

## Great British Beach Clean Results 2015 Scotland Conservation Officer Catherine Gemmell



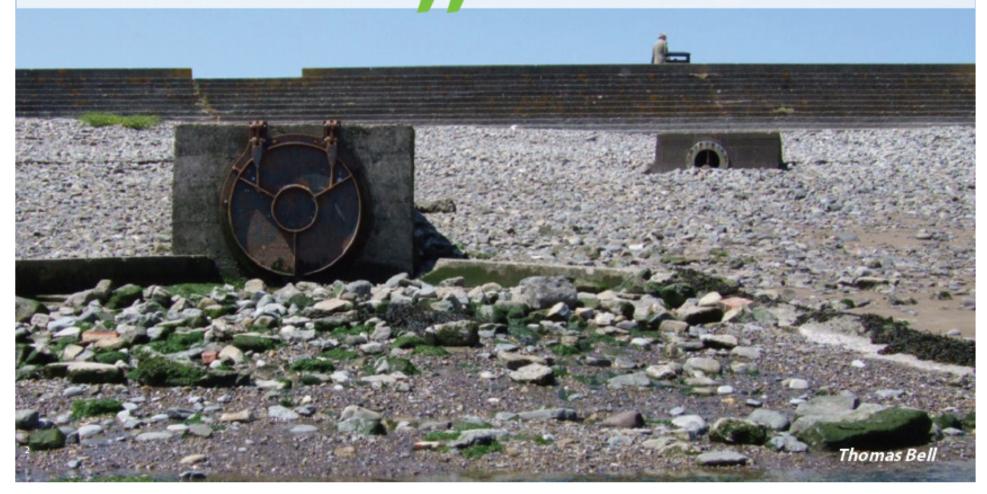
### Fact

Some sea areas are thought to contain as many as 46,000 pieces of litter per square mile.

Stephen Lockwood



The UK has a network of about 20,000 sewer overflow pipes, which release dilute sewage into rivers and the sea following heavy rainfall.

