

Flotsam and Jetsam

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Welcome to the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum quarterly e-bulletin. The Argyll and Bute Beach Forum is a project run by The GRAB Trust (as part of our Beaches and Marine Litter Project). Our main aim is to raise awareness of the impacts of and reduce beach and marine litter and to support communities to take action by cleaning beaches.

We hope you will find our e-bulletin interesting. The bulletin is also available by post and on our website. Your contributions are always welcome. We want to make this bulletin as useful as possible. Tell us what you would like to see in the bulletin, it is your bulletin!

Beach & Marine Litter Education Day, Dunoon

Bright sunshine opened the Marine Litter Education Day hosted by **The GRAB Trust** in Dunoon on February 25, 2015. It was attended by over 100 students from Innellan, Toward, Strone and St. Mun's Primary Schools. Dunoon's Queen's Hall saw workshop providers: The Scottish Association of Marine Science; private educators Aisa Nebreda, Patsy Dyer, Alyson Dawes and Terry Donovan; the Scottish Sea Angler's Association, the Argyll Bird Club and the RNLI running all-day workshops. The students were in for a treat with talks running the gamut from shark facts to making mobiles out of beach finds to identifying marine aliens to how to be a beach detective.



As always, the entire event was free, including transportation, courtesy of a Crown Estate grant administered through **The GRAB Trust**. It was too much to ask that the sun last all day, and as the kids filed off to their buses it was to a mild drizzle. Spirits were high however, and everyone had a great time leaving better informed on matters of the sea than when they arrived!!

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Biodiversity Duty Reporting 2011-2014



Image of Lismore from Port Appin, Argyll © Marina Curran-Colthart

This Report presents the Argyll and Bute Council Biodiversity Duty Compliance Report 2011-2014 which forms part of the National reporting and auditing of the Biodiversity Duty by public bodies and is now required by the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (2011) Scotland.

It reflects agreed activities as set out in the Argyll and Bute Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2009-2014 under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 which places a duty on all public bodies to further the conservation of biodiversity.

The full report and Appendix 2 can be found on: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/biodiversity>

Marina Curran-Colthart
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Beach Schools Project

Our Project Worker, Aisa Nebreda, has left The GRAB Trust for pastures new but we are pleased to say that her replacement, Janie Steele, will be commencing with us on 25 March 2015 and will be based in the Council offices in Lorn Street, Oban. Janie is a qualified Forest Schools trainer and is looking forward to transferring her skills to our Beach Schools project.

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List of acronyms used in the bulletin:

KSB: Keep Scotland Beautiful

SAMS: Scottish Association for Marine Science

HWDT: Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

SNH: Scottish Natural Heritage

FoCF: Firth of Clyde Forum

MCS: Marine Conservation Society

SEPA: Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

TEAR: Tiree Environmental Action and Recycling

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Thanks for reading. Please note that all views expressed are not necessarily the views of the GRAB Trust or the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum. We hope that you have enjoyed our e-bulletin. We would like to hear from you and would appreciate any comments you may have about it.

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