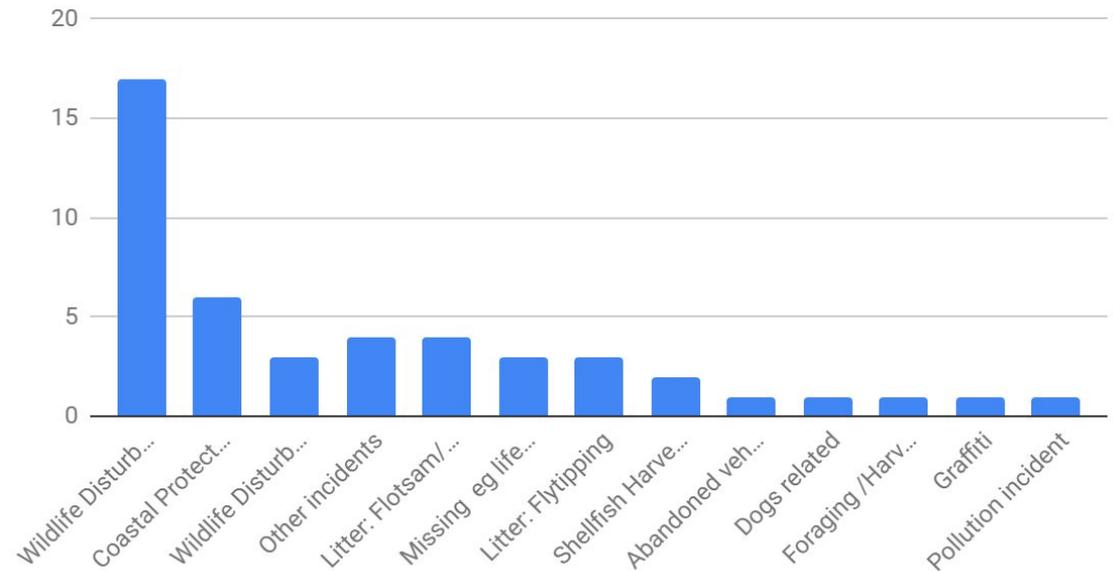
- 47 incidents (45 last year); - 7 wildlife reports (10 last year)



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2024 to 2025

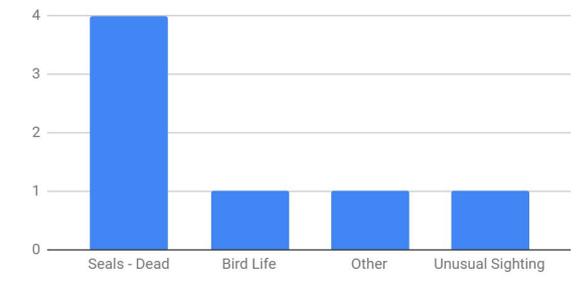
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‘Under-reporting’ = as new online system of reporting dead wildlife directly to TDC.

NEKMPA Comms

Website: thanetcoast.org.uk

- 2025: 20k hits
(to Oct; 2024: 33k; 2023: 29k; 2022: 28k)

Facebook:

- 3.2k followers (up from 3k; & 2.6k)

For Coastal Wardens

- 'Online resource locker'
- E-Newsletters x 3
- 'Closed Facebook Group



Dear Coastal Wardens

A Look Back at a Busy Year!

It's been a fantastic year for the Thanet Coast Project and Coastal Wardens! Your commitment to protecting our unique coastline has been invaluable. Below, you can find a brief overview of some of this year's key activities and highlights, and we wish you a happy New Year!



SEAWEED & THEIR SECRETS

WHITE CLIFFS OF KINGSGATE



SCAVENGER HUNTS



Chalk Grassland & Bees



SUMMER SEASHORE SAFARIS



COMMUNITY EVENTS





Seaweed & their Secrets

Everything you need to know about Seaweed: a walk & talk with expert Ian Tittley (14yrs+; 2hrs; £5pp donation)

- Thur 27 Mar, 4pm - Walpole Bay
- Mon 26 May, 5:30pm - Botany Bay
- Thur 21 Aug, 5pm - Dumpton Gap
- Sat 11 Oct, 9am - Walpole Bay



White Cliffs of Kingsgate:

Uncover the mysteries of this stunning coastscape on this walk & talk with expert Richard Hubbard (11yrs+; 2hrs; £5pp)

- Tue 22 April, 11am
- Fri 12 Sept, 9:30am



Chalk Flora & Bumblebees

Join chalk grassland walk with expert Simon Springate & co. (11yrs+; 2hrs; £5pp)

- Sun 22 June, 10:30am
- Sat 5 July, 10:30am



SUMMER SEASHORE SAFARIS

Great British Beach Cleans

Join a beach clean & litter survey as part of MCS's national campaign to clean our shores (5yrs+; 2hrs)

- Fri 28 March, 2pm - Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend
- Fri 27 June, 10am - Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend
- Sat 20 Sept, 10am - Plum Pudding, Minnis Bay
- Sat 20 Sept, 2pm - Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend
- Fri 5 Dec, 1pm - Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend



