

Thanet Coast Project

working with people
for coastal wildlife

2025 Feedback to NEKMPA Advisory/Management Group

Monday 17 November 2025 - Thanet Council Offices, Margate



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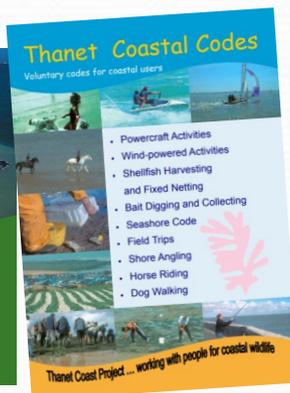


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Set up in 2001, works within the NEKMPA
with a remit to:



- **Raise awareness of the important marine and bird life**
and how to avoid damaging them
 - **Work with local people to safeguard coastal wildlife**
and implement the Management Scheme action
 - **Encourage and run wildlife related events**
and make links with wildlife, green tourism, coastscape and the arts
 - **Focal point for enquiries & gathering information**
on coastal wildlife & environmental issues
- & Keep everyone informed with progress**
- through various means - website, articles, newsletter, stakeholder workshops.



About the Thanet Coast Project

It people to help safeguard the wildlife and the coastlines' unique features, and is reliant upon donations and local businesses to keep going. Please help support local coastal and marine conservation wildlife with any and marine conservation activities. If you would like to sponsor a project please do get in touch.



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'

The collage features several key items:

- NEKMPA Thanet Coastal Wardens E-News: Looking to Spring 2025**: A newsletter cover with a map of the Thanet coast and a group photo of wardens.
- NEKMPA Thanet Coastal Wardens E-News: Summer 2025**: A newsletter cover with a group photo of wardens celebrating.
- NEKMPA Thanet Coastal Wardens E-News: Winter 2025/26**: A newsletter cover with a group photo of wardens.
- Thanet Coast 2025**: A poster for a beach cleanup event with the text "Join us on the beach for some natural fun. BOOK at: Thanetcoast.org.uk/events to join in and view event details."
- Great Eggcase & Scavenger Hunts**: A poster listing various scavenger hunt events across the coast.
- Summer Seashore Safaris**: A poster listing seashore safari events.
- Great British Beach Cleans**: A poster for a beach cleanup event.
- White Cliffs of Dover**: A poster for a coastal walk.
- Chalk Flora & Fauna**: A poster for a chalk flora and fauna survey.
- BIRD WISE EAST KENT AND THANET COAST PROJECT PRESENT: THE 2025 EAST KENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**: A poster for a photography competition with categories like "DARING DOZEN", "COASTAL HILDLI", "SAVVY SEA DOG", and "HUMAN II UNDER 12'S".
- EAST KENT COAST PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS**: A poster for the photography awards, described as "A CELEBRATION OF THE EAST KENT COAST LOVINGLY CAPTURED BY LOCAL PEOPLE".
- Art Exhibition by Northdown Primary School**: A poster for an art exhibition.
- 20 Year Anniversary Thanet Coastal Wardens**: A poster celebrating the 20th anniversary.
- COASTAL WARDENS**: A central graphic with the text "The Coastal Warden is an experienced volunteer. Thanet Council's Coast followed by how to help".
- Dear Coastal Wardens**: A blue banner with the text "Dear Coastal Wardens Here comes summer with the coast and sea this time of year! If your shore life will cope".
- Dear Coastal Wardens A Look Back at a Busy Year!**: A blue banner with the text "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 this E-news with your 'invitation' and booking links for our final two events of the year!"



SEAWEED & THEIR SECRETS

WHITE CLIFFS OF KINGSGATE



SCAVENGER HUNTS



Chalk Grassland & Bees



SUMMER SEASHORE SAFARIS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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 Sands
- Tue 27 May, 2pm - Margate Main Sands
- 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

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

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

Chalk Flora & Bumblebees

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

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

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

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.

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



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



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★ 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, Margate 2025

Everything you ever wanted to know about seaweed: a walk & talk led by seaweed expert Ian ...

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Barbara Palmer
Brilliant event this morning, thank you Ian Tittley and Tony. Very informative and interesting.

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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

Community Events 2025



COMMUNITY
EVENTS

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ECO FAIR 2024
Westbrook Sunken Garden
It was great to meet so many people at the highly successful Eco Fair on Sunday 6 October 2024 at the Westbrook Sunken Garden, near Margate. ... See more

North East Kent
Thanet Coast Project
Marine Protected Area
working with people for coastal wildlife

Young Environmental Leader
School: _____
Date: 9 October 2025

Margate
Birchington
Broadstairs
Ramsgate
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Pledges: Tick 3 options = you choose, or write your own.

