

# Beachcomber



The newsletter of the Furness and South Cumbria Beach Clean Group

## Wonderful Weather at Rampside...

At the end of September twenty volunteers turned out to give the beaches at Rampside a good going over. This was definitely a beach clean of two halves, as we started with the stretch of beach between Beacon Hill and the top of the Roa Island causeway. An hour of hard work saw a considerable improvement on here, though the large mattress, double duvet and bedding was too heavy and waterlogged for us to remove and had to be left!



Having strategically "heaped" the rubbish for collection, we set off again along the stretch of coast running from the Concle up to the "Rampside Lighthouse" (No.4 Leading Light to use it's proper name). Two hours saw us recover some 275Kg of litter from the two beaches, and happy in a good job well done, we retired to the Concle Inn for well-earned refreshments. This was a very pleasant way to end a beach clean and I am now on the look-out for grubby beaches with convenient pubs - all suggestions welcome!

## Could you host a student for a term?

Many of you who come along regularly will know that Jenny and I often play hosts to German students who come over from Bavaria to spend a term in a school and improve their English - and help out with beach cleans! The scheme, which has run for 15 years and is proving to be more and more popular every term, is administered by a local couple, Mike and Fran Stokes of Grange-Over-Sands. They are keen to hear from potential hosts from all over Cumbria and Lancashire for the spring term, as 66 students have registered to come to England next time, and currently there are not enough host families to accommodate them all! If you are interested in hosting a student in your home for a term and would like to learn more, please contact Mike or Fran on 015395 32307, or via email: [mike@connect-europ.demon.co.uk](mailto:mike@connect-europ.demon.co.uk)

If you would like to host a beach clean or would like for information about a planned event please visit our website [www.morecambebay.org.uk](http://www.morecambebay.org.uk), write to the Morecambe Bay Partnership, call Matt on: 07933 744222 or email: [beachclean@btinternet.com](mailto:beachclean@btinternet.com)

We also welcome enquiries from organisations that would like to hold events.

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### Wet and Wild at Humphrey Head

What a difference a month can make. Up until now, the weather has been excellent for every beach clean. Our October visit to Humphrey Head served to remind us that Morecambe Bay



can be a wild place indeed! Despite torrential rain, howling gales and Arctic temperatures (OK, I'm exaggerating a little bit!), fifteen hardy volunteers joined forces with the Bay Search and Rescue team in cleaning the beach between the car park at Humphrey Head and Rougholme Point. Once again the Bay S&R guys brought their amazing Hagglund vehicle. After removing about ½ tonne of litter (it was too wet to

*Photos kindly provided by Bill Byford of Bay Search and Rescue*

weigh it accurately), volunteers and rescuers retired to the Bay S&R headquarters at Low Marsh, Flookburgh, for hot drinks and to drip-dry! Apologies once more for not arranging better weather this time out. I'll try harder next time!

### All your hard work!

So far this year, we have removed more than 5 tonnes of rubbish from 12 beaches around the Furness and Cartmel Peninsulas and, although the tide often brings more litter in, we are definitely making a visible difference around the Bay. None of this would have been possible without your help and support. Thank you!

### Upcoming Beach Cleans and Events in Furness and South Cumbria

Location	Date	Times		Grid Reference	Notes
		Start	Finish		
North Walney Nat. Reserve	15 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00	12:00	SD170699	Meet at Earnse Bay car park. If the weather is good this event will run on.
Conishead Bank Ulverston	29 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00	12:00	SD301758	Turn into Conishead Priory / Manjushri Centre and look for our usual yellow signs for parking directions.

The Furness and South Cumbria group has no beach cleans planned for December, but if you are feeling keen you could join the Marine Conservation Society at Half Moon Bay, Heysham on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

For full details of our beach cleans all around the bay, check out our website:

[http://www.morecambebay.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/BeachCare.html](http://www.morecambebay.org.uk/what_we_do/BeachCare.html)

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