Summer 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; £2.50pp suggested donation)

- Wed 23 July, 5pm - Walpole Bay (eve)
- Thu 24 July, 6pm - West Bay, Westgate (eve)
- Mon 28 July, 8:30am - Botany Bay
- Tue 29 July, 9am - Stone Bay
- Wed 30 July, 9:30am - Louisa Bay
- Thur 31 July, 10am - Dumpton Gap
- Fri 1 Aug, 10:30am - Minnis Bay
- Wed 13 Aug, 8:30am - St Mildred's Bay
- Thu 14 Aug, 9am - Westbrook Bay
- Fri 15 Aug, 9:30am - Margate Main Sands
- Sat 16 Aug, 10:30am - Walpole Bay
- Wed 27 Aug, 8:30am - Eastcliff, Ramsgate
- Thu 28 Aug, 9am - Western Undercliff
- Fri 29 Aug, 9:30am - Dumpton Gap

Great Eggcase & Scavenger Hunts

Look for clues of life from our seas and for shark egg cases; with marine art (4-11s; 1.5hrs; £2.50pp donation)

- Tue 8 April, 2pm - Walpole Bay
- Wed 9 April, 2pm - Botany Bay
- Thu 10 April, 2pm - Ramsgate Main
- Tue 27 May, 2pm - Margate Main
- Wed 28 May, 2pm - Viking Bay
- Thu 29 May, 10am - Ramsgate
- Tue 28 Oct, 11am - Walpole Bay
- Wed 29 Oct, 11am - Botany Bay
- Thu 30 Oct, 11am - Ramsgate



Look Out for more online...

- Active Ramsgate Week**
 - 29 May, 10am: Scavenger Hunt - Ramsgate Main Sands
 - 30 May, 9am: Seashore Safari - Western Undercliff
- World Ocean Day: Sun. 8 June - Broadstairs**
 - 11am-3pm Meet/Greet - Harbour; 4pm: Safari - Louisa Bay
- Broadstairs Water Gala Wed 30 July**
 - 9.30am-Safari - Louisa Bay; 1-4pm Meet/Greet at Harbour
- East Kent Coast Photographic Exhibition:**
 - View winning entries from this photography competition
- Solstice Fayre-21 June; Sunken Garden Eco Fair-21 Sept**

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area
★ Favourites · 2 October · 🌐

Seaweed & Their Secrets – Walpole Bay, Margate
9am, Saturday 11 October 2025 ... See more



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Autumn Seaweed & Their Secrets - Walpole Bay,
Everything you ever wanted to know about seaweed: a w

