



Dear Subscriber

Welcome to the summer edition of the North West Coastal Forum's News Update. Click on the headings or 'read more' to read the articles in full.

Kind regards,

Caroline, NWCF

NWCF News

[Open for Entries: the 4th North West Awards for Coastal Excellence \(NW ACE\)](#)

Posted on August 1st, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Is your coastal work ACE? Are you a community group or an organisation carrying out work on the North West coast? Do you know someone whose work on the coast has inspired you? If so consider entering your project or that special person for this year's awards! NW ACE is award scheme organised by the [Read more](#)

[Diary Date: Sandscapes: celebrating the natural and cultural capital of coastal landscapes, 11th & 12th October, Southport](#)

Posted on July 15th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

The North West Coastal Forum is pleased to announce the North West's Biennial Coastal Conference will take place on 12th October in Southport, with the conference field trip on the preceeding day to make the most of the tides. This year's event is being organised as a joint event with the Sefton Coast Landscape Partnership [Read more](#)

[MMO's Marine Planning Workshops and Call for Evidence](#)

Posted on July 14th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

The North West Coastal Forum was pleased to help with delivery of the Marine Management Organisation's Liverpool workshop, on 13th July. As well as assisting with publicity before the event, North West Coastal Forum Board member, John Entwistle, of Wirral Council, co-Chaired the event alongside Russell Gadbury, the MMO Marine Planning Manager, and Caroline Salthouse, who [Read more](#)

[Registration now open for: Tying the Celtic Knot - creating lasting partnerships for the Celtic Seas, Dublin 18-19 October 2016](#)

Posted on July 11th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Registration is now open for the third and final international workshop of the Celtic Seas Partnership project. The event will take place at Croke Park in Dublin on 18th and 19th of October 2016. The event will showcase the final outputs of this exciting project and find ways of ensuring that the work that's been [Read more](#)

[Save the Date: Irish Sea Maritime Forum Biennial Conference - 28th September 2016](#)

Posted on June 20th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

We are pleased to announce that the Irish Sea Maritime Forum's Biennial Conference will take place this year on Wednesday 28th September at the dlr LexIcon, Dun Laoghaire, Republic of Ireland. The main themes for the conference will be Maritime Spatial Planning and Policies for a Dynamic Coast. The conference is being held the day [Read more](#)

Regional News

[Consultation: England Coast Path from Gretna to Allonby: comment on proposals](#)

Posted on August 3rd, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Closes 19th September 2016, 5 p.m. Natural England is inviting comments on proposals for coastal access between Gretna and Allonby on the Cumbrian coast. A report was submitted to the Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on 25th July setting out the proposals and Natural England are [Read more](#)

[National Coastal Access - North West Update](#)

Posted on July 28th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Natural England have produced their monthly update for July 2016 summarising the progress being made on delivery of coastal access in the North West. Stretch 1 (Allonby to Whitehaven) and Stretch 2 (Whitehaven to Silcroft) are 'open', with work started on implementing the route in Stretch 2 and a likely completion date of 2017. Stretches 3 [Read more](#)

[Solway Firth Partnership News – Summer 2016](#)

Posted on July 22nd, 2016 by NWCF

The July 2016 newsletter from the Solway Firth Partnership magazine 'Tidelines' is now available. It features the Marine Management Organisation's call for evidence and July North West issues and evidence workshops, the new Solway Coastwise project, news about the Brow Well on the Solway coast, the 'Solway Seafood – Out of the Blue' exhibition which [Read more](#)

[DONG Energy to Invest £5.4bn in North West by 2019](#)

Posted on July 5th, 2016 by NWCF

DONG energy are to invest a total of £5.4 billion in regional offshore wind farms by 2019. DONG energy currently invest £2.7 billion across four currently operational wind farms including Barrow, Walney, Burbo Bank and West of Duddon Sands in the Irish Sea. A further £2.7 billion is expected to be invested in two extension [Read more](#)

[National Infrastructure Planning Round up for North West England](#)

Posted on June 20th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

The Planning Inspectorate's website has details of the following major infrastructure projects in the coastal or marine area of North West England. Follow this link for the overview or the specific project links below: Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm, DONG WIND (UK) Ltd (Decided) Construction of an offshore wind farm extension located to the west [Read more](#)

