

Information for AGM

Newquay Beach Care Feb 2017 -2018

Newquay Beach Care offers two different types of beach cleans:

Group ones- Organised in advance and sometimes to coincide with events.

Flash mob style- In a response to the amount of debris washed up by storms or if a beach is in need.

This year, Newquay beach Care has accomplished:

- ✓ A total of 16 beach cleans (4 more than last year) including one flashmob clean on Great Western Beach where we removed a large piece of netting and an A frame from a RIB. NMG also organised a beach clean with Wayne Dixon and his dog Koda, who are walking around the entire coast of Britain litter Picking. We also helped with the beach clean organised by Newquay Zoo.
- ✓ Collected 293 bin bags of debris (127 Last year).
- ✓ The group has engaged 261 people with beach cleans from Feb 2016 to Feb 2017.
- ✓ Over the past four years we have collected 759 bags.
- ✓ A total weight of 485kg this year and 2,173kg (2.4 tonnes) over the past four years.
- ✓ Our volunteer numbers have been good and averaged out, they have increased year on year.

Keep Britain Tidy use this data for their annual report.

Ghost netting is reported to Sue Sayer (Cornwall Seal Group and Research Trust).

Events

Beach Rangers – Once again we ran the Beach Rangers project with students from Cornwall College Newquay. They ran 5 events on Towan Beach, engaging approximately 100people.

Other news

- Newquay Police Police borrowed our equipment and did their own on beach clean on Fistral in January. We have also lent our equipment to Newquay Environmental Group for the year, and to Wax Watergate once
- We contacted two companies after their balloons were found, Fistral Beach Hotel and Mountain Warehouse, with positive outcomes.

- The Beresford Hotel raised £360 for us and presented us with walky talkies and sieves.
- We are still working with The Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition. The next meeting is in March 2018.
- A documentary film maker from London Monika has completed a film that features the group and its volunteers. She is hoping to get it screened at a few festivals this summer and we hope she may show it here in Newquay too.
- Trawling for plastic. We are in the early stages of a project proposal in collaboration with other organisations to trawl Newquay Bay and other areas of the coastline for micro plastics.

Thank you very much to all of the beach cleaners. We do amazing work and protect what we love.

Date	Beach	Nos of vols	Nos of bin bags	Weight	Other rubbish collected but not weighed	Comments
March 17	Towan	65	21	140kg (inc some metal)		Fantastic turn out. Monika filmed us
April	The Gannel	21	17	53kg	2 fish boxes and netting	The Beresford hotel presented us with a cheque and walky talkies!
May	Porth	8	2	8kg		Lots of small pieces of fishing cord. Monika filming again.
May	Great Western	2			Massive net and A frame	flashmob
June	Towan	8	3	3kg	A lot of metal found and a traffic cone	
June	Fistral	4	5	20kg		Snorkel cancelled so we did beach clean instead
July	Towan	24	11	23.5kg	More metal found.	Recycled a lot of glass and plastic.
August	Towan	10	5	9kg		
September	Towan	32	11	20kg	1 pallet	During Fish festival
September	Porth	No info	No info	No info	No info	Lots of Portugese Men of War
October	The Gannel	16	15	10kg	Large bits of wood	

November	Porth	9	7	42.5kg		Recycled a lot
November	Fistral	10	8	40kg		Recycled a lot. Cleaning with Wayne Dixon
December	Watergate	14	9	37kg	A commercial light and a car battery	Recycled
January 18	Polly Joke	12	6	35kg	Lots of netting. Dug some out.	Heavy rain! National Trust helped with motorised wheelbarrow!
February	Watergate	26	11	44kg	Massive bit of netting	Love Your Beach Day with Wax Watergate.
		Total 261 people	Total 293 bin bags	Total 485kg		
		Average 17.4	Average 19.5	Average 32.3		

So far,

Comparing years	Feb 2014 to Feb 2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Total nos of bags	200	139	127	293
Total weight		1117kg*	571kg	485
Average nos of volunteers		12.5	16	17.4

*large pieces of debris that weren't bagged, were weighed in 2015/16 but not since.