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Barbara Palmer
Brilliant event this morning, thank you Ian Tittle
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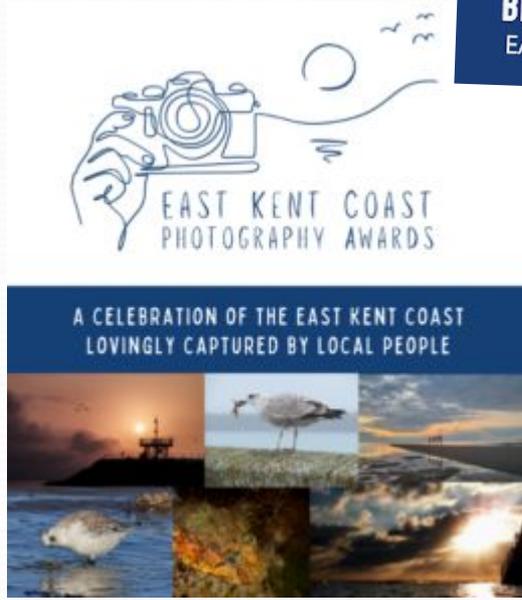
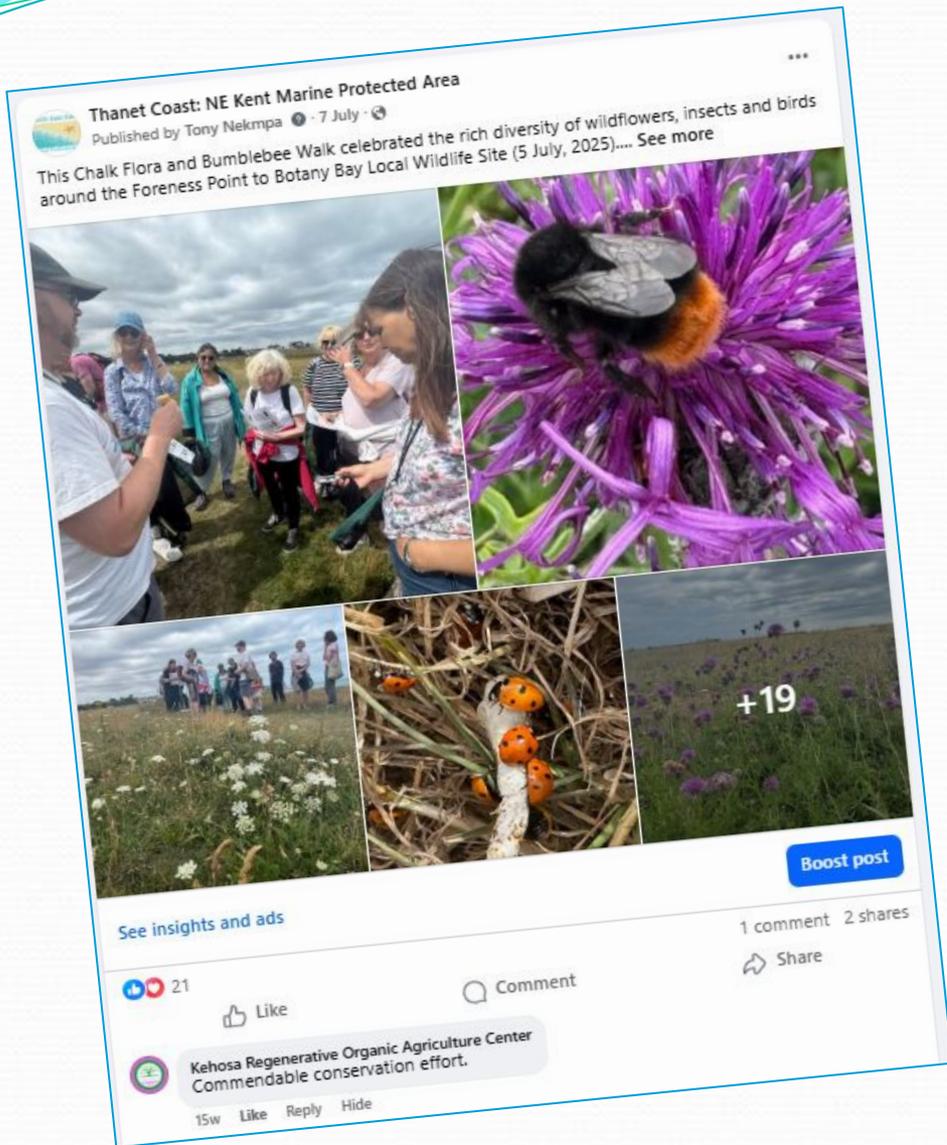
Thanet Coast: NE Kent Marine Protected Area
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A brilliant last 'White Cliffs of Kingsgate' walk and talk led by Richard & Tina Hubbard took an enthusiastic group around the Kingsgate coastline today in Broadstairs (Friday, 12 September 2025).

The group were led through the geological history of chalk, flint, fossils and the Margate Sands - as well as stories about the antics of Lord Holland Right Hon. Henry Fox, who became rich managing the country's finances during times of war; and stories of the smuggling around the Kingsgate coast.

THANK YOU Richard & Tina for such an interesting time. This was the last White Cliff of Kingsgate walk for this year. Look out for other Thanet Coast Project events at: thanetcoast.org.uk/events



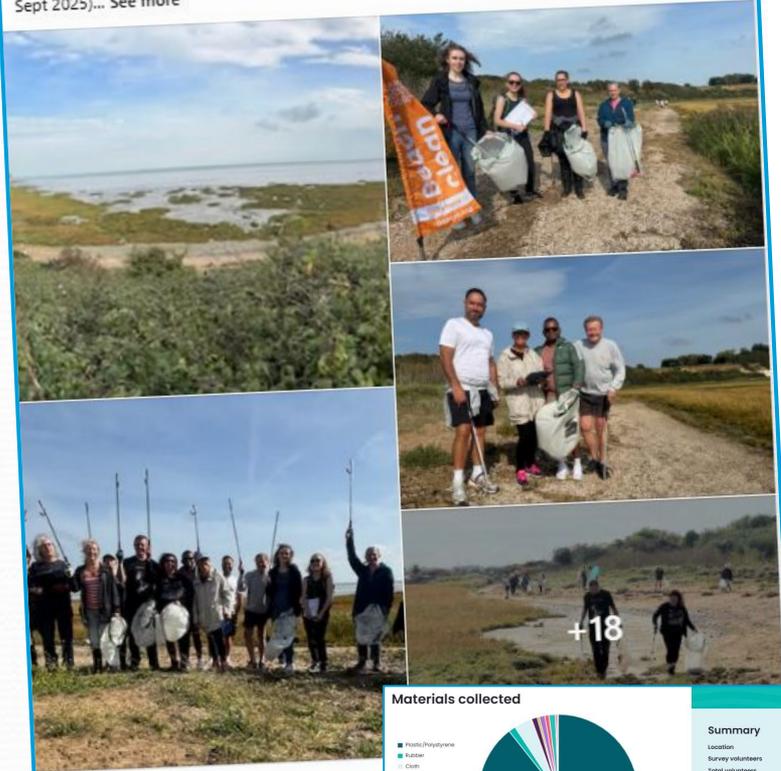


2025 Exhibition dates & venues

- 16-18 July: The Crab Museum, Margate
- 1-15 August: Margate Visitor Information Centre
- 27 Aug – 8 Sept: The Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable
- [Video](#)