- I will use less plastic and recycle what I can.
- I will never drop litter, and pick it up if I see it (when it's safe).
- I will save water at home, and turn tap off whilst brushing my teeth.
- I will respect all sea creatures and not disturb their homes.
- I will learn about the animals and plants in our Marine Protected Area.
- I will remind others that we all need to keep our beaches and rivers clean.
- I will share what I learn about the ocean with my friends or family.
- I will help with a local beach clean.
- I will create a poster, poem, or piece of art to show why our seas matter.

My own pledge: _____

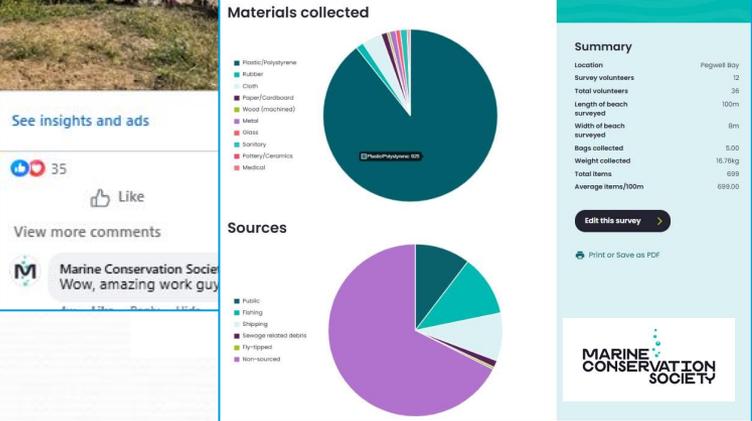


20 Events in 2025, including:

- St Georges school
- Summer Solstice Safari
- World Ocean Day
- Broadstairs Water Gala
- Protect Yourself Protect our Coast
- HAF Scavenger Hunts
- Thanet Lifeguards Safari
- LAS Theatre Safari
- Young Environmental Leaders - carousel day
- Eco Fair
- Pilgrim's Hospice
- Kent Wildlife Conference
- 20 events**

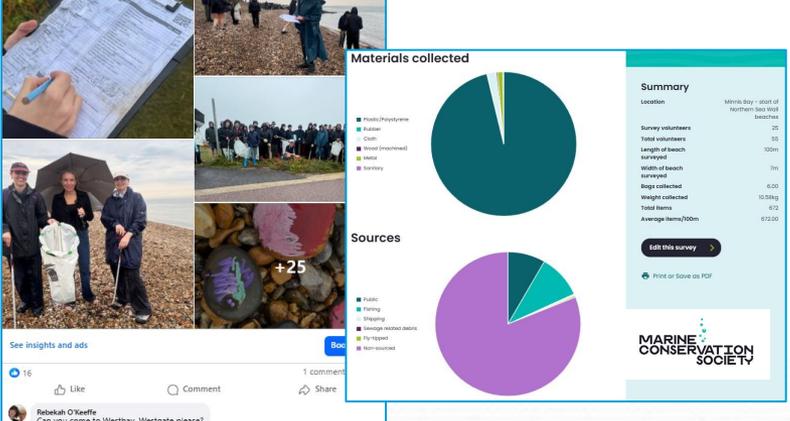
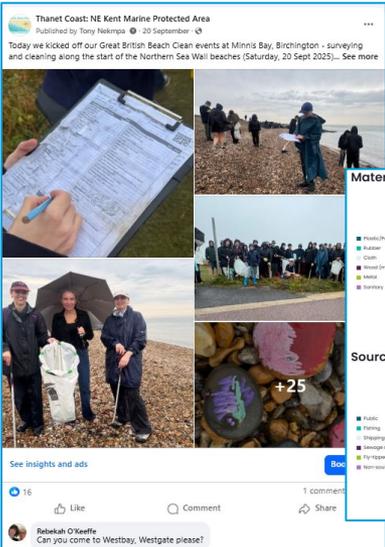
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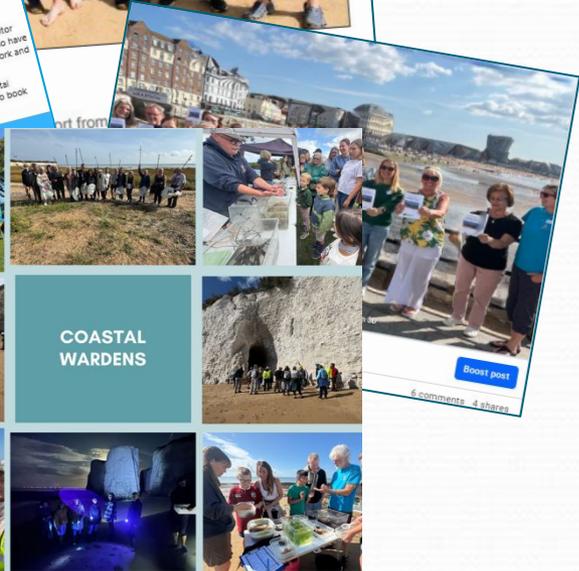
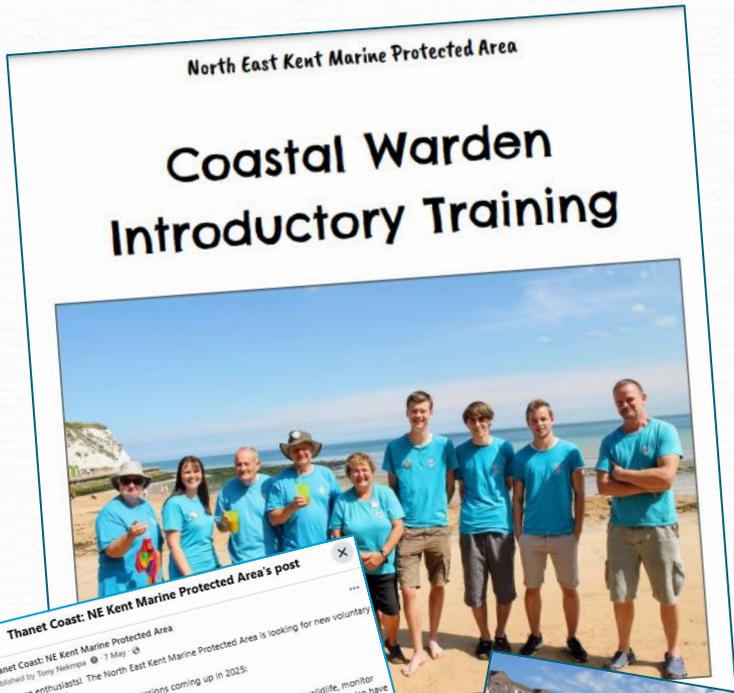
What a difference a day can make - with our second Great British Beach Clean event at Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend (near Ramsgate) - having glorious sunny weather for our survey and clean up that was on the beach within the Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve (2pm, Saturday, 20 Sept 2025)... See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