[North West Coast Connections Undertake Marine Surveys Under Morecambe Bay](#)

Posted on June 3rd, 2016 by NWCF

The National Grid are currently undertaking major marine surveys in Morecambe Bay to gather information for the North West Coast Connections project. The project aims to create a tunnel between Heysham power station in Lancashire and Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria to directly route electricity cables. This route corridor is needed to accommodate energy created by the new nuclear power [Read more](#)

[Blue Flag Award for Blackpool South Beach](#)

Posted on May 30th, 2016 by NWCF

A total of 68 beaches around England have achieved a Blue Flag Award in the 2016 designations. The Blue Flag Award is an international award presented to well managed beaches with excellent water quality and environmental education programmes. For the first time in history Blackpool South Beach will be flying the Blue Flag Award. A further 111 Seaside Awards [Read more](#)

[National News](#)

[Save the date: Coastal Partnerships Network Annual Forum 2016 - 9th &](#)

[10th November, Durham](#)

Posted on August 3rd, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

This year's Coastal Partnerships Network Forum will take place in Durham on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November. The venue is the historic Town Hall in the centre of Durham, close to the Durham World Heritage Site. The event will include a field visit to the Durham Heritage Coast to discuss a range of coastal [Read more](#)

[Consultation: Changes to Regulations to Recover Costs of Services under Offshore Petroleum Activities \(Oil Pollution Prevention and Control\) Regulations 2005 and Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002](#)

Posted on August 3rd, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Consultation closes 6th September 2016, 5 p.m. The Government is consulting on a proposal to amend the Oil Pollution Prevention and Control (OPPC) and Offshore Chemicals Regulations (OCR) to allow charging for certain regulatory services where there is currently no power to charge for these. Views from the oil and gas industry, and other stakeholders [Read more](#)

[National Marine Week - July 23rd - August 7th 2016](#)

Posted on July 29th, 2016 by NWCF

National Marine Week, hosted by the Wildlife Trusts, runs from 23rd July to 7th August 2016 and aims to celebrate the wonderful and varied life found in UK seas. Staff and volunteers from Wildlife Trust branches will be holding marine awareness and educational events including rockpool rambles, strandline searches, cetacean watches and in the North West [Read more](#)

[Environment Audit Committee Inquiry: Marine Protected Areas Revisited](#)

Posted on July 29th, 2016 by NW Coastal Forum

Deadline for written submissions: 7th October 2016, 5 p.m. (no longer than 3000 words, must be submitted via the online portal) The Environmental Audit Committee is calling for evidence on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the UK and the Overseas Territories. This inquiry follows on from two previous inquiries: Marine Protected Areas and Sustainability in [Read more](#)

[Call for Papers - The Atlantic Salmon Trust and The Tweed Foundation](#)

Posted on July 18th, 2016 by NWCF

The Atlantic Salmon Trust and Tweed Foundation are calling for papers for their conference 'From Headwater to Headland, Improving smelt survival in rivers and estuaries' to be held from the 14th to 15th March 2017 in Berwick-Upon-Tweed. Suggested topics include: The impact of predation in freshwater on smolt number Smolt numbers and condition Drivers of [Read more](#)

[Capturing our Coast News - July 2016](#)

Posted on July 17th, 2016 by NWCF

Capturing our Coast (CoCoast), a UK based citizen science shore recording project has published a newsletter for July 2016. The surveys are well underway with 250 surveys being undertaken so far with 136 surveyors around the UK coastline. The newsletter features posts regarding: secret forests,

fireweed invasion, media releases, top CoCoasters and new species records. [Read more](#)

[Consultation - Ten Proposed Scottish SPAs](#)

Posted on July 16th, 2016 by NWCF

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has launched a consultation to gather views and evidence for a network of 10 proposed Special Protection Areas (pSPA) to protect coastal and offshore waters for the benefit of marine birds in Scotland. The SNH are seeking views on the following topics: Proposed designations and bird species Scientific evidence Advice to [Read more](#)

[MCS 'Wet Wipes Turn Nasty When You Flush Them' Campaign Launched](#)