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 Published by Tony Nekmpa · 20 September · 🌐

What a difference a day can make - with our second Great British Beach Clean event at Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend (near Ramsgate) - having glorious sunny weather for our survey and clean up that was on the beach within the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve (2pm, Saturday, 20 Sept 2025)... See more



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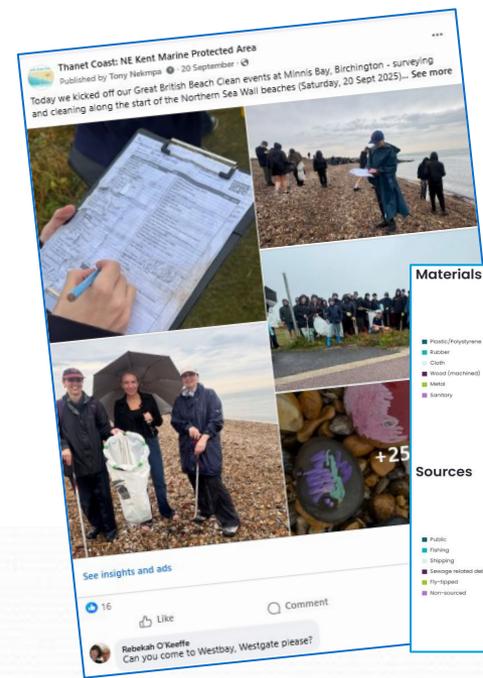
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 Wow, amazing work guys 🙌



Beach Clean Advisory Service

- 📄 Quarterly Beachwatch events - Pegwell Bay NNR
 - 📄 Great British Beach Clean
 - 📄 Community Beach Cleans
- **5 TCP beach cleans** (228 vols)
- **41 beach cleans** (1 Oct 2024 to 30 Sept 2025): including Rise up (11)
- **1,038 volunteers involved**
- more from Friends of Kingsgate; Ramsgate & Broadstairs Town Teams



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Today we kicked off our Great British Beach Clean events at Minnis Bay, Birchington - surveying and cleaning along the start of the Northern Sea Wall beaches (Saturday, 20 Sept 2025)... See more

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Rabekah O'Keefe
 Can you come to Westbay, Westgate please!



Community Events 2025



COMMUNITY
EVENTS

20 Events in 2025, including:

- St Georges School (103 pupils)
- Summer Solstice Safari
- World Ocean Day
- Broadstairs Water Gala
- Protect Yourself Protect Our Coast - 5 (307)
- HAF Scavenger Hunts (45)
- Thanet Lifeguards Safari
- LAS Theatre Safari
- Young Environmental Leaders -5(60) Turner
- Eco Fair 2025
- Pilgrims Hospice
- Kent Wildlife Conference
- 20 events**



'Protect Yourself, Protect Your Coast' {link to video}



Hi Tony, please send my apologies for not being able to attend, please can you add this and let everyone know how proud I am to work with such an amazing, dedicated team who are working together to make a positive impact around our coastline. Please relay a thank you to all from me 😊

Lisa Collingwood, Thanet Beach and Coast Manager



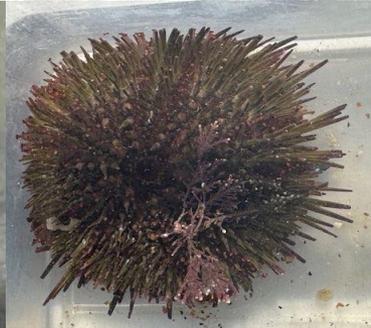
Thanet Coast Project 2025



39 public events - 20 community events - 9 warden events - 4 exhibitions (1 virtual!)

3,667 participants / volunteers & 4,729 at exhibitions = 8,396

- **Walks & Talks** - 8 events: 174 participants eg: Cliffs; Seaweed; Bumblebees
- **Seashore Safaris** - 16 events: 865 participants
- **Scavenger Hunts** - 9 events: 327 participants
- **Beach Cleans** - 5 public events: 228 volunteers
- **Community Events** - 20 events: 1,856 eg Eco Fair/Gala/Schools
- **Photographic Competition/Exhibitions** - 4,729 people (with Bird Wise EK)
- **Coastal Warden** - 9+ events eg Shorelife id / Safari training
- **New Coastal Wardens trained:** 18 new volunteers
- **Coastal Warden Stewardship:** 54 incident, 155 activity reports, & support all events
- **Volunteer hours:** 2,357 = equates to >£28k



