



Intertidal Interactive

SeaScapes Intertidal Survey Volunteer

Project Information

About the project:

SeaScapes is a four-year marine heritage and conservation partnership scheme that aims to protect and celebrate the fascinating stretch of coastline and marine environment between the Rivers Tyne and Tees. Thanks to lottery players through the National Lottery Heritage Fund, SeaScapes will showcase the coastal and marine heritage, offer opportunities to explore beneath the waves, and strengthen our understanding of the sea and our relationships with it.

Through the 'Intertidal Interactive' project being delivered by Durham Wildlife Trust, SeaScapes is collaborating with Newcastle University to raise awareness and understanding around intertidal species and increase public involvement in monitoring our fragile sea life, in order to help better understand the effects of pollution, climate change and invasive alien species on our Tyne to Tees coast through citizen science.

By becoming a SeaScapes Intertidal Survey Volunteer, you will be contributing to national databases of information held on intertidal species in UK coastal habitats and so have a direct part to play in their conservation.

Anyone can be an Intertidal Survey Volunteer: all you need is enthusiasm! If you enjoy spending time by the coast, why not join us and survey and record what you see – and what you don't?

Durham Wildlife Trust and Newcastle University will provide full training on how to undertake intertidal surveys for all volunteers. Liaising with the project co-ordinator, you can participate in surveys at various locations along the Tyne to Tees coast. There will be many different ways to get involved, and there will be opportunities to input your own ideas of what we should focus on.

The deadline for this round of volunteer applications is Friday 3rd September 2021

Attendance at a SeaScapes Intertidal Survey training course is **essential**.

There are two training courses coming up, and you are welcome to come to one or both:

- **9.30am-2pm Wednesday 8th September in Hartlepool**
- **11am-3.30pm on Saturday 11th September in Sunderland**





About each organisation:

SeaScapes.

The 'SeaScapes' Scheme is an exciting coastal heritage and conservation partnership that explores the story of the Tyne to Tees Shores and Seas seascape from prehistory to present day. Characterised by unique magnesium limestone geology 250 million years in the making, and from industry to war, pre-history to the modern day, the heritage of this dynamic seascape is born from the sea.

Building upon 20 years of partnership working along the coast, SeaScapes seeks to collaborate with coastal communities, sea users, landowners, managers and other partners over the next three years to reveal and better manage the natural, built and cultural heritage of this unique coast.

By continuing to foster a community approach to protecting and celebrating this fascinating coastline, SeaScapes seeks to bring this often-overlooked stretch of the coast to life and tell the stories of our seascape whilst also creating opportunities for learning, access, enjoyment and increased stewardship of the seascape by local communities.

Durham Wildlife Trust.

Durham Wildlife Trust works to conserve our marine wildlife and habitats, with the aim of contributing to achieving The Wildlife Trust's national vision for our seas.

Our vision is for:

- Marine wildlife to **recover** from past decline as our use of the seas' resources become environmentally sustainable.
- The natural environment to **adapt** well to a changing climate, and ocean processes help to slow down climate change.
- People to be inspired by marine wildlife and **value** the sea for the many ways in which it supports our quality of life.

Newcastle University.

Newcastle University exists for the public benefit to advance education, learning and research, and has over 20,000 students. Our objective is to provide new knowledge and creative solutions that make a positive impact. We aim to work collaboratively with our many external partners to shape brighter futures, grow the economy and champion social justice. The Dove Marine Laboratory at Cullercoats is one of our facilities, and focuses on the ecology of the marine environment, and public engagement with the fantastic coastal habitats of the north-east.

