



BEACHCOMBER

The newsletter of the Furness and South Cumbria Beach Clean Group

Spring Clean at Cark!

On a very windy day in April, forty-two volunteers turned out at Sandgate Marsh for a very much needed beach clean! Jules Evans of Cark hosted the event and this is what she said afterwards:



I am thrilled at the success of Cark Beach Clean. Our shoreline was transformed in under two hours and anyone walking there now will notice a huge difference. It was so enjoyable to see so many people taking part and having a good time. If you feel that Beach Cleans are a strange way to spend part of your weekend, and that they must be very hard and thankless work, you must come along and try it.

Beach cleans are fun! It's a chance to meet other people from your locality, and those from further out too. We had volunteers of all ages from Ulverston, Arnside and Hest Bank proving that people are not just concerned with keeping their own piece of beach clean; unselfishly, they are giving up time to help others have a healthier environment too. Everyone marvelled at how much was accomplished in such a short time. Hard work? Well, if that's what causes the grins and laughter during and after the event, then it can't be THAT bad!

Our Beach clean was helped tremendously by the provision of a large trailer from Mr & Mrs Wilson of Sandgate Farm for the tons of rubbish we collected, and by the enthusiastic efforts of the Bay Search and Rescue Team who brought along their fantastic Haggessund vehicle to lend even more muscle power! Several of us are already planning to attend the Piel Island Beach Clean in May. Bring the kids along- what better way to teach them about looking after their world.

(Jules Evans, Cark, 12/4/08)

Local Beach Cleans

31st May - Piel Island 11:30 - 15:30
10th June - Earnse Bay 17:30-19:30
26th July - New Biggin 10:00 - 12:00

For details see page 2 or:
www.morecambabay.org.uk

If you would like to host a beach clean or want more details about a planned event please write to me, call: 07933 744222 or email: beachclean@btinternet.com

We also welcome enquiries from organisations that would like to hold events. Recently we have worked with Bay Search & Rescue and Ulverston Walking Festival.

Upcoming Beach Cleans in Furness and South Cumbria

Location	Date	Times		Grid Reference	Notes
		Start	Finish		
Piel Island	31 st May	11:30	15:30	SD209639	Snab Point at 11:30 to sign in. Look for car park signs.
Earnse Bay	10 th June	17:30	19:30	SD170699	Event in partnership with North West Kite Surfing
New Biggin	26 th July	10:00	12:00	SD269692	Meeting opposite the turning into New Biggin village.

For details of our beach cleans all around the bay, check out our website:
http://www.morecambebay.org.uk/what_we_do/BeachCare.html

Wonderful Weather at Bardsea

We could not have been luckier with the weather for our beach clean at Bardsea on 3rd May when thirty seven volunteers turned out to take part in a beach clean organised as part of the Ulverston Walking Festival. Steve Povey, one of the Walking Festival organisers, said afterwards "this has been one of the best attended events of the walking festival. The number of volunteers here is very good".



As well as seeing a lot of old friends, it was great to see fifteen new volunteers, many of them children, joining us for a very successful event. We were very pleased to be joined by Eve Borrino, Cumbria county-council's Countryside Ranger, and three of her volunteer team. In all, we managed to fill 30 bags with 145Kg of litter, making a big difference to the beach.

Big Cleanup on Piel Island!

As you may have noticed by now, we are making a real effort to promote the big clean up on Piel Island on Saturday 31st May (my birthday)! As well as being a great day out, this is also our first joint beach clean with the **StreetSafe** group. Please do come along and join us for what we hope will be a great day and the biggest beach clean yet. *Matt.*