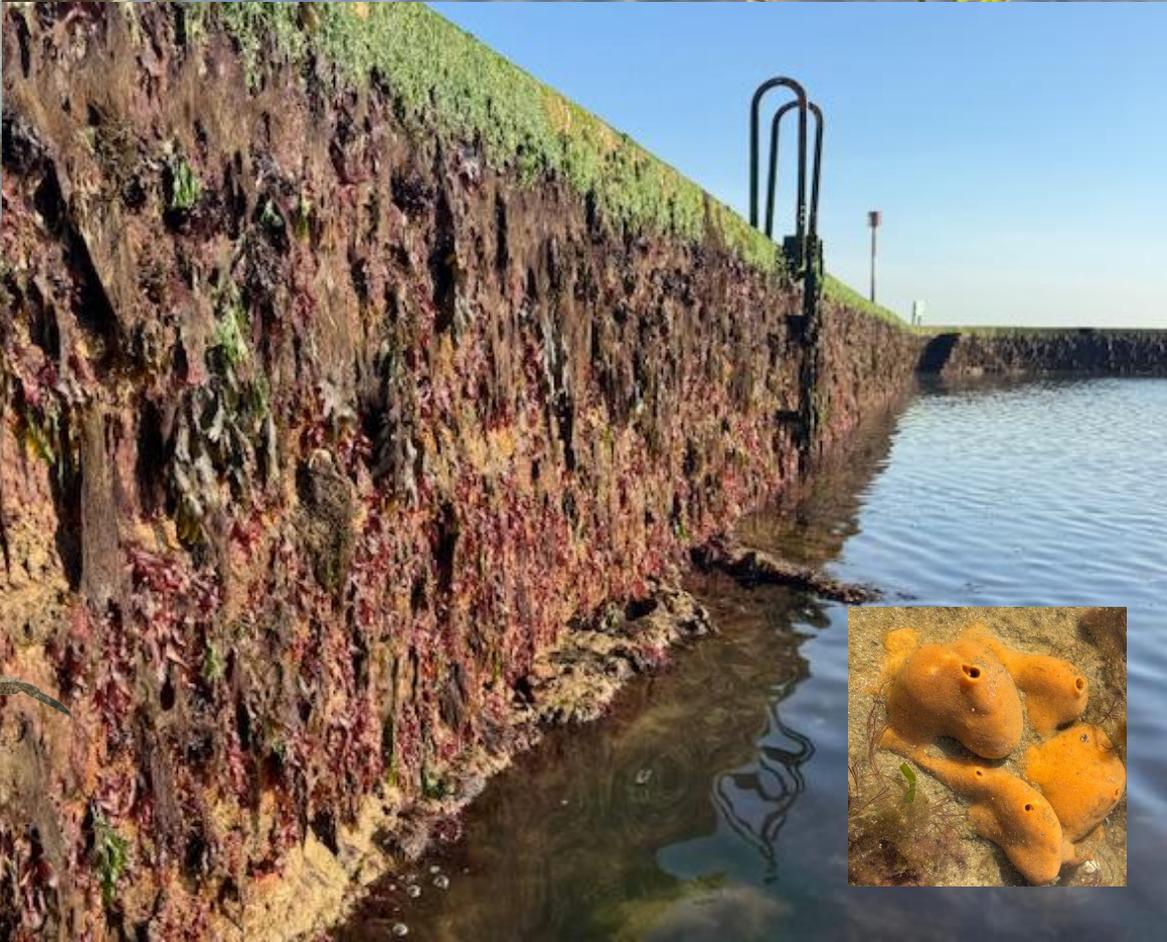


Seashore Safari

Rockpooling responsibly

- **Walk very carefully:** Rocks and seaweed may be very sharp or slippery; and rockpools are 'home' to our shorelife
- **Never pull wildlife or seaweed off the rocks/reef.** If they become unattached, then they may not survive!
- **When looking under rocks or seaweed, always carefully return them back to their original position.** This is their home that you're turning upside down!
- **If using a tub, ensure you have some clean seawater** to look at marine creatures you find, and **always**



