

A summary of beach cleans from February 2016 – February 2017.

Newquay Beach Care offers 2 different types of beach cleans:

Group ones (organised in advance) and sometimes to coincide with events.

Flashmob style in a response to the amount of debris washed up by storms or if a beach is in need. None of this type of clean was conducted this year (two last year).

This year, Newquay Beach Care has accomplished:

A total of 12 beach cleans (two less than last year).

And collected an estimated 127 bin bags of debris (139 last year), but not including nets, ropes, car parts, bits of metal and sparklers.

A total weight of 571kg (1117kg last year but this could be due to large, un-bagged pieces of debris being weighed but not this year).

All data sent to Keep Britain Tidy (not SAS this year).

The ghost netting we found on the beach was reported to Sue Sayer for her project.

Other Newquay Beach Care News

Sparklers success- we provided 5 large metal incinerators to dispose of sparklers better after Porth Fireworks. They worked really well.

Money raised- The Mermaid pub nominated us as one of their charities to raise money for during fireworks night. We collected £600 which paid the rent on our beach huts for the year.

Flashmob cleans – need better advertising? We did facilitate the removal of a large piece of fishing debris from Tolcarne beach.

Commissioned art work – We commissioned a local artist Sue to create the Newquay Marine Group logo from marine debris. We can't wait to see the end result! Update on the website.

Beachrangers – The scheme ran successfully over the summer, engaging the public about marine issues. After some initial training, the project was run and organised by students from Newquay College.

Seawall Plastic Coalition Group – we are part of this group (which comprises of small voluntary groups and other organisations) to campaign more effectively e.g. with companies that use balloons which have been found on the beach.

Nurdles – We took part in The Great British Nurdle Hunt. Found 2000 in about 40 minutes on Watergate beach (although it took all week to count them!).

sters- KBT have produced some brilliant posters for us. It lists the whole year's timetable of beach cleans.

huge thanks to all of our volunteers. Particularly to Will and Sheila who have come to nearly every beach clean over the past two years!

s always lovely to see and chat to all the volunteers and collectively, we do make a difference!

Date	Beach	nos of volunteers	nos of bin bags collected	weight of rubbish collected (kg)	other rubbish collected (not weighed)	comments
2/03/2016	Watergate	22	19	59		Lots of microplastics
19/04/2016	Little Fistril and Gazzle	12	9	36	1 fridge and 1 lobster pot (not weighed)	
17/05/2016	The Gannel	10	12	44	1 crate, 1 traffic cone, board	Loads of pooh bags, large stuff and take away packaging
11/06/2016	Towan	5	5	20		
19/07/2016	Watergate canceled so Towan	2	5	25		Bottles, drinks cans and disposable BBQs
13/08/2016	Towan	18	10	117	2 large pieces of garden furniture	2 large pieces of garden furniture
17/09/2016	Towan	19	12	38		Trapped pink sea fan in fishing line, buoy barnacle
18/10/2016	The Gannel	13	7	62	1 cupboard door, piece of a car	1 Morris Minor front
16/11/2016	Porth Beach	28	8	50.5		3 kg sparklers on beach, 10 kg in bins provided Large rope monster removed by army. Recycled b Fathoms Free
10/12/2016	Watergate	15	12	53		2 big nets, lots of plastic bottles, glass and cans to recycle
14/01/2017	Mawgan Porth	32	18	36.5	1 pump from a boat, 2 crates, 2 pieces of net	
11/02/2017	Watergate	18	10	30	1 traffic cone	Cut free large rope monster, sieving for microplast
		total 194	total 127	total 571		
		Average 16	Average 10.5	Average 47.5		

comparing years	Feb 2014 to Feb 2015	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017
total number of bags	200	139	127
total weight*		1117 kg	571kg
average number of volunteers		12.5	16

*large pieces of debris that weren't bagged, may have been weighed in 2015/16 but not in 2016/17