

Mounts Bay Charter of the Sea

What is Mounts Bay Charter of the Sea?

Cornwall Wildlife Trust have brought together the people of Mounts Bay through community workshops and an online public survey to take action against the nature and climate crisis. Mounts Bay have used their voice to create a list of environmental solutions. The following actions have been voted as the community's **CONSERVATION PRIORITIES** to protect their local marine environment and encourage nature to recover and thrive.

Get involved. Be part of the solution. We want you to have a voice!

Pollution



1. Fines issued to South West Water and work with them to improve local sewage systems
2. Work with harbour authorities, fishers and existing projects to reduce plastics released from net repair and damaged gear discards
3. Engage local farmers on agricultural impact on marine environment

1. Introduce a recycling/hire scheme for beach toys and bodyboards
2. Introduce a 'tourist tax' of which a percentage benefits local environmental projects, community groups and charities
3. Accommodation providers to supply patrons with educational resources about the local marine wildlife and environment



Tourism

1. Introduce ocean conservation element as part of the national school curriculum
2. Have the strategy to target all generations, from school to pensioners
3. Provide better education or information on what the Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) means

Education



1. Reduce/restrict benthic trawling within the Marine Conservation Zone
2. Introduction of no netting zone within the bay
3. Better enforcement of existing legislation for local fisheries



Fisheries

1. Introduce licensing and compulsory wildlife disturbance training for wildlife watching operators
2. Better enforcement of fines pertaining to wildlife disturbance / crime
3. Provide information on how to behave responsibly around wildlife at launching points for all watercraft

wildlife Disturbance





- 1. Monitoring of sewage overflows and water quality working with South West Water to improve local sewage systems
- 2. Work with local businesses and larger companies on reducing plastic use and using more sustainable practices by promoting existing schemes from Sustainable Penzance
- 3. Engage local farmers on agricultural impact on marine environment



Inland Impact

Engagement



- 1. Marine education events and resources to be inclusive and accessible for everyone
- 2. Interpretation boards to be placed in popular areas and visitor attractions sights
- 3. School engagement to be continuous and revisited through every school year

- 1. Local councils to commit to supporting a more ecologically healthy sea and rethink how ocean is taken into account in planning and decision making at local level
- 2. Develop a joint strategy linking around local parishes for maximum impact
- 3. Work with landowners in collaboration to encourage conservation of adjoining marine environment



Local Authorities

Marine Protected Areas



- 1. Introduce management to protect vulnerable seagrass beds (e.g. no anchor zones)
- 2. Better fisheries management (voluntary or regulatory) to stop impacts on seagrass beds
- 3. Better enforcement of infringement of current MCZ restrictions

- 1. Awareness campaign of specific effects of climate change on Mounts Bay area and potential solutions
- 2. Introduce electric buses to replace current public transport
- 3. Introduce and promote blue carbon opportunities in the area (e.g. seagrass restoration)



Climate Change

Scan here to get involved



What's Next?

We want to know how we can make these actions a reality and see how we can contribute to Mounts Bay's local marine conservation effort.

Whether you work in the sector or are a passionate resident... Everyone can get in touch!

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