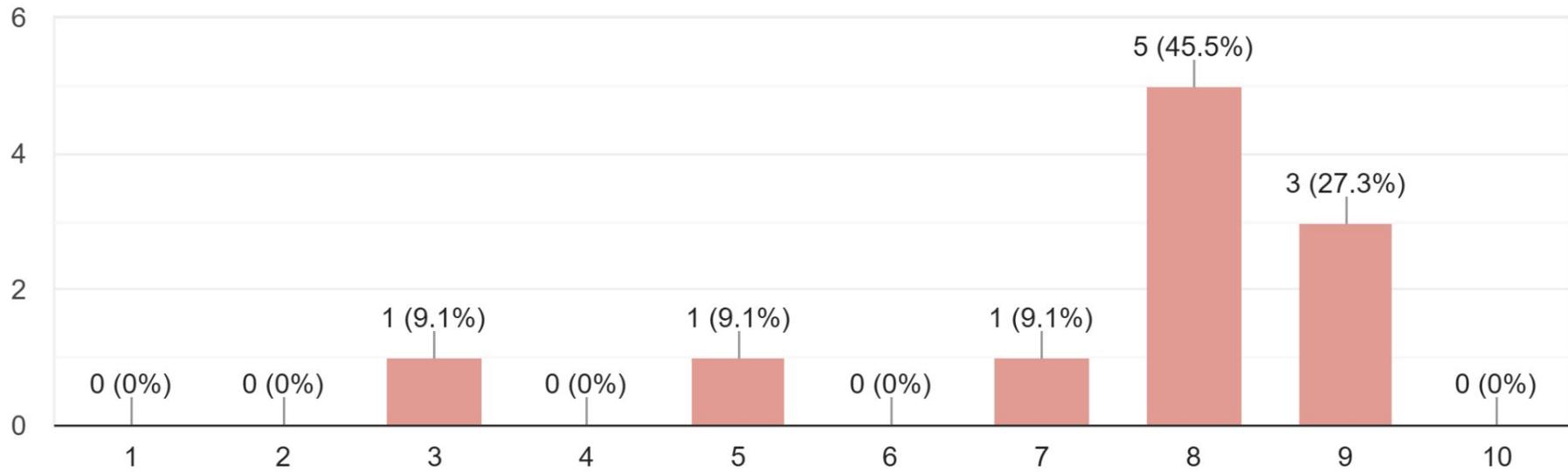




Coastal Wardens 'Feedback':

2a) Confidence:

11 responses



Coastal Wardens 'Feedback':

2b) Best bits (11 replies):

- **Interaction with people:** Enjoyed meeting people, answering their questions, and sharing information and knowledge about the coast, particularly with enthusiastic children.
- **Activities and Volunteering:** The Seashore Safaris were highlighted as a positive experience, including volunteering at them.
- **Learning and Training:** Respondents appreciated learning new things and the "amazing training".
- **Community and Connection:** Wardens valued doing something useful for nature and the community, and occasionally meeting up with other Wardens.

2c) What could be better? (9 replies)

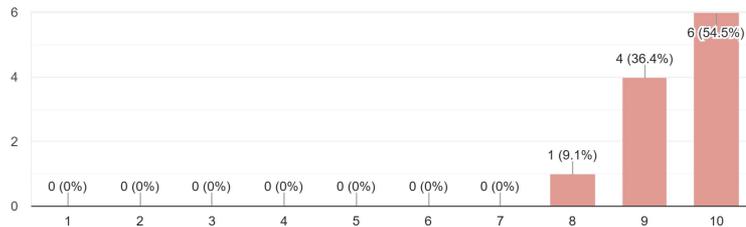
- **Recording and Reporting:** Respondents suggested a simpler way of recording and posting information, including potential training on this, and also expressed difficulty in getting rubbish bags, with a suggestion to supply them at the Visitors Centre.
- **Feedback and Communication:** Request for some general feedback on the data provided in surveys (e.g., trends), potentially in a "mini annual report," and clearer notice for events.
- **Training and Resources:** Desire for more short training sessions and more help from the 'ea', and a description of some expected activities.
- **Logistics and Teamwork:** Mentioned difficulty seeing images on a screen in a room and a desire for a team of people/wardens in the same area to work with.
- **Satisfaction:** One respondent was fine with how things are run.

Coastal Wardens 'Feedback':

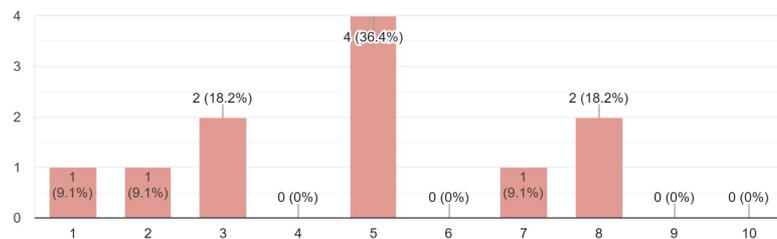
New suggestions:

- **Data Management:** Suggestion to input coastal records onto a site.
- **Events and Activities:** Requests for more walks, specifically fossil and geological walks for children, and more Coastal Warden (CW) events with an informal element for socializing.
- **Resources:** Development of age-related fossil ID and information sheets for children was suggested.
- **Training/Guidance:** Request for guidance on how to fill out the forms.
- **No new ideas:** Some respondents indicated they could not think of any new suggestions or had none unless something new arose.

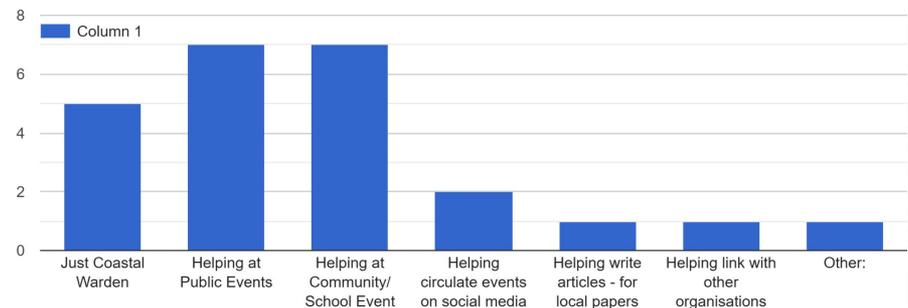
2d) Outline 2026 events?
11 responses



4a) Do you have more to offer?
11 responses

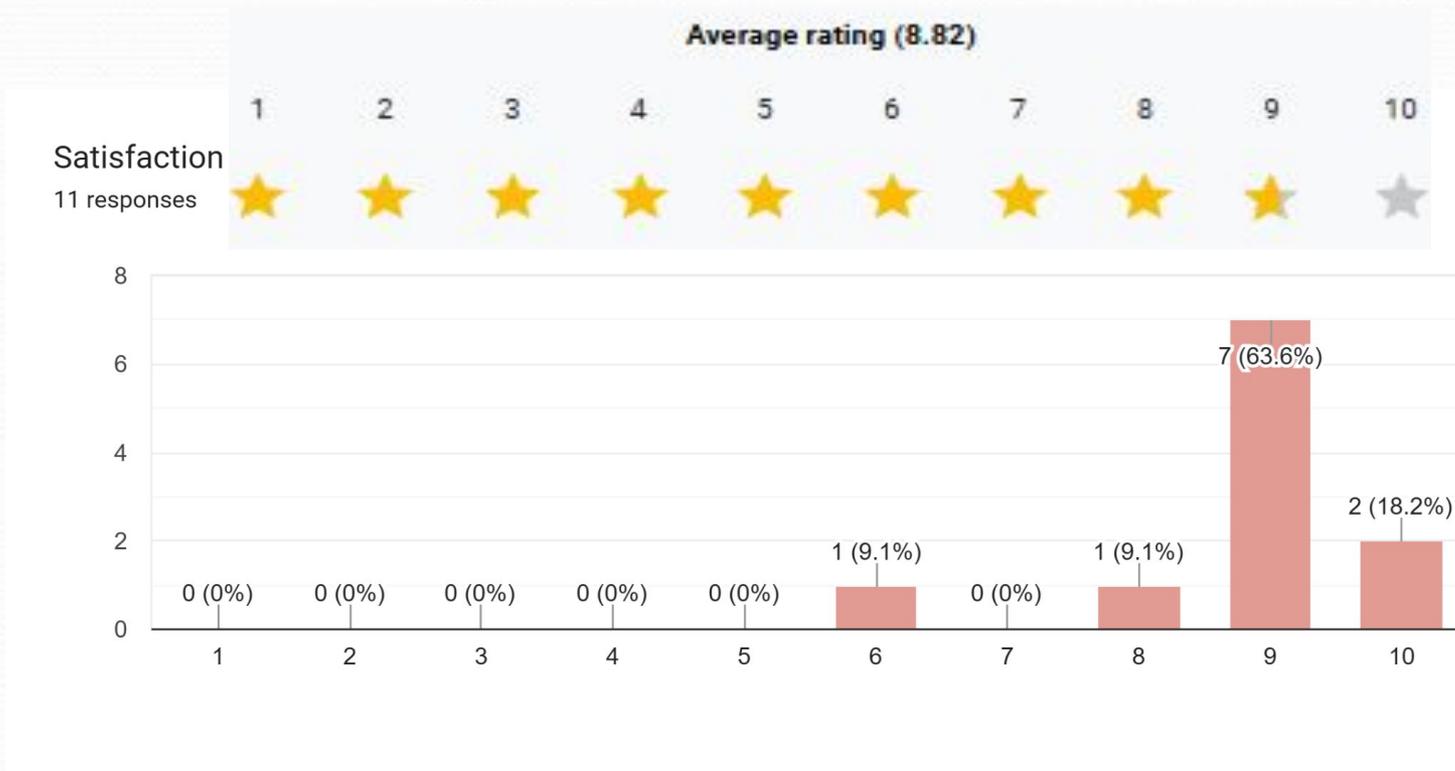
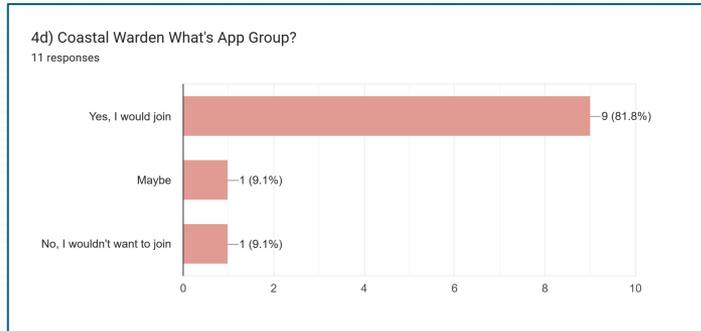


4b) Further help?



- **Capacity and time constraints:** One respondent noted their capacity to help varies, and another stated they were too busy.
- **Newsletter frequency:** A suggestion was made to consider more frequent newsletters, perhaps bi-monthly, while acknowledging the increased workload this would entail.
- **No additional comments:** One response indicated no other help or comments were needed.