Posted on July 5th, 2016 by NWCF

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) have launched their 'wet wipes turn nasty when you flush them' campaign to highlight the problems associated with wet wipes and to demand better labelling by retailers. During the 2015 MCS Big Beach Clean over 4,000 wet wipes were picked up around UK coastlines, a 400% rise in the past decade. [Read more](#)

[Call for Issues with Supporting Evidence for Marine Planning \(MMO\)](#)

Posted on June 30th, 2016 by NWCF

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has launched a 'Call for Issues with Supporting Evidence' for English marine plan areas including the North West Marine Plan area. The MMO are interested in hearing the opportunities, challenges and needs of the marine plan areas over the next 20 years and are asking for supporting evidence. Click here to see [Read more](#)

[Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management \(FCERM\) News - May 2016](#)

Posted on June 3rd, 2016 by NWCF

The newsletter for the Defra, Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales and the Welsh Government Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Research and Development programme for May has been published and covers the following topics: Policy, Strategy & Investment Catchment process modelling The costs and impacts of the 2013-14 winter floods Public dialogues on flood risk [Read more](#)

[2016 Coastal Tourism Report Published](#)

Posted on June 3rd, 2016 by NWCF

The 2016 Coastal Tourism report from the National Coastal Tourism Academy has been published. The report covers England's coastline and highlights the value of coastal tourism to the economy at £8billion with 13.7 million seaside trips in the past year, the majority of these short overnight stays. This figure represents a third of all English overnight holidays [Read more](#)

[Updating the Cost of Storm and Flood Events](#)

Posted on May 16th, 2016 by NWCF

By reflecting on the cost of storms which affected England and Wales from winter 2013 to 2014, the

Environment Agency has been able to update their rapid cost calculator which aims to provide a better estimation of the economic and financial costs of future storm events. The best cost estimate from the winter of 2013 to 2014 was [Read more](#)

[Coastal Communities in England to Receive Funding to Restore Local Landmarks](#)

Posted on May 16th, 2016 by NWCF

Coastal community projects around England are to receive a share of £700,000 funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government to restore local landmarks. Fifteen projects are to receive up to £50,000 each to help rejuvenate historic buildings or cultural and social areas. It is hoped that the project will help to boost the economy [Read more](#)

[Keep Britain Tidy #Street2Sea Marine Litter Campaign Launched](#)

Posted on May 16th, 2016 by NWCF

UK charity Keep Britain Tidy, in partnership with supermarket chain Lidl, have launched the #Street2Sea campaign which aims to raise awareness of the damage that urban litter has to coastal environments and marine wildlife. To launch the campaign, a eco-artist, nicknamed 'Moose', has been enlisted to manage an art project which power-washes stencils of marine wildlife onto [Read more](#)

[International News](#)

[Maritime Affairs & Fisheries News – July 2016](#)

Posted on July 19th, 2016 by NWCF

The newsletter from the Maritime Affairs & Fisheries for July has been published and covers the following topics: News Your holiday guide to eating F.I.S.H. Commission proposes to lift 'red card' from Republic of Guinea after it steps up fight against illegal fishing New, simplified EU programme for fisheries data collection: a milestone towards more robust [Read more](#)

[ICES News - July 2016](#)

Posted on July 5th, 2016 by NWCF

The newsletter from International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) for July has been published and covers the following topics: Underwater noise Assessing the sensitivity of the sea floor Meet the humans behind the human dimension To Korea for the early careers More information regarding these topics can be found in the ICES newsletter [Read more](#)

[3rd Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference, 27th September, Dublin](#)

Posted on April 19th, 2016 by NWCF

The third annual Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference will be held on the 27th September 2016 in Dublin. The Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference aims to facilitate a central hub for stakeholders of the Atlantic Strategy and provide good opportunities for stakeholders to create contacts, share best practices, publicise innovative projects and ideas and explore funding opportunities and partnerships. The conference will promote Atlantic [Read more](#)

Conferences and Events

For information on upcoming relevant conferences and events, please visit the Events page on our webpage: <http://www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk/events/>

Copyright  North West Coastal Forum 2016.

www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk