

ANGUS COASTAL FESTIVAL

7-17 September 2018

SUMMARY REPORT



Explore Scotland's Undiscovered Coast

The first ever Angus Coastal Festival

Following the publication of the Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-26, the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership (TBP) decided to hold the first ever Angus Coastal Festival in September 2018. The festival's aim was to raise awareness of some of the iconic species and habitats of the Angus coast and provide an opportunity to engage with coastal communities and partners.

The TBP Marine and Coastal Working Group developed the festival programme and more than 40 events ran from Friday 7th to Monday 17th September. The full festival programme can be found [here](#).

2018 Events

- Photographing Coastal Wildlife
- Mud Glorious Mud
- Rock Pool Ramble
- Open Doors St Cyrus Wildlife Walk
- MCS Big Beach Clean Weekend
- Making Homes for Butterflies
- RSPB Clean Marine Weekend
- In Search of Dolphins & Coastal Wildlife
- A Walk on the Wild Side
- #STOPThePlasticTide
- Seaweed & Eat It
- Our Coast – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- PORT 525
- Marine Mammal Rescue
- Examining the Entanglement of Plastic & Life on our Beaches
- Lighthouse Lego
- Tides, Migration & Bird I.D
- Coastal Wildlife Quiz, Trail and Shell Hunt
- RSPB Coastal Colour Weekend
- Ocean Liners: Speed & Style
- Hidden Coastal Cycle Tours
- Angus Coastal Geology Walks
- Tay & Forth Estuary Fora Conference
- Coastal Stroll at Elliot Links
- The Life History of Cetaceans in Angus Waters

Events at 14 locations



9 BEACH CLEANS

2 BIKE TOURS

10 WALKS

13 family activities

“Great hearing #AngusCoastalFestival being discussed on Out for the Weekend on @BBCRadioScot Looks like it will be great!”

Angus Tourism Co-operative

4 Talks

1 Wildlife photography course

6 LIBRARY/ MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

“Glad to have taken part in the first #AngusCoastalFestival a great opportunity to get to know a little of this fantastic coastline!”

Julia Barton, Littoral Project

The festival was possible because of the enthusiasm of the Marine and Coastal Working Group and the wider Angus coastal community. Many event leaders volunteered their time and funding was provided by the TBP, Carnoustie Golf Links Trust and from ANGUSalive. The event would not have been possible without this generous support, allowing most activities to be offered at no cost.

Was it a success?

 **700**
PARTICIPANTS

 **5**
SCHOOLS

 **126**
SCHOOL CHILDREN

 **9**
BEACH CLEANS -
MORE THAN 170 PARTICIPANTS

 **3**
CPD SESSIONS

 **21** PARTNER AGENCIES

 **5157** ITEMS OF MARINE LITTER COLLECTED

“Exciting & varied programme for the first @TaysdeBiodiversity Angus Coastal Festival 2018. Get yourself booked in #AngusCoastalFestival @AngusCouncil @Visit_Angus

Jill Paterson

Communications #AngusCoastalFestival

Twitter



Retweets
119



Likes
276

Facebook



Post reach
4,600



Post engagements
1,300



New Likes
17

BBC Radio (“Out for the Weekend” programme) and various newspapers, journals covered the Festival

What's next?

Feedback from the 2018 Angus Coastal Festival was positive and our undiscovered coast certainly shone brightly for those fantastic 11 days in September. The TBP will continue to work with existing and new partners to potentially run a second Angus Coastal Festival in 2019, with the ultimate aim of working with North East Scotland neighbours to hold a large-scale festival in 2020, celebrating Scotland's Year of Coasts and Water.



On Friday 14th September 2018, 37 people cleaned up Ferryden beach, removing 893 items of marine litter (17kg) of waste from a 100m stretch of the foreshore. The event launched the Marine Conservation Societies Great British Beach in Angus and a further eight took place over the weekend. The event was attended by Ferryden Primary School's Eco Group, staff from Marine Conservation Society, Montrose Port Authority, GlaxoSmithKline, Marine Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Angus Council, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and the East Grampian Coastal Partnership. Members of the wider Angus public attended as did four of Angus's local elected member Species & Habitat Champions, Kirstene Hair MP for Angus and Mairi Gougeon MSP Angus North & Mearns and Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment.

Partners involved in 2018

Angus Council
 Tayside Biodiversity Partnership's Marine & Coastal Working Group
 Royal Society of the Protection of Birds
 Scottish Wildlife Trust
 Scottish Natural Heritage
 Marine Conservation Society
 Butterfly Conservation Scotland
 Tay Estuary Forum
 Scottish Mammal Research Unit
 East Haven Together
 Marine Life Angus

British Divers Marine Life Rescue
 Carnoustie Golf Links Trust
 Montrose Golf Links
 Tayside Geodiversity
 But 'n' Ben, Auchmithie
 Ian Hay Photography
 ANGUSalive
 Angus Cycle Hub
 The Littoral Project
 Friends of the Earth Tayside



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