Coastal Wardens 'Feedback':



Quick reminder -

Coastal Warden & Volunteer's Christmas Lunch



2pm, Tue. 16 December 2025

The [SMUGGLERS](#), 212 Canterbury Rd

Birchington CT7 9AQ

2 Courses - £24.50; or 3 - £29.95

Please can you let Chris know:

- if you would like to attend.
- menu choices, &
- £10 deposit (non-refundable)

AS all needed before end of November

Chris can be contacted by email:

chris.f12@btinternet.com



2025 Annual Forum Agenda

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6.30 Welcome

6:35 Guest Speakers

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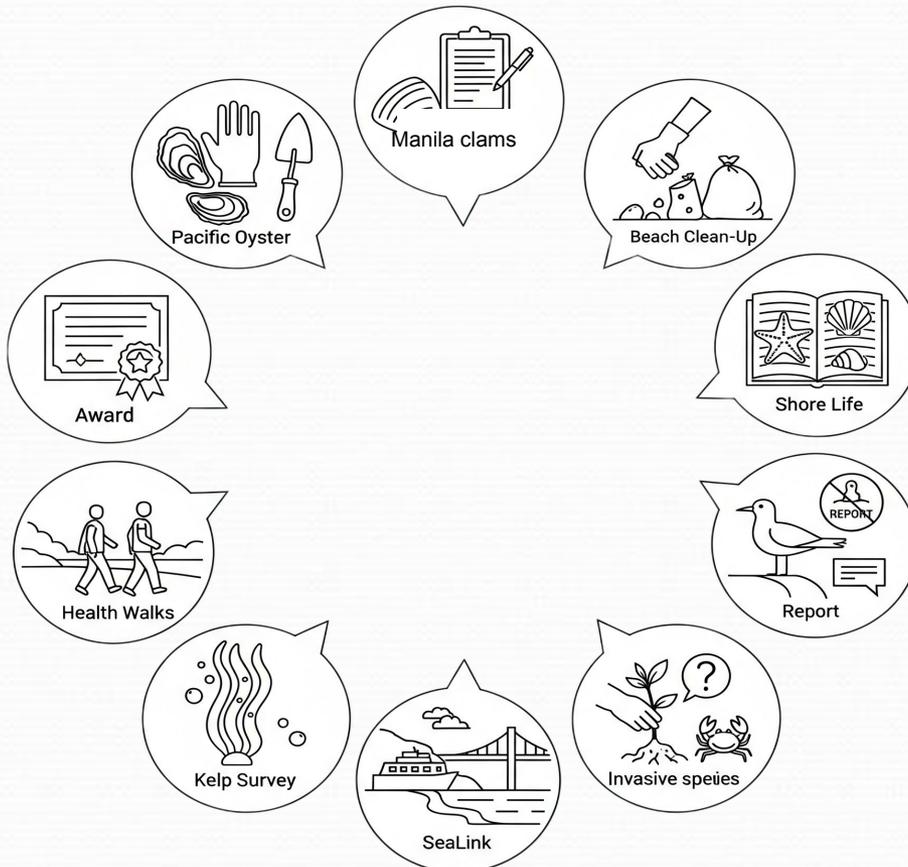
7:50 Open Floor - for All: *Things to Share; New projects; Things going on!*

8:00 Networking, Nibbles & Feedback

9pm Depart

The 'Open Floor' session!

Exchanging and sharing projects, initiatives or anything else you'd like the forum to know about! (1 minute each - timed!) **Note: This slide has been produced after the Annual Forum to summarise points raised:**



1. **Coastbusters** have removed 437,000 Pacific oysters over the last 14 years (WM).
2. **Manila clams** recorded in Westgate with the Conchological Society (GR).
3. **Broadstairs Beach Clean** with the Town Team this Sunday (RB).
4. **Thanet Community Awards Certificate** for Coastal Wardens shown by Chris and Gill (CF).
5. **Chris Snow's book**, featuring shore life inspired by a Seashore Safari, is published on display in Lovelys, Cliftonville (JM).
6. **The Health & Wellbeing centre** in Birchington is running Health Walks for all (SG).
7. **Kelp Survey** to be repeated this winter - Volunteers are able to help Ian Tittley (IT).
8. **Please report bird disturbances** to Bird Wise online, as reports have dropped recently (GB).
9. **SeaLink latest:** Still opportunities to comment on the National Grid proposed development in Pegwell Bay & Minster Marshes with Planning Inspectorate (RB).
10. **We must tackle** invasive species, remove beach litter and address coastal issues like climate change - to protect all native coastal species, such as coastal birds and kelp mentioned!



Volunteering

2025 is 21 Years of the

Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme

**would not have been possible the support, time and
enthusiasm of many willing and dedicated volunteers**

25 years of the MPA Management in 2026

THANK YOU

for helping and be the 'eyes & ears' of the coast

& helping with with surveys, monitoring, training, running public and community
educational events and kindly donating your valuable time.

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Coastal Wardens
2025 Annual Forum - 20 November - Margate Visitor Info Centre

NETWORKING TIME with drinks & nibbles

'THANK YOU'



Thank you Sea
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LAS Theatre, 1% (Adios Plastics), Richard & Tina Hubbard & Bird Wise East Kent