TCP Online Beach Clean Advisory

- ❑ Quarterly Bachwatch
 - ❑ 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





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



'A beginner's introduction to Kent's Shore Life'

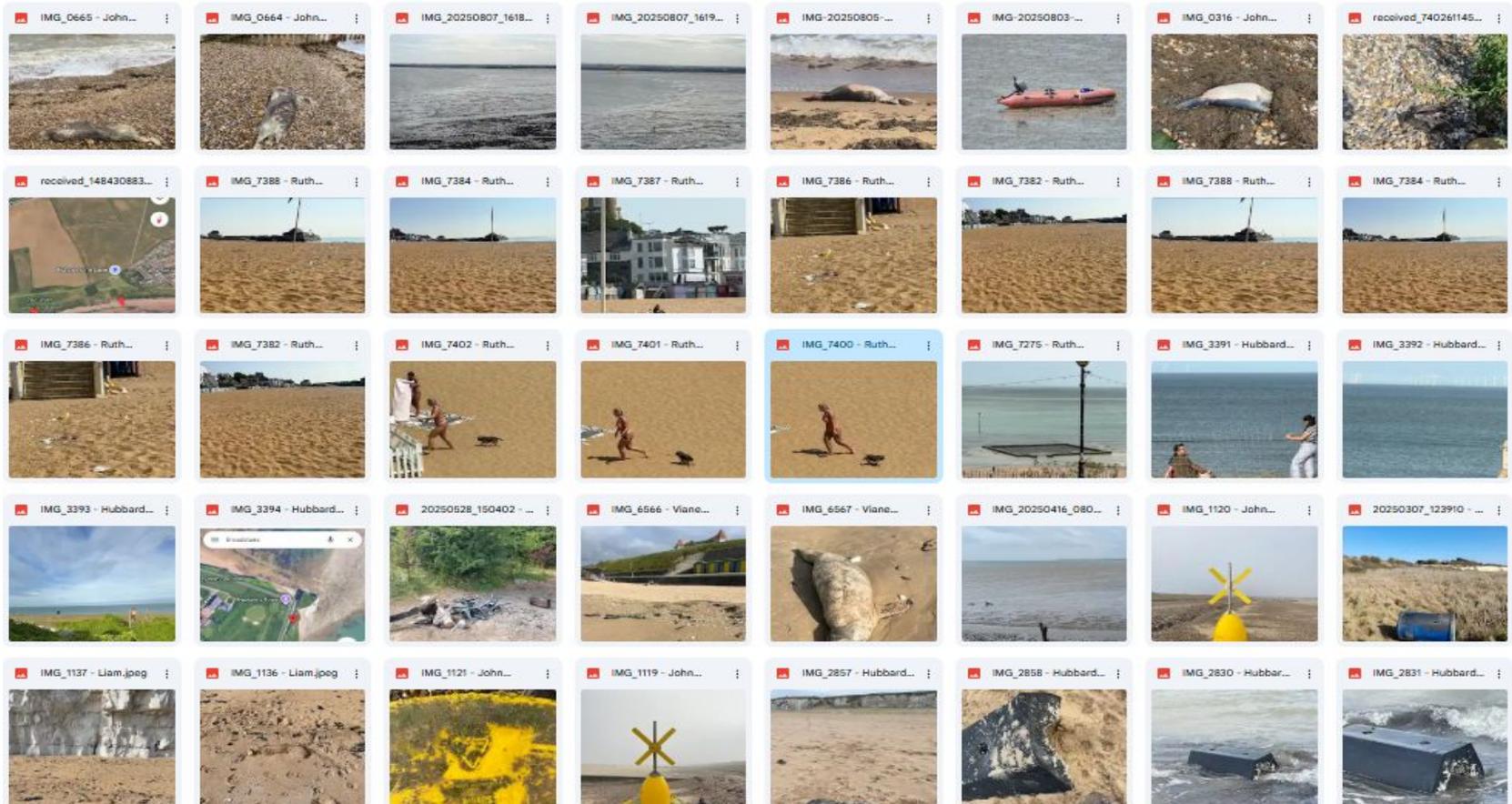
23 June 2025 = 24 participants



Incident Reports Online: 54 reports

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