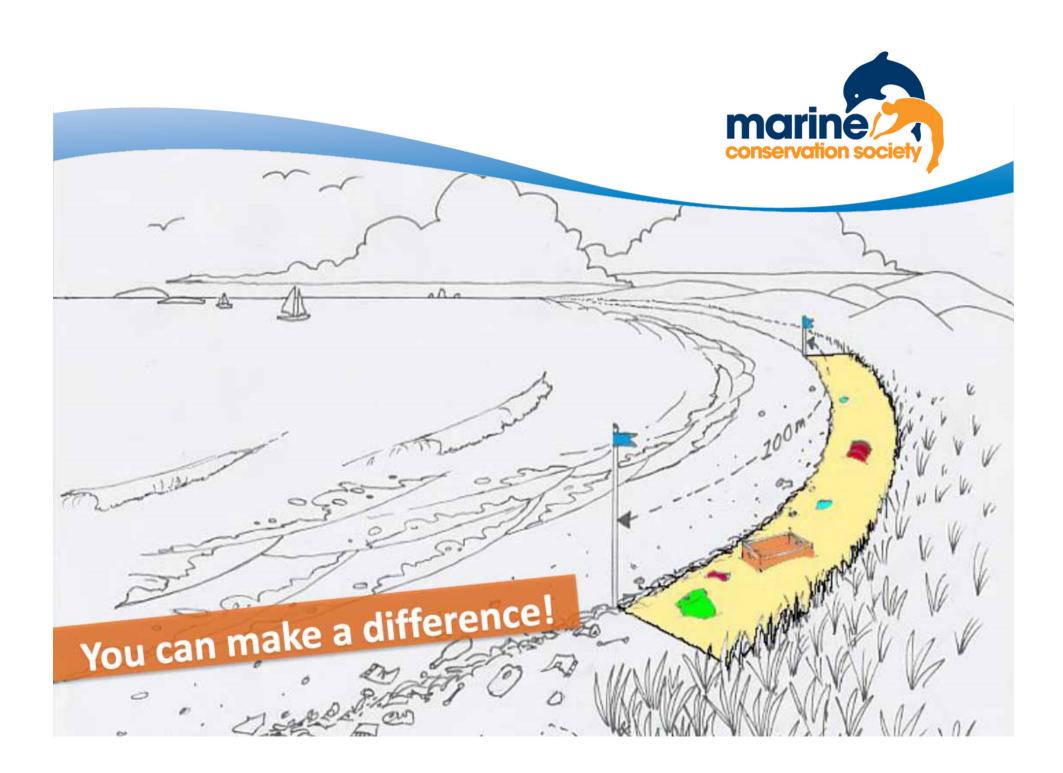




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# Beachwatch

The biggest volunteer beach clean-up and litter survey in the UK!

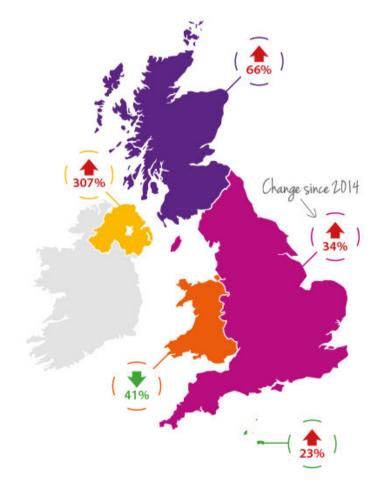




Great British Beach Clean

Third weekend in September





 Plastic / Polystyrene pieces (0-50 cm) **960.8**/km ⇔ **2** Other glass pieces 208.0/km 12 **3** Packets (crisp, sweet, lolly, sandwich) 197.7/km 01 4 Caps & lids 187.1/km 01 **5** String / cord / rope (thickness 0-1 cm) 150.9/km ⇔ **6** Cotton bud sticks 119.2/km 14 7 Fishing nets and net pieces 106.2/km m1 8 Drinks bottles 98.9/km 1 O Cigarette stubs 86.6/km J3 Ocutlery / trays / straws 80.9/km 12



#### Non-sourced 44.7%

We call it non-sourced because it's hard to work out where most of the litter we find comes from. It includes tiny little plastic and polystyrene pieces, bits of rubber, cloth, pieces of metal, wood, paper etc.

#### **Public 31.7%**

Items like plastic bags, drinks bottles, food containers, drinks cans, dog poo bags, glass bottles, cigarette stubs and balloons have all had a helping human hand on their journey to the beach.

#### Fishing 11.3%

If it helps you catch fish, we've found it - line, net, crab pots and tops, fish boxes, weights, lures and hooks.

#### Medical 0.2%

Luckily we don't find much medical stuff, but it does turn up - pill packets, plasters, syringes and needles.

#### Fly Tipped 1.4%

Illegally disposed of items, usually big items like white goods, TVs, car parts and paint tins.

#### Shipping 4.3%

Lots of litter gets dropped, lost or thrown overboard from small craft to massive cargo ships - this is shipping litter and can include pallets, oil drums and bits of rope.

