

# Welcome

Collaborative Coastal Projects in North West England, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022  
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# Programme

Introducing the National and Regional Championing Coastal Coordination work

Ecological Community-Owned Coastal Buffer Strips project

The work of Turning Tides Partnership and LOVEmyBEACH

*Questions*

Workshop session 1: Exploring national and regional coordination

*Comfort break*

Marine Natural Capital Development on the Cumbrian Solway

Mersey Estuary Action Planning and Monitoring

Dee Estuary Coastal Coordination

*Questions*

Workshop session 2: Exploring local coastal coordination

Plenary discussion and summing up

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# Introducing the National and Regional Championing Coastal Coordination Work

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# Championing Coastal Coordination Funding

Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs) is an Environment Agency initiative with support from Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation and the Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities.

It is a collaboration seeking to explore how to enhance and progress coordination for coastal sustainability and resilience in England.

£750k has been made available through The Water Environment Improvement Fund (EA) to support the testing and trialling of approaches that will inform how to enhance and expand current arrangements for:

1. Coordinated planning and delivery of locally owned plans and place-based initiatives through governance frameworks
2. Coastal champions to strengthen capacity and capability in local stewardship
3. Restoration and recovery of natural habitats

# Coastal Partnerships Network: A National Framework Championing Coastal Coordination



**Aim:** to scope and co-develop a structure and delivery mechanism for a **national support framework for the whole English coast to enable:**

- **Leadership of key stakeholders** in the delivery of the Championing Coastal Coordination project generally and through involvement in the 3Cs National Working Group (NWG).
- **Improved coordination and communication** across multiple socio-economic and environmental policy areas.
- **Identification of data** to inform and help implement national strategies locally, and report/evidence impact for national strategies and return on investment.
- **Relationship development and knowledge exchange** across sectors for a more integrated approach to future planning and management along and across the coast.
- **More community participation** in local planning and decision making.
- **Enhanced community and business engagement in restoration plans and delivery**, improving the socio-economic benefits associated with restoration sites.



# CPN 3Cs National Deliverables Summary

- 1. Establish a National Working Group** - bringing together key coastal, catchment and marine organisations/ networks to develop a **recommendation for a national framework** to streamline the communication and implementation of Government strategies
- 2. Develop an evaluation tool that works for coastal partnership practitioners** This will have a social capital approach and will **showcase the impact of Coastal Partnership working**.
- 3. Progress / evidence the needs and opportunities across socio-economic and environmental strategies:**
  - Coastal habitat restoration **informing the 25 Year Environment Plan and ReMeMaRe**
  - Data portal needs to **improve evidence-led management and development decisions**
  - CPN Audit to **highlight governance needs and gaps**
  - **OneCoast Coalition development** and **Coastal Communities APPG Coastal Enquiry Programme**  
Planning to support coastal policy evolution and advocacy
- 4. Regional Demonstration Projects** led by local Coastal Partnerships - **feeding in local/regional perspectives to the national work** - led by North West Coastal Forum in NW England

# The North West Coastal Forum



***'Working together across boundaries to deliver economic, environmental and social benefits for coastal communities in North West England'***

We are a non-profit multi-sector voluntary partnership bringing together coastal stakeholders from across the North West to promote and deliver sustainable management and use of our coastline. Underpinning this aim are 6 outcomes we are working to achieve:

- Well-integrated planning and management of the coastal zone
- The economic potential of the NW coast achieved in ways which safeguard, enhance, restore and sustainably use our natural and cultural assets
- A high quality natural and built coastal environment able to adapt to climate and other change
- Improved recreational opportunities and visitor experience
- Improved well being of coastal communities
- Raised appreciation of the coast, its value and its needs



# NWCF Deliverables

Working at a strategic level we:

- Provide expert technical input to influence policy and legislation by responding to formal and informal consultations and by active participation in policy workshops
- Provide information, advice and expertise to other coastal initiatives and projects, both within the region and nationally
- Raise awareness of coastal issues and good practice through events, a news-led website and an e-newsletters which goes out to over 1000 stakeholders.
- Carry out and commission research
- Provide stakeholder engagement and event organisation and facilitation for organisations, where the aims of the work meet our own.





# Exploring the Benefits of a Regional Approach to Coastal Coordination in NW England

1. **NWCF Management Board and key stakeholder organisations review and workshop** to:
  - explore benefits / value / risks of regional coastal coordination mechanisms such as NWCF
  - discover any changes needed to ensure NWCF is fit for the future (may include setting up changes to governance structure and hosting)
  - collate thoughts on key questions to inform the development of the national framework
2. **A collaborative coastal projects workshop** to bring together 3Cs projects and other coastal projects in the region and explore questions relating to 3Cs project deliverables and future opportunities for working better together
3. **Cross-border interviews** with the Solway Firth Partnership and Our Tidal Dee Project Managers on the issues thrown up by the need for cross border governance with Scotland and Wales
4. Drawing together and testing the value of a **‘What’s Happening on the North West Coast’** online resource pulling together key policies and strategic plans, projects and partnerships.
5. **Regional Demonstration Project Case Study Report** - detailing the methodology and findings from the work above, and making recommendations to inform the national picture.

# Regional Demonstration Project: Progress

## **NWCF Management Board and key stakeholder organisations review:**

- Currently underway, some interviews carried out and surveys completed but too soon to formulate any conclusions / recommendations; Management Board workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> March

## **Collaborative coastal projects workshop:**

- In progress! 31 delegates from a wide range of organisations; workshop sessions will feed into the regional demonstration project, local 3Cs projects and the national work being led by CPN

## **Cross-border interviews:**

- both completed, results will feed into the regional and national 3Cs work

## **‘What’s Happening on the North West Coast’ online resource**

- consultation carried out, 125 organisations approached and also available on the NWCF website (several downloads); only 15 responses but all respondents supported the value of such a resource. Not many plans/policies/projects submitted due to low response rate. Concept will be further tested today.

# Regional Demonstration Project - Further Thoughts?



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