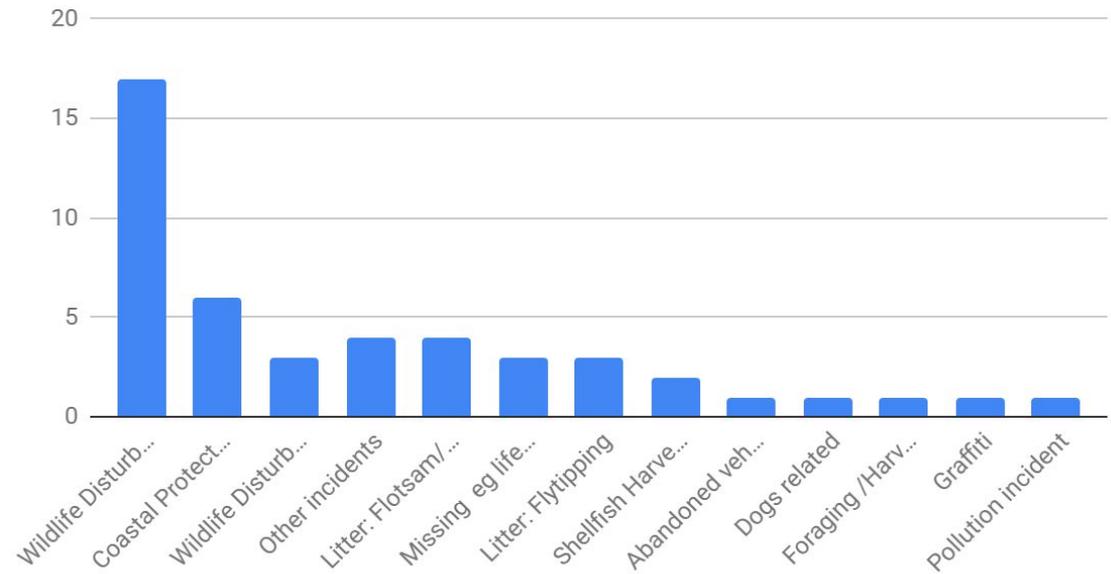
- 47 incidents (45 last year); - 7 wildlife reports (10 last year)



Incidents reports: 47

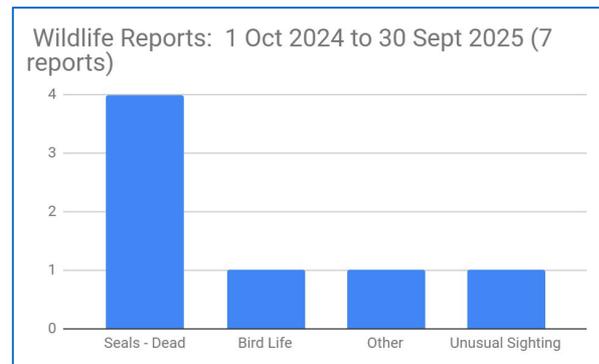
2024 to 2025

Incident Reports: 1 Oct 2024 to 30 Sept 2025



Wildlife incidents reports: 7

2024 to 2025



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