#### Sewage Related Debris 6.3%

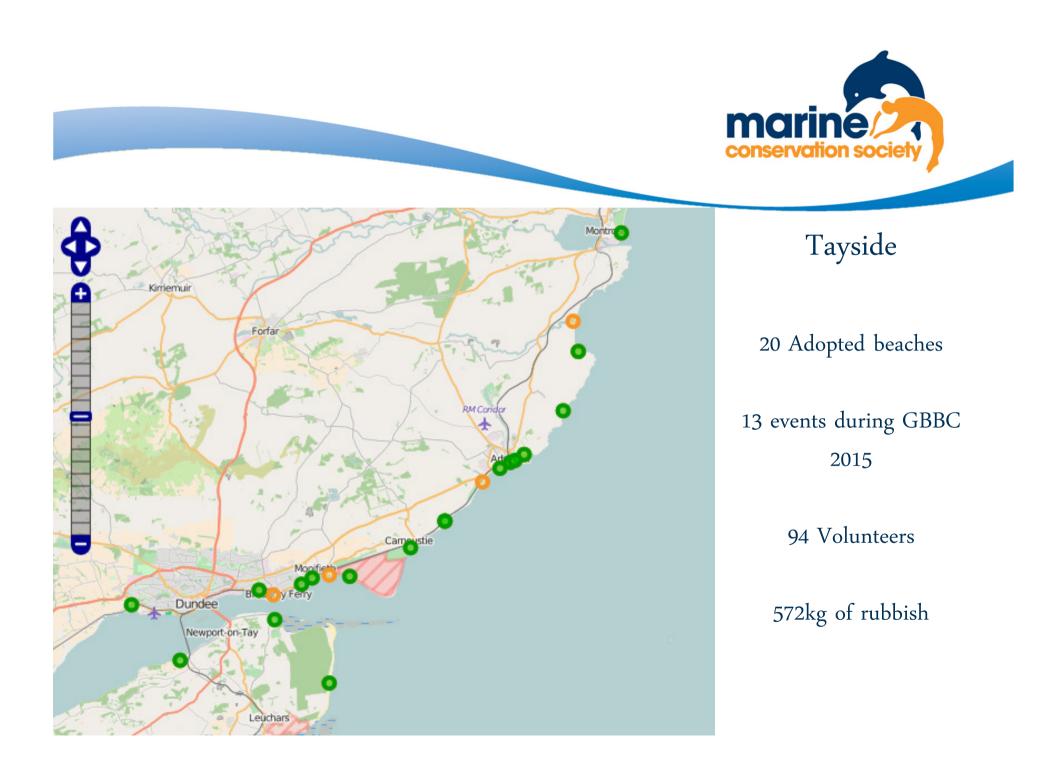
Stuff people flush down the loo when it should go in the bin like condoms, cotton bud sticks, wet wipes, toilet fresheners etc.



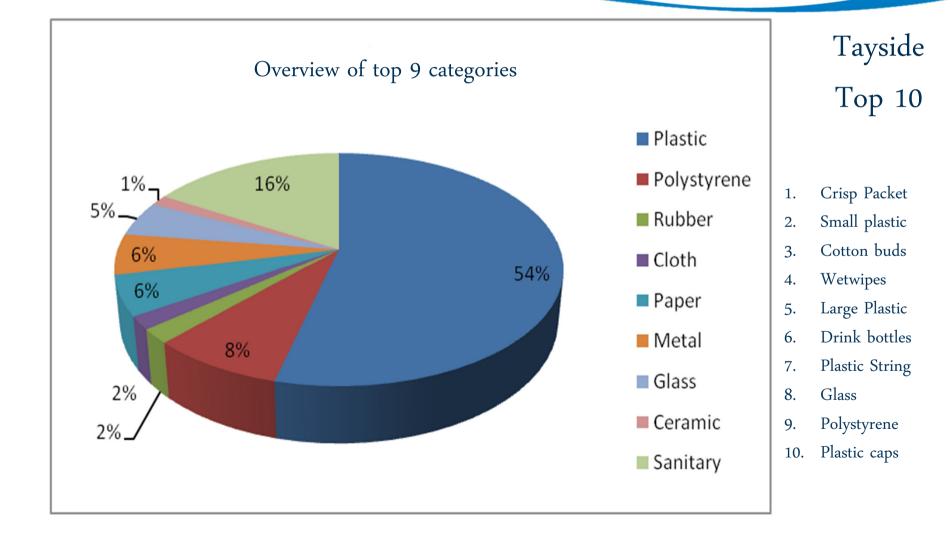


A record breaking year for Scotland!











439 drinks containers found in Tayside during GBBC 2015





79.9 bottles/km in Scotland = 21% increase on last

year...



