

A summary of beach cleans from February 2018 – February 2019.

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.

This year, Newquay Beach Care has accomplished:

- ✓ A total of 13 beach cleans including one Flashmob style clean and one with MCS. This is 3 less than last year. One timetabled beach clean had to be cancelled due to bad weather.
- During the Flashmob style clean, we removed two big nets and a huge load of rope from Watergate on 8th Jan 2019.
- ✓ And collected an estimated 118 bin bags of debris (293 last year), but not including nets.
- ✓ We collected a total weight of 577.5 kg (485kg last year), and 2,750kg/ **2.75 metric tonnes** over past five years.
- ✓ All data used by Keep Britain Tidy.
- ✓ We also signed up to the Tidal Revival app and encourage our members to use it.
- ✓ Co-hosted a Seaside Scavenge on Watergate with The Marine Conservation Society.
- ✓ We've run 2 Shoresearch surveys at Whipsiderry. Collecting data on species found in local rockpools that was submitted to ERRCIS.
- ✓ We've lent our kit out a few times to other groups and individuals.
- ✓ We were successful in persuading Trelawney Garden Centre to stop selling dried star fish.
- ✓ Started the CMMR Trawling for microplastics project, which has completed 17 trawls so far and will be running a second year! The end of it's first year report coming soon.

- ✓ Presented Will and Sheila with a gift in recognition of all the beach cleans they have come to!
- ✓ Engaged 258 people with beach cleans from February 2018 (last year 261 people).
- ✓ Increased our average number of volunteers that attend a beach clean.

Thank you to everyone who has helped!

In The Future:

- On February 14th, we will be participating in CWT 'love your beach day' on valentines day (as we did last year).
- We have been asked to participate in an interview by students at the University of Sherbrooke in Canada.
- We have been asked to speak about Trawlshare at The University of Exeter Bioblitz day.
- Another year of CMMR Trawlshare and surface trawling for microplastics.

Comparing years:

Comparing years	Feb 2014 to Feb 15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total nos of bags	200	139	127	293	118
Total weight		1117kg	571kg	485	577.5
Average nos of volunteers		12.5	16	17.4	19.8

Numbers of bags collected are down, but the weight is up. This is probably due to recycling more, using less bags (we promote using buckets) and finding larger pieces of debris.

Our average number of volunteers that attend beach cleans has steadily **risen** year every year!

