



How long have you lived in Newquay for?

I lived in Newquay for 4 or 5 years before moving up north to continue my studies at St Andrew's.

When did you hear about the Newquay Marine Group?

During our first tutorial Bex was listing stuff we can get involved with as students at Cornwall college. She mentioned Newquay Marine Group, and they were at the Fish festival for three days, so I just popped along.

What made you decide to join?

I wanted to develop my practical skills while also doing some volunteer work. It was also good to have a group of people who all shared similar opinion on Cornwall's wildlife, and keeping it litter free.

What work have you done with the Newquay Marine Group?

I was the secretary for 3 years before moving. I've been involved with their beach cleans, events, and front of houses at their talks. I was part of several of their projects such as Newquay Cleaner Seas, Harbour Heights and Trawlshare. I am the group's Instagram manager and started the #MeetourMembers series of posts. It's a bit difficult to be involved in the practical side with living a few hundred miles away, but I still stay in touch.

What work do you do outside of the group?

I'm about to do my Masters at St Andrew's in Marine Mammal Science. In the meantime I work as a barrista and I'm the social media officer for Cornwall Reptile and Amphibian Group, and I've recently finished a 2-year common dolphin identification internship with NIWA, and have now been allocated a spot on a New Zealand leopard seal identification project. This year I'm now part of the UK Fungus Day outreach committee hosted by the British Mycological Society. Basically, I spend a lot of time at the computer!

What impact do you think the group has had on Newquay?

The group have made a positive impact on Newquay. They've worked so hard at getting their voice heard and done it by getting everyone involved. There is so much work that the group do with their litter picks, seaquests, rockpool rambles to name a few. They're always out doing their bit.

What would you say to someone wanting to join the group?

Do it. So many people from different backgrounds, all with the same ambition and passion. You will feel welcome straight away. If you are looking to volunteer, there's so much work we do that you can help out with!