

Who can be a Coastal Warden?

You don't have to be an expert to get involved. All you need is energy, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Free training is provided for all Coastal Wardens!

Thanet Coastal Wardens can gain hands-on experience on how to identify a diverse range of coastal and marine wildlife, whilst recording valuable information which will be used to protect the coastal wildlife.

By adopting a stretch of coast, volunteers can take part in our free informal training sessions led by the Thanet Coast Project and organisations such as the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the Kent Wildlife Trust, Sandwich Bay Observatory Trust and the Marine Conservation Society.

Three core modules – for all wardens:

- Coastal Warden Induction
- Thanet Coast Activities Survey
- Shore Life Identification

Optional extras – such as:

- Coastal bird Identification
- Organising a 'beach clean'
- National wildlife recording schemes and many more, you decide!

Want to get involved?

The Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme



To 'adopt' a stretch of coastline and take part in this pioneering scheme, please contact:

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Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme

Volunteers taking action for coastal wildlife

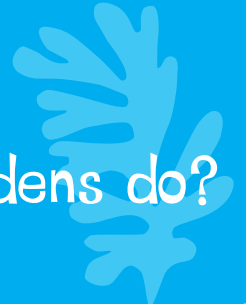


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Did you know?

What is the Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme?

What do Coastal Wardens do?



The Thanet Coastal Warden Scheme is co-ordinated by the Thanet Coast Project

The Thanet Coast...

-  Is the **longest continuous stretch** of coastal chalk within the UK, with 20% of all the UK's coastal chalk found here.
-  Has over 250 hectares of rocky chalk shore – home to **unusual communities** of plants and animals.
-  Has some of the country's best chalk sea caves. Many provide homes for unique algae and lichens – some are not found **anywhere else in the world!**
-  Is an **internationally important** winter feeding and resting area for coastal birds, including turnstones and golden plovers.
-  Has **national and international** designations for its coastal wildlife, habitats and geology – collectively known as the North East Kent European marine sites.
-  Is the **first designated marine site** to have a series of Coastal Codes drawn up by its own coastal users. These help to reduce disturbance to local wildlife and protect our unique coastline.



The Thanet Coast Project's new voluntary Coastal Warden Scheme aims to help safeguard our unique coastal and marine wildlife habitats, whilst allowing people to enjoy the beauty of Thanet's shores.

The Scheme gives you a chance to do something to help! We need volunteers to help achieve this by adopting their own stretches of our local coastline.

The area covered by the scheme runs from Herne Bay, through Reculver, Birchington, Westgate, Westbrook, Margate, Cliftonville, Kingsgate, Broadstairs, Dumpton, Ramsgate, Cliffsend, Sandwich to just north of Deal.

The Coastal Wardens will act as the 'eyes and ears' of the coast, collecting information to ensure it can be kept in good condition for future generations of wildlife and coastal users.

As a volunteer warden, you can help record marine and bird life, visitor and activity numbers, sea mammals and other wildlife sightings, and report any local damage or pollution back to the Thanet Coast Project, without having to tackle the problem yourself.

The scheme is designed to be flexible to volunteer needs, with the role adapting to how much time each Warden can dedicate to it. You might even want to run your own events.

