



How did you get involved in the Newquay Marine Group, and why?

I'm a student at Newquay College, so I got involved as part of my course in Marine Zoology, and in general to get good work experience as part of my career in Marine biology. So, I got involved to complement my course of learning about the marine environment.

Is that why you came to Cornwall?

Cornwall is a lush coastline and I've always been a bit of a water baby, so I came to Cornwall because it's so pretty and so diversified in its marine eco-systems and it's a really good place to get involved and learn.

What is your passion or focus about the Marine Group?

I'm a rockpool nerd so I like starfish, seaweed, crabs, you name it. If it's small and in a little bit of water, I'll be there and quite happy.

What work have you done with the Newquay Marine Group?

So, I've led a beach clean and I'm also leading some rockpool rambles throughout this year to get involved with. I've also helped out at the beach cleans as well, so I've been picking litter off the beaches and finding the all animals that are around our shoreline, especially with all the events.

What is Shoresearch?

Shoresearch is a science-led project by Cornwall Wildlife Trust and it's where we go and monitor the rocky and tidal shores all around the county. We are using specific methods whether it's walk-over samplings, making a giant species list, or quadrat surveys, when we look specifically at different bits along the shore and look at the really small organisms trying not to miss anything out. That way, we can learn about all the different diversity we have on our rock shore.

What would you say to someone who is interested in volunteering?

Do it, it's fun! Get outside, it's good for you, get the fresh air. And you get to meet new people and it's just a nice time especially at the moment, it's a change of scenery because it's always a nice time to get out and not stay at home all the time.