

Public Sea Watches

Join marine experts at different locations around the Cornish coast. Conduct a marine wildlife survey, learn more about the amazing marine life in Cornish waters, meet other volunteers and enjoy a cliff-top tea and cake!!

Please note – sea watches are located close by to a NCI station, not in the station, and will be clearly marked with flag or logo-ed volunteers.

Every 3rd Sunday of the month
All from 11.00am – 1.00pm

- Sunday 23rd April – Black Head, St Austell (not 16th due to Easter Weekend).
- Sunday 21st May – Sennen Cove (Old Coastguard Lookout building up on the cliff)
- Sunday 18th June – St Agnes Head NCI Station
- Sunday 16th July – Polruan NCI Station
- Sunday 20th August – Cudden Point, nr Prussia Cove
- Sunday 17th September – West Pentire nr. Crantock (park at Bowgie Inn)
- Sunday 15th October – Hartland Point
- Sunday 19th November – St Ives NCI Station
- Sunday 17th December – Towan Headland, Newquay

Seaquest Lectures

- Thurs. 18th May – Research into bluefin tuna to benefit management and conservation initiatives for the species, Tom Horton
- Weds 12th July – Promoting greater marine protection around Ascension Island, a UK Overseas Territory in the central Atlantic, Kate Downes
- Thurs. 19th October – A Sea Monster's Tale. In Search of the Basking Shark, Colin Speedie

All start at 7.00pm. Location varies – see EventBrite link to confirm.

Cost: £3 per talk to pay on the door

Booking essential via EventBrite for all lectures.

Contact Seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk for booking information and EventBrite links or check out our Facebook page.

Seaquest Training

Day course on how to conduct effort based surveys and to improve marine wildlife ID skills. Places restricted per course, and booking essential via seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk

Dates:

- Saturday 3rd June 2017
- Saturday 14th October 2017

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Location: CWT Offices, nr. Truro

Cost £5

Seaquest Social

Wednesday 12th July

CWT offices, Allet, Truro, TR4 9DJ

Join fellow sea watchers and volunteers for an evening of BBQ and talks.

BBQ: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Talk: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Talk: Promoting greater marine protection around Ascension Island, a UK Overseas Territory in the central Atlantic, Kate Downes

Bring food to put on BBQ and salads to share. Tea, coffee, squash and sauces provided.
Cost of talk £3 to pay on the door.

Seaquest Sundays

Effort based survey day for our trained volunteers to record our marine wildlife from their favourite sea watching point.

Note: you must be a trained volunteer to conduct these surveys.

Trained Local Marine Groups support this event and hold surveys that all can attend and join in with. PTO for more information.

All from 11.00am – 1.00pm

- Sunday 2nd April
- Sunday 7th May
- Sunday 4th June
- Sunday 2nd July
- Sunday 6th August
- Sunday 3rd September
- Sunday 1st October
- Sunday 5th November
- Sunday 3rd December

National Whale and Dolphin Watch

29th July – 6th August

11.00am – 1.00pm each day

www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/nwdw

Join dedicated recorders and other Seaquest volunteers at these sea watches happening county wide throughout this national event for the Sea Watch Foundation. The aim of this event is to give a general “snapshot” of what is in UK coastal waters over a short period of time. As well as gaining valuable research data, we hope this will draw attention to the conservation of our marine environment.

For more information please contact seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk

National Whale and Dolphin Watch Locations:

- Saturday 29th July – Boscastle NCI Station
- Sunday 30th July – Rame Head
- Monday 31st July – Black Head, St Austell
- Tuesday 1st August – The Rumps, Polzeath
- Wednesday 2nd August – Towan Headland, Newquay
- Thursday 3rd August – Godrevy Headland
- Friday 4th August – Hella Point, nr Porthgwarra
- Saturday 5th August – Lizard Watch Point
- Sunday 6th August – Pendennis Point, Falmouth

Associated Groups

Seaquest Southwest is linking with our marine and coastal wildlife Groups around the county to set up local sea watching sites supported by the local community to gather more information about the marine wildlife that resides around Cornwall.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All local group surveys (St Agnes, Lizard and Newquay) take place during our Seaquest Sunday dates 11am – 1pm (see previous page for dates)
- These local surveys may be cancelled in fog, mist or any winds above force 4. Check the weather before you leave the house!

St Agnes Marine Conservation Group

The St Agnes Marine Conservation Group is entirely run by volunteers to promote the St Agnes Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (VMCA) and help everyone to enjoy and appreciate the fantastic wildlife and wild places St Agnes has to offer. The VMCA of Trevaunance Cove was established in 1997. This voluntary protection designation is not to impose restrictions on people but rather engage communities and encourage sensible use of the natural resources in the area.

The Group will be supporting Seaquest Sundays (see previous page for dates) and running a sea watch and survey from the coast path by the St Agnes Head NCI station every month (starting in May). Contact contact@st-agnesvmca.org.uk for more information.

Lizard Wildlife Watch Point

Sighted at Britain's Most Southerly Point, against sea sculptured cliffs carpeted in rare and exotic flowers, the National Trust's Wildlife Watchpoint is a fantastic place to get closer to nature and see all sorts of wildlife including wild Cornish choughs, Atlantic grey seals, basking sharks, dolphins, porpoise and thousands of seabirds passing by. Volunteers are on hand every day, from 10am – 4pm between April and mid-September, to point out and share more about local and passing wildlife. Well equipped with telescopes and binoculars that are free to use, visitors can get great views from the watchpoint, so do pay us a visit. For more information contact lizardrangers@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01326 291174.

Newquay Marine Group

Newquay Marine Group are a group of local residents working together to create a marine community for the town and surrounding areas - from Crantock to Watergate Bay. The Group runs projects covering everything marine related - from working to reduce beach litter, creating educational boards about our coastline and even encouraging the town to support Newquay Crab! If you would like to get involved in the Group, please email newquaymarinegroup@gmail.com. The Group will be supporting Seaquest Sundays by running sea watches from Towan Headland throughout this spring and summer and would be delighted to welcome people to join local volunteers to survey marine wildlife from this fantastic look out point. Email Katie Bellman for more info on katie.bellman@yahoo.co.uk.

For more information on Seaquest or any of the events mentioned, please email seaquest@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk or call 01872 240777 